

Be strong, be kind,  
and let's continue  
to act out of love  
and solidarity.



# Scotland's Premier Community Wind Energy Provider

Providing long-term green jobs  
and delivering significant economic  
investments to local communities in  
Scotland.

Our wind farms are at the heart of  
communities and contribute to the  
Scottish Government's net-zero  
carbon target by 2045.



KfW IPEX-Bank is providing a new £144m debt  
facility finance for Community Windpower's  
three Aikengall wind farms, helping the sites  
to provide 200MW of clean, green energy,  
capable of powering at least 150,000 homes.

05	Welcome
09	Agenda
27	Exhibitors
33	Fringe Programme
52	Internal Elections
55	Standing Orders
59	Essential Information
66	Contacts



# Contents

**DISCLAIMER** The Scottish National Party has provided assistance in arranging exhibitions and fringe meetings by various organisations at Conference. This assistance does not necessarily imply any support of that organisation. Fringe listings and selection of speakers are wholly a matter for the sponsors and organisers of fringe meetings, and as such the content of the listings and the meetings may not reflect the views of the SNP. Likewise, the SNP does not endorse the products advertised in this guide or recommend any of the services advertised.

Promoted by Peter Murrell on behalf of the Scottish National Party,  
both at 3 Jackson's Entry, Edinburgh EH8 8PJ.

Institute for Public Policy Research at the  
**SCOTTISH NATIONAL  
PARTY CONFERENCE 2020**



---

**Creating 20 minute neighbourhoods: (RE)building local communities and economies post-Covid-19**

*Saturday 28th November, 12.45-13.45*

*Hosted by IPPR Scotland and the Post Office*



- **Kate Forbes MSP**, Cabinet Secretary for Finance
- **Alison Thewliss MP**, Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Treasury) (Invited)
- **Phil Prentice**, Chief Officer, Scotland's Towns Partnership
- **Richard Taylor**, Group Corporate Affairs and Communications Director, Post Office
- Chair: **Russell Gunson**, Director, IPPR Scotland

---

**How will Brexit affect Scotland's chances of independence?**

*Monday 30th November, 12.45-13.45, SNP Platform*

*Hosted by IPPR Scotland and the UK in a Changing Europe*



- **Michael Russell MSP**, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs
- **Professor John Curtice**, Senior Research Fellow at NatCen; Fellow at UK in a Changing Europe; Professor of Politics at Strathclyde University; and Chief Commentator at What UK Thinks: EU
- **Professor Nicola McEwen**, Co-Director, Centre on Constitutional Change and Senior Fellow, UK in a Changing Europe
- **Russell Gunson**, Director, IPPR Scotland
- Chair: **Jill Rutter**, Senior Research Fellow, UK in a Changing Europe

**The progressive policy think tank**

For further updates and details see <https://www.ippr.org/event/ippr-scotland-at-snp-conference-2020>



20  
20



**Welcome**

Nicola Sturgeon  
Leader



Welcome to our 86th annual national conference.

When we gathered last autumn, none of us could have predicted the year that lay ahead of us.

The global COVID-19 pandemic has taken thousands of lives, upended our society and wrought immense damage upon our economy.

But these dark times have also brought out the very best in people.

Our NHS, carers and other frontline workers have battled to keep Scotland safe.

Teachers have worked to minimise the disruption to our children's education.

Businesses, large and small, have made immense sacrifices to protect their employees and their customers.

And countless volunteers have worked in their communities to help those around them.

In these toughest of times people in Scotland have come together to make a difference.

In the months ahead, our priority remains eliminating COVID-19 from our shores.

But of course, the key issues that were facing Scotland before the pandemic struck have not gone away.

Indeed, in many respects the pandemic has brought those issues, starkly, to the fore.

We need to build a more resilient economy, with job creation at its heart. We need to protect our NHS. We need to build a social security system that we can all rely on in times of need. And we need to close the gap between rich and poor.

