

## Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar

### Early Years provision: expanding childcare, growing and diversifying the workforce, and the future for the Scottish National Standardised Assessments

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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**  
**Iain Gray MSP**, Member, Education and Skills Committee
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Building a flexible and high-quality early years system**  
**Maree Todd MSP**, Minister for Children and Young People  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.15 **Progress and next steps: expanding funded childcare and addressing disadvantage in the early years**  
**Doreen Watson**, Service Manager Children, Care Inspectorate  
**Eileen Prior**, Executive Director, Connect  
**Cameron Sprague**, Team Leader, Stramash Fort William Outdoor Nursery  
**Victoria Smith**, Service Leader (Early Years & Early Intervention), Angus Council  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 11.00 **Supporting, growing and diversifying the early years workforce - recruitment and staff development**  
**Khadija Mohammed**, Senior Lecturer, School of Education, University of the West of Scotland and Member, Working Group for Diversity in the Teaching Profession  
**Kenny Spence**, Project Manager, Men in Childcare  
**Jackie Galbraith**, Principal and Chief Executive Officer, West Lothian College  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 - 11.20 **Key sector priorities - ensuring high quality provision**  
**Jean Carwood-Edwards**, Chief Executive, Early Years Scotland  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 - 11.50 Coffee
- 11.50 - 11.55 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Beatrice Wishart MSP**, Member, Education and Skills Committee
- 11.55 - 12.15 **'The future of Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA) for P1 pupils - addressing concerns and implementation.'**  
**David Leng**, Professional Advisor, The Scottish Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 - 12.55 **The next steps for the SNSA - stakeholder perspectives on implementation**  
**Margot MacAlister**, Headteacher, St Francis Primary School  
**Sue Palmer**, Literacy Specialist and Chair, Upstart Scotland  
**Jane Peckham**, National Official, NASUWT Scotland  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**  
**Beatrice Wishart MSP**, Member, Education and Skills Committee  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences