

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:  
Next steps for school inspections and accountability in Scotland**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Developing effective school inspection - implementation of key findings from *Putting Learners at the Centre: Towards a Future Vision for Scottish Education***  
**Professor Ken Muir**, Honorary Professor, University of the West of Scotland; and Independent Advisor on Education Reform, The Scottish Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for schools in moving quality and standards forward in Scottish education**  
**Greg Dempster**, General Secretary, Association of Headteachers and Deputes Scotland (AHDS)
- 9.45 **Reform of school inspections - examining the *Education (Scotland) Bill***  
*assessing key provisions outlined in the Bill | priorities for the new independent inspectorate | powers, responsibilities and functions | governance structures | ensuring adequate oversight and accountability | feedback mechanisms | enhancing parental engagement*  
**Gavin Yates**, Executive Director, Connect  
**Dr Pauline Stephen**, Chief Executive and Registrar, The General Teaching Council for Scotland  
**Ellie Craig MSYP**, Chair, Scottish Youth Parliament  
**Barry Black**, PhD Researcher, University of Glasgow  
Senior representative, ASN
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **What can be learned from inspection reform in other jurisdictions**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP**, Member, Education, Children and Young People Committee
- 11.05 **Modernisation, recordkeeping and use of data in inspection and assessment**  
Senior representative, innovation
- 11.15 **Implementation of strengthened school inspections**  
*assessing the planned separation of the inspection and curriculum function | clarity on frameworks and models of inspection | the future for inspection co-production involving local authorities, schools, teachers and learners*  
**Mike Corbett**, National Official, Scotland, NASUWT  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, technology
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Priorities for the teaching workforce**  
**Susan Quinn**, Education Convenor, Educational Institute of Scotland
- 11.50 **Preparing for a new inspection framework and new independent inspectorate**  
*addressing concerns and challenges for delivery | potential of increased workload on the workforce | fostering clarity in guidelines and criterion to allow preparation for inspection | training and support for inspectors to fairly apply the new criteria | providing support for practitioners in improving education practice and building on inspection reports*  
**James McEnaney**, Education Reporter, The Herald  
**Professor Alma Harris**, Professor, Leadership in Education, Cardiff Metropolitan University; and Co-Director, Centre for International Research on Leadership in Education  
Senior representative, school  
Senior representative, inspection
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for school inspection and accountability in Scotland**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**  
**Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP**, Member, Education, Children and Young People Committee  
**Sean Cudmore**, Scotland Policy Conferences