

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar:

Next steps for meeting Scotland's skills needs

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 13th June 2019

Venue: Central Edinburgh



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
John Mason MSP, Deputy Convener, Economy, Energy & Fair Work Committee
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Government priorities for upskilling and training**
Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.20 **Assessing the Government's skills policy - does it address the technological, regional and demographic challenges?**
Senior representative, think tank
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, training
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
John Mason MSP, Deputy Convener, Economy, Energy & Fair Work Committee
- 10.25 - 10.50 Coffee
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 - 11.10 **The future for streamlining services for employers and employees**
Senior representative, funding
- 11.10 - 11.50 **Priorities for training the workforce: improving pathways, ensuring quality and increasing retraining and upskilling**
Professor James Miller, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow Caledonian University
Senior speaker confirmed from **Colleges Scotland**
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor with senior representative, funding
- 11.50 - 12.30 **Sectoral case study: addressing STEM skills shortages through local partnerships**
Stephen Ingledew, Chief Executive, FinTech Scotland
Professor David Coates, Chair, Accreditation Committee, Royal Society of Biology and Professor of Life Sciences, School of Life Sciences, University of Dundee
Ishabel Bremner, Economic Growth Manager, Argyll & Bute Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for meeting Scotland's future skills needs**
Nora Senior, Chair, Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences