

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:
Next steps for qualifications and assessment reform in Scotland**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 2nd April 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Developing an effective qualification system moving forward**
Professor Louise Hayward, Emeritus Professor, Educational Assessment and Innovation, University of Glasgow; and Lead, *Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment*
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing proposals in the Education (Scotland) Bill and implementation of the Independent Review**
examining latest legislative developments and key issues being discussed | progress and next steps for Review recommendations | priorities for improving educational outcomes | the proposed Scottish Diploma of Achievement | assessment for Highers and Advanced Highers | priorities for learners and teachers | meeting the needs of colleges, universities and employers | facilitating learner progression | equipping learners with skills for the future
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, teachers
Senior representative, employers
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Priorities for system design, delivery, accountability and oversight**
Senior representative, qualifications
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Implementation of reform and broadening assessment methods**
supporting teacher understanding of new curriculums and assessment methods | continuous assessment methods | Personal Pathways, Programmes of Learning and Project Learning | teacher workload and autonomy | remote and digital assessment and invigilation | role of the Centre of Teaching Excellence | ensuring teacher and learner perspectives are considered
Senior speaker confirmed from **NASUWT**
Senior representative, educational technology
Senior representative, school
Senior academic
Student representative
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **The future for use of technology in assessment**
latest developments and best practice | opportunities for efficiency and easing workload | improving accessibility for learners from disadvantaged backgrounds or with additional needs | remote and digital assessment and invigilation | addressing challenges such as bias and impact on the teacher-pupil relationship | workforce upskilling and training | addressing digital inequalities
Ben Mason, Founder and CEO, globalbridge
Professor Judy Robertson, Chair, Digital Learning, University of Edinburgh
Senior representative, school
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for the education sector moving forward**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Scotland Policy Conferences