

## Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar:

### The future for apprenticeships in Scotland

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Venue: The Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22-26 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Alex Neil MSP**
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Government priorities for apprenticeships policy in Scotland: providing work-based learning, increasing productivity and meeting skills gaps**  
**Jamie Hepburn MSP**, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills, The Scottish Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.15 **Implementing the Apprenticeship Levy in Scotland - funding, restrictions and issues for SMEs**  
**Lorna Trainer**, Director, I&g learning  
**Dr Ken Thomson**, Principal and Chief Executive, Forth Valley College, Falkirk  
**Stephen McNab**, Documentation, Conformance, MRB and Apprentice Leader, GE Aviation Caledonian  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Alex Neil MSP**
- 10.20 - 10.45 Coffee
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Gordon Lindhurst MSP**, Convenor, Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee
- 10.50 - 11.35 **Priorities for Foundation Apprenticeships: effectiveness, funding certainty post-2020 and learning from best practice**  
**Graeme Hendry**, National Manager of Development and Delivery, Foundation and Graduate Apprenticeships, Skills Development Scotland  
**Leigh Watson**, Education Team Manager - Senior Phase, Service and School Improvement Team, Falkirk Council  
**Gregor Scotland**, Principal Policy Adviser, CBI Scotland  
**Sandy Campbell**, Founder & Director, Working Rite  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 12.30 **Next steps for meeting the Government's Graduate and Modern Apprenticeships targets: retention, regional planning and tackling the post-Brexit skills gap**  
**David Brown**, Head of Government and Public Sector, PwC  
**Ian Hughes**, Strategic Partnerships Director, CITB Scotland  
**John Rafferty**, Assistant Principal for Health and Wellbeing, Glasgow Clyde College  
**Julie Strachan**, Head of Learning and Teaching Development, Robert Gordon University  
**Dr John McGurk**, Head of Regional Policy and Insights, CIPD  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The future for apprenticeships in Scotland: developing and growing a world-class work-based learning system**  
**Diane Greenlees**, Director of Critical Skills and Occupations, Skills Development Scotland  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**  
**Gordon Lindhurst MSP**, Convenor, Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee  
**Roger Greer**, Associate Producer, Scotland Policy Conferences