As well as taking action at home, the value of global co-operation has never been so clear and the idea of leaving the EU never so misguided.

In the midst of this pandemic and economic recession the Tories, unbelievably, refused the opportunity to extend the Brexit transition period,

and are therefore imposing yet more economic damage at the worst possible time.

Last December the SNP won a resounding victory in the UK general election.

And for the first time in our history, the polls are now consistently showing that independence is becoming the settled will of the people of Scotland.

It is clear that we are heading for a period of fundamental change.

So more than ever before, with so much at stake, we must reach out – relentlessly – to all of Scotland. We all have a part to play in building a better country.

The question for all of us as we look ahead to the vital Scottish election next May is this: who should be taking the decisions that will shape our futures?

Should it be a Scottish Government, elected by the people of Scotland, with the full powers of independence, or should it be Westminster governments led by the likes of Boris Johnson?

The SNP believes it is the people who live here, wherever, they come from, who can best harness Scotland's immense human and natural resources to the benefit of everyone – leading our green recovery, making our contribution to tackling the climate emergency, and building a fairer society.

I am immensely proud of our achievements in government.

But I am more aware than ever of how much more Scotland could achieve with the powers of independence

Let's now focus on making sure we give the people of Scotland the choice of that better future. An independent future lies ahead – let's grasp it.







**20  
20**



**Agenda**



# Agenda

## Saturday 28 November

---

### Session 1

- 10h30** Welcome to the 86th Annual National Conference
- 10h50** Report of the Conferences Committee
- 11h00** Policy Resolution – NHS, Social Care and Lifelong Learning Post Pandemic
- 12h15** Address by John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
- 12h30** Close

### RESOLUTION

#### NHS, SOCIAL CARE AND LIFELONG LEARNING POST PANDEMIC

- 01 Conference recognises that the global pandemic has reshaped lives and priorities in Scotland
- 02 but confirms that protecting and promoting the wellbeing of Scotland's citizens must remain
- 03 our ultimate goal.
- 04 Conference agrees that high quality, universal education and healthcare are the bedrocks on
- 05 which a more equal society can be built. Every child must have the opportunity to achieve and
- 06 every citizen must have the security of a world class health service, free at the point of need.
- 07 Conference welcomes the improvements made in health services in recent years, with record
- 08 workforce and funding levels, putting the NHS on a better footing than ever to tackle the
- 09 challenges it faces, including the pandemic. Conference further recognises that too many
- 10 people continue to be at risk as a result of long term health conditions.
- 11 Conference therefore agrees that health policy must be rooted in a renewed focus on tackling
- 12 health inequalities and improving quality of life. It is therefore time to look again at our system
- 13 of social care, including the creation of a National Care Service, maintaining our commitment
- 14 to a person's right to choose what care works best for them and informed by the Social Model
- 15 of Disability.
- 16 Conference agrees there must be a renewed drive to tackle the determinants of health
- 17 inequalities including further improvements in mental health and wellbeing services such as
- 18 expanding the provision of emergency mental health support.
- 19 Conference welcomes the commitment to continue to invest in primary and community
- 20 care to ensure everyone can receive the right care in the right place. Conference agrees that
- 21 investment and reform must go hand in hand, allowing improvements such as the greater use
- 22 of digital care and the introduction of new services like a nationwide network of community
- 23 treatment centres to help patients manage their conditions and get treatments closer
- 24 to home.

Conference agrees that we must go further in embedding a world-class public health system with the rights of patients safeguarded at all times and therefore further welcomes plans to establish a role of a Patient Safety Commissioner.

Conference recognises that the commitment to tackling inequalities must begin with our youngest citizens and therefore confirms its commitment to both improving standards in education and to closing the attainment gap between children from the richest and poorest families.

Conference therefore agrees that investment and reform must begin with the completion of the expansion of early learning and childcare to 1,140 hours per year. Conference further agrees that improvements in school education must continue to be backed by more local, school-based decision making and investment through the Pupil Equity Fund as part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge. Conference believes every child has the right to learn and participate, and we should reexamine exclusionary practices such as charging for home economics classes, as well as ensure equal access to creative subjects, including local instrumental music services, for all our communities. Conference further believes that additional focussed support for those who need it, and prompt diagnosis of conditions like dyslexia, will assist in this endeavour.

Conference reaffirms its commitment to free Higher Education, rejecting any suggestion to re-introduce either front-end or back-door tuition fees and believes investment in colleges must remain a critical part of post-school education. Conference recognises the challenges facing Higher Education and commits to reexamine postgraduate funding to ensure all those who are able to contribute by groundbreaking research and teaching are able to do so.

Conference further believes that giving young people themselves a voice and clear, enforceable legal rights is a proper recognition of their role as citizens in their own right and therefore welcomes the Scottish Government's intention to incorporate to the maximum extent possible the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Conference believes our education system should reflect the diversity of modern Scotland, ensuring access to the profession for people from all backgrounds; we should build on the work of Glasgow University in recognising the impact of slavery on our educational institutions and we should equip professionals with the tools they need to tackle discrimination and bias against all protected characteristics.

Conference concludes that the society we all want to build here in Scotland will be founded on the collective efforts of all our citizens. Conference believes that the response to Covid-19 has shown how we can come together as a nation to tackle some of the most deep-seated and intractable problems facing society. Conference therefore agrees that we must harness that spirit and reaffirms our commitment to collective efforts to build a fairer, greener, wealthier country and to renewing and reforming our education and health services.



# Agenda

## Saturday 28 November

---

### Session 2

**14h00** Prelude

**14h05** Address by Keith Brown MSP, Depute Leader

**14h25** Policy Resolution – Green Recovery

**16h00** Close and time to blether

### RESOLUTION

#### GREEN RECOVERY

01 Conference notes that while the world contends with Covid-19, our focus in Scotland is rightly  
02 on keeping each other safe, saving lives and protecting livelihoods. Conference further notes  
03 that meanwhile another crisis of global proportion, namely the climate emergency, has not  
04 gone away and tackling it remains a priority.

05 Conference welcomes the First Minister's ground breaking Climate Emergency declaration in  
06 May 2019 and acknowledges the bold action the Scottish Government have taken since to  
07 tackle it – including in passing the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction) (Scotland) Act 2019  
08 which sets, for Scotland, the most ambitious legislative framework for emissions reduction in  
09 the world. Conference welcomes this progress but notes that there is still much to be done  
10 including in areas where vital powers are currently reserved to Westminster.

11 Conference reaffirms our commitment to tackling the global climate emergency and to  
12 achieving Scotland's world leading targets of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 75% in  
13 2030 and to achieving Net Zero by 2045.

14 Conference recognises that the global pandemic has fundamentally impacted our economy  
15 and society and that while our climate ambitions have not changed, our starting point has.  
16 Conference recognises that although challenging, these difficult times present an unique  
17 opportunity to redesign our future.

18 Conference believes that Scotland's green recovery must take into account the whole of  
19 Scotland, including its island communities. Conference believes this can be achieved only by  
20 recognition and full implementation of the Islands Act and the accompanying National Islands  
21 Plan in all considerations of the recovery.

22 Conference therefore strongly recommends that Scotland's recovery from Covid-19 be green,  
23 just and resilient and one in which we seek to fast track and to capture the many potential  
24 benefits of our transition to net zero including through the development of skills and creation  
25 of good, green jobs in our communities. Conference believes this approach is fundamentally  
26 important to the wellbeing of our people and planet. Conference notes Scotland's world  
27 renowned legal commitment to ensuring a Just Transition to net zero, where we all share in



the benefits of decarbonisation and no one is left behind and stresses that this will be more important than ever as we strive for Net Zero in an economic and social landscape changed by Covid-19.

Conference urges the Scottish Government to prioritise the decarbonisation of Scotland's homes and buildings – lowering emissions, creating jobs and tackling fuel poverty and welcomes recent investment of £1.6bn in this regard. Conference calls on the Scottish Government to continue decarbonising Scotland's transport system including by bringing forward the current goal to eliminate the need to buy a fossil fuelled car or van from 2032 to 2030; reinstating or developing new railway branch lines across rural Scotland and by prioritising walking and cycling as part of a reimagined approach to living and working in Scotland cities, towns, villages and in rural and island communities, working with disabled people's organisations to ensure accessibility is enhanced for all. Conference believes all of Scotland's urban road infrastructure should be planned on the basis of prioritising active travel and the Government should consider a cycling allowance scheme to support equal access to active travel. Conference further believes that the provision of high quality, clean, frequent, reliable, extensive and comprehensive Public Transport – free at the point of use – is worth real consideration as we look to tackle the climate emergency.

Conference recognises Scotland's abundant natural resources and urges continued development of our renewable energy sector including via a national offshore leasing round with requirements to deliver jobs and investment within Scotland and by providing expertise and financial support for local groups to develop community-owned and operated renewable energy projects.

Conference also urges investment in enhancing biodiversity and in Scotland's land, including in nature based solutions to climate change such as peatland and other ecological restoration; reforestation and by promoting the importance of sustainable food production on land and sea. Conference calls on the Scottish Government to commit to community-led strategies for returning our ecosystems to good health so that a diversity of wildlife can thrive, including protecting our inshore fisheries and marine ecosystems so that our resources are harvested sustainably to the benefit of our coastal communities and continuing its work on regulating sporting estates in order to protect our biodiversity, native species and peatlands.

Conference notes that ensuring Scotland's land is owned and used fairly and progressively will be central to achieving a Just Transition to net zero and urges the Scottish Government to commit to new legislation to tackle the underlying issues associated with Scotland's unusually concentrated levels of land ownership and skewed settlement patterns. In urban contexts this includes exploring additional powers for our local authorities to take into ownership derelict abandoned buildings and vacant sites especially where these impact on the wellbeing of the community and to improve maintenance of lanes and private roads, whilst also continuing to expand community ownership in our rural communities.



# Agenda

## Saturday 28 November

- 
- 66 Conference believes Covid-19 has highlighted the importance of access to locally-grown  
67 produce and calls on the Scottish Government to bring more land into community use to  
68 support community-owned farming and horticulture schemes to encourage more individuals  
69 to be involved in growing their own organic food, understanding their environment, eating  
70 seasonal produce and leading healthier lives.
- 71 Conference considers that key reserved powers are acting as a barrier to Scotland achieving  
72 a truly Just Transition, and urgently calls on the UK Government to amend its energy policies  
73 to take into consideration the economic, environmental and employment benefits associated  
74 with the development of a domestic supply chain combined with the need for less mature  
75 technologies, like wave and tidal to have a route to market; conference further calls on them  
76 to tackle the unjust energy pricing structures inhibiting development at the moment.
- 77 Conference concludes that amid the enormous challenges of Covid-19 and disastrous impact  
78 of Brexit, Scotland has a chance to build a greener, fairer and more equal society and economy  
79 which prioritises the health and wellbeing of our people and environment, and which leads the  
80 world on climate action. Conference urges the Scottish Government to develop new policy on  
81 rural support which provides for sustainable food production, emissions reduction, production  
82 of biofuel crops and appropriate land use change. Conference looks forward to the world's  
83 eyes turning to Scotland as Glasgow hosts the global COP26 summit which Conference hopes  
84 will set the world on course to net zero in a way that is fair and just.

---

### Session 3

**10h30** Prelude

**10h35** Address by Ian Blackford MP, SNP Westminster Leader

**10h55** Policy Resolution – An Independent Future for Scotland

**12h10** Topical and Emergency Resolutions

**12h30** Close and time to blether

### RESOLUTION

#### AN INDEPENDENT FUTURE FOR SCOTLAND

- 01 Conference affirms that independence is about the right of people in Scotland to decide  
02 our own future.
- 03 The people of this country have the right:
- 04 • to get the governments we vote for.  
05 • to protect our NHS.  
06 • to have an economic policy geared to our needs.
- 07 In an independent Scotland those rights will be guaranteed.
- 08 Conference believes we are at a turning point in Scotland's history as we look to the future –  
09 in the aftermath of the global pandemic we will need to rebuild our economy and bring about  
10 a more equal, fairer society.
- 11 The fundamental choice all of us who live here face is this: who can we best trust to care for  
12 Scotland as we chart this new course.
- 13 Conference agrees that the best people to rebuild a better Scotland are the people who live  
14 here led by a Scottish government they elect and which is equipped with the full powers of a  
15 normal independent country.
- 16 Conference notes that there has been a material change in circumstances since 2014,  
17 including Scotland's place in Europe and the manner in which the UK Government has treated  
18 the Scottish Parliament throughout the Brexit process.
- 19 Conference notes that in an independent Scotland we can decide for ourselves how to  
20 rebuild our economy and society anew, with the use of all the economic levers available to  
21 independent nations; that by becoming an independent country we will bring to an end the  
22 days of Scotland being ignored by Westminster governments we do not vote for and which  
23 cannot be trusted to act in our interests.



# Agenda

## Sunday 29 November

Conference notes that we will become an equal partner with our closest friends in the rest of the UK in a new and better relationship based on mutual respect; that rather than being dragged out of the European Union against our will we can become a full EU member in our own right and be part of the huge, high quality, European Single Market which is seven times the size of the UK alone.

Conference believes that with independence we will join a union of independent nations, based on common values of human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

Those values are Scotland's values and we have much to contribute to the challenges facing Europe as we seek to tackle the climate crisis and bring about a more equal world for this and future generations.

Conference believes that with independence our NHS will be safe from the private market ideas of either a Westminster Tory or Blairite-style Labour Party. We will be protected from Westminster legislation which undermines our parliament and threatens our ability to protect our environment and food standards. We will be able to remove Trident nuclear weapons from our shores, which are an affront to basic decency with inhumane destructive power. We will be able to have immigration and asylum policies that reflect our history as a welcoming outward-looking nation.

Conference reaffirms the sovereign right of the Scottish people to determine the form of government best suited to their needs.

Conference agrees that if there is a majority in the Scottish Parliament after the Holyrood election in May for a fresh referendum on independence there can be no justification whatsoever for the Westminster government to seek to veto that democratic choice nor should we accept such a veto. Conference believes any attempt to block the right of people in Scotland to decide how they should be governed would be both undemocratic and unsustainable, and would only strengthen support for independence. Conference welcomes the announcement of a National Assembly on independence to discuss tactics and strategy for campaigning. National Assembly will initiate a discussion on alternative routes to secure a legal referendum should the Westminster government continue to resist the wishes of the people of Scotland for another referendum.

Conference agrees that it is time. With kindness, care and love for one another in this diverse, beautiful, welcoming country for all, it's time we in Scotland took our own decisions, forged a new path and rebuilt our society into the more equal and prosperous country we know is possible. It's time to put Scotland's future in Scotland's hands.



---

### Session 4

**14h00** Prelude

**14h05** Social Justice and Fairness Commission – Shona Robison MSP and Neil Gray MP

**14h30** Fraternal Address from Adam Price, Leader of Plaid Cymru

**14h45** Policy Resolution – Social Justice and Equality

**16h00** Close and time to blether

### RESOLUTION

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY

- 01 Conference believes it is vital that equality and human rights are embedded throughout our  
02 recovery from Covid-19.
- 03 Conference supports the aim of the Social Justice and Fairness Commission to deliver a  
04 route map to the real prize of independence – a fairer Scotland that values and cares for  
05 everyone who lives here, from baby box to ripe old age – a society in which everyone can fully  
06 participate, with opportunities to flourish.
- 07 Conference endorses the Social Justice and Fairness Commission's calls for a renewed social  
08 contract, underpinned by human rights, equality and wellbeing – developed collectively as  
09 part of our democratic renewal with independence.
- 10 While independence allows us to build on the progressive policies of the Scottish Government,  
11 Conference notes that there are actions that could be taken before independence to make  
12 Scotland a better place for us all to live.
- 13 Conference believes in order to ensure the best start in life for our children and young people,  
14 children's human rights must be embedded in all aspects of society. Conference commends  
15 the Scottish Government for bringing forward The United Nations Convention on the Rights  
16 of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill, and supports the Government aim of incorporating  
17 the UNCRC into Scots law by the end of this parliament.
- 18 Conference commends the Scottish Government for the work it has done to protect and  
19 empower care experienced young people in Scotland, and urges the Government to build  
20 on this work to ensure a more equitable society. To honour the 5500 people who took part  
21 in the Care Review, Conference calls on the Scottish Government to invest more to support  
22 care experienced children and young people – including more support for families who are  
23 struggling – a proactive investment to reduce the need for reactive spending.



# Agenda

## Sunday 29 November

- 
- 24 Conference believes the crisis has reiterated the fundamental importance of safe and good  
25 quality housing for all. Conference applauds the Scottish Government for the rapid and  
26 radical progress in tackling homelessness during the pandemic, and urges the Government to  
27 continue this approach going forward.
- 28 Conference believes that the Scottish Government should carry out a review on the  
29 affordability of social rented properties, including the role of the Scottish Housing Regulator  
30 and whether it should have additional powers relating to the affordability of proposed rent  
31 increases. Following any review, the Scottish Government should bring forward proposals  
32 to implement any new measures required to protect and enhance affordability within the  
33 social rented sector in Scotland. Conference also notes the impact the pandemic is having in  
34 exacerbating rural housing issues and calls on all legislative and fiscal options to be considered  
35 to ensure affordable and social rented housing is available in our rural communities.
- 36 Conference recognises the protection of asylum seekers as a moral and legal duty, and a  
37 social good. Conference notes the National Audit Office (NAO) report of July 2020 on the  
38 UK Government's asylum accommodation and support including and agrees with NAO's call  
39 to the UK Government to renegotiate public contracts to provide better accommodation and  
40 services including permitting payments to refuges for accommodation and services when  
41 someone is fleeing domestic abuse. Conference further supports an asylum system fully  
42 incorporating the idea of integration from day one and calls on the UK Government to devolve  
43 powers or introduce a proper fully funded system of support which includes a right to work,  
44 decent accommodation, and a funding system that works for asylum seekers, communities  
45 and local authorities which supports the individual and public services.
- 46 Conference calls on the Scottish Government to explore ways of mitigating the negative  
47 impact of no recourse to public funds (NRPF) on migrants in crisis.
- 48 Conference notes the pandemic has caused great financial insecurity for many, and believes  
49 continued investment in the social safety net will be vital in helping mitigate some of the worst  
50 impacts of the crisis. Conference supports the Scottish Government in its commitment to do  
51 more to promote benefit take up and financially support those affected, and calls on the UK  
52 Government to develop and promote a benefit uptake campaign for all benefits, emphasising  
53 in particular Pension Credit, which conference notes with alarm, remains one of the lowest  
54 uptake, and calls on the UK government to ensure every older person who is eligible is aware  
55 of that and is given assistance to make an application.

# Agenda

Sunday 29 November

20  
20

- 
- 56 Conference believes all our communities need to be treated with respect and dignity and  
57 resolves to ensure our policies tackle the marginalisation faced by our BAME, Gypsy/  
58 Traveller and linguistic minority communities by ensuring proper monitoring and reporting of  
59 discriminatory incidents in education and the workplace.
- 60 Conference further resolves that Black Lives Matter must not merely be a slogan but must  
61 become a reality shaping public policy in improving the daily lives of Black people in Scotland.
- 62 Conference asks the Scottish Government to commit to working directly with people with  
63 Lived Experience as part of our legislative process, including during the drafting phase and  
64 with active consultation with communities throughout, so we deliver fairness and dignity for  
65 all people living in Scotland.
- 66 Conference looks forward to independence when all services are provided by a Scottish  
67 Government that treats citizens with respect and dignity.



# Agenda

## Monday 30 November

---

### Session 5

**10h30** Prelude

**10h35** Address by Kate Forbes MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance

**10h50** Policy Resolution – Jobs and Building the Wellbeing Economy

**11h55** Topical and Emergency Resolutions

**12h30** Close and time to blether

### RESOLUTION

#### JOBS AND BUILDING THE WELLBEING ECONOMY

- 01 Conference recognises that the Coronavirus global pandemic has caused an economic crisis  
02 affecting countries all over the world; asserts that Scotland's work on economic recovery will  
03 be to build a wellbeing economy with sustainability and inclusion at its heart and encourages  
04 the Scottish Government to continue to work with like-minded countries internationally in  
05 pursuing that approach.
- 06 Conference believes instead of returning to business as usual after the Covid crisis, there  
07 is a real appetite to create a fairer, healthier and more environmentally sustainable Scotland.  
08 This can only be achieved if we transition from a goal of ever-greater economic growth and  
09 consumption to a sustainable, circular economy that puts wellbeing at the heart of all  
10 public policy.
- 11 Conference, therefore, calls for the introduction of a 'Wellbeing of Current and Future  
12 Generations Bill' to place a legislative duty on all public bodies, to consider the long term  
13 consequences of their policy decisions on the wellbeing of the people they serve, including  
14 those not yet born.
- 15 Conference also believes that there should be an independent Commissioner for the Wellbeing  
16 of Current and Future Generations charged with acting as the guardian of a wellbeing  
17 economy in Scotland, supporting public bodies to work towards sustainable development and  
18 wellbeing goals across their policy remits, monitoring progress, and scrutinising policies and  
19 budgets for their potential in building a wellbeing economy that works in service of the long  
20 term wellbeing of all generations and our planet.
- 21 Conference acknowledges that our young people need particular support and encourages  
22 wide adoption of Scotland's Youth Guarantee and that re-training and re-skilling and the new  
23 National Transition Training Fund and a Fair Work agenda will be key to this. As an innovation  
24 nation we need to champion and drive new technologies, digital enterprise and green jobs.



# Agenda

## Monday 30 November

20  
20

---

25 Our Further and Higher Education institutes should be supported in providing targeted  
26 fast-track retraining where this is required.

27 In contrast with this vision, conference notes with concern that workers across these isles face  
28 unprecedented attacks on their wages and conditions via fire and rehire tactics in the midst  
29 of the pandemic. Prior to full employment law powers being controlled by Holyrood after  
30 independence, conference calls on the UK Government to urgently amend the Employment  
31 Rights Act 1996 to specify that such redundancies should automatically be regarded as unfair  
32 dismissals, and to ensure that our workforce and our businesses are fully equipped for the  
33 challenges we must collectively overcome.

34 Conference recognises that economic recovery will require a national effort from all  
35 government, public bodies, the private sector, trades unions, the third sector and communities  
36 themselves. This will involve ensuring that every citizen can play their part in the recovery.  
37 To help reduce the disability employment gap, organisations that employ over 250 staff  
38 should report the percentage of self-declaring disabled employees. Just as employers have  
39 engaged positively with the Scottish Government's Living Wage Accreditation Scheme, so  
40 too should consideration be given to the introduction of an accredited Autism scheme  
41 involving mandatory training for employers, providing them with the tools to employ more  
42 autistic adults and support them in sustaining their employment within autism friendly  
43 working environments.

44 Community Wealth Building and building up both local and national procurement capabilities  
45 and supporting our SME base within Scotland will be key to growing a wellbeing economy that  
46 works for the people of Scotland. We can ensure that all sectors contribute to this by closing  
47 digital tax loopholes to ensure the largest businesses contribute in the same way our smallest  
48 ones do. Internationally we must champion Scotland as an exporter and as a great place with  
49 skills and ingenuity to do business.

50 Conference acknowledges that freeports cannot and will not offset the damage caused by  
51 Brexit, which is taking Scotland and the UK out of the world's biggest free trade area and  
52 single market, and is concerned that the Tories' focus on freeports may be positioned to  
53 compete on low cost, low wage, low value opportunities with which they are often associated  
54 globally. Conference reaffirms that is entirely at odds with the SNP's ambition for Scotland's  
55 economy to continue to build a high productivity, high wage, innovative economy built on the  
56 strength of our world leading technology, businesses and academic clusters.



# Agenda

## Monday 30 November

- 
- 57 Conference calls on the Scottish Government to undertake a review into how working  
58 practices should be adapted to meet the needs of the future economy, including the possibility  
59 of a four-day working week and more support for people to work from home or closer to  
60 home, with a view to reform when Scotland gains full control of employment rights.
- 61 Conference additionally calls on the Scottish Government to explore giving communities in  
62 rural Scotland support through the Scottish Land Fund to acquire and refurbish business space  
63 for start-ups to use to seed entrepreneurship in rural areas.
- 64 Conference believes that in a world where change and challenge requires smart, agile  
65 responses, an adaptive and resilient Scotland drawing on all its economic strengths and  
66 opportunities, can shape a nation which shares risk and responsibility in our society, economy  
67 and as individuals to build a better country.
- 68 In doing so Conference re-affirms that the powers and opportunities of independence  
69 will provide the chance, the challenge but also the opportunity to build that better future.  
70 Conference endorse this vision of an independent Scotland building a wellbeing economy  
71 based on progressive taxation and rejecting Westminster's failed deregulation fantasies.

---

### Session 6

**14h00** Prelude

**14h05** SNP Annual Awards 2020

**14h20** Policy Resolution – Scotland in the World

**15h30** Address by Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Party Leader and First Minister of Scotland

**16h00** Close and time to blether

### RESOLUTION

#### SCOTLAND IN THE WORLD

- 01 Conference believes Scotland is a compassionate, diverse, welcoming and outward-looking  
02 nation, with the ambition and ability to make a positive difference by playing its full part in the  
03 world as an independent nation.
- 04 Conference agrees that global challenges such as Covid-19 and the Climate Emergency  
05 cannot be tackled in isolation but can only be addressed if countries come together in  
06 collective action. Now is the time for strengthening existing international relationships and  
07 building new ones as we work on confronting these crises and move towards building a  
08 stronger, fairer and more prosperous world.
- 09 Conference calls on the Scottish Government to reach out and expand its international  
10 partnerships, connections, and network, to build on Scotland's presence in the world by  
11 sharing best practice where we can but also learning from the example of others.
- 12 Conference believes as a good global citizen Scotland's international work should be  
13 underpinned by a strong commitment to upholding human rights by promoting positive and  
14 progressive values on the world stage. Conference praises the bold leadership of the Scottish  
15 Government to help improve lives not only on Scotland but internationally, including through  
16 its strong and unwavering commitment to international development; establishing the world's  
17 first Climate Justice Fund; creating the Wellbeing Economy Governments group; its role  
18 as European Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition; supporting women in international conflict  
19 resolution; and its commitment to delivering on Sustainable Development Goals and  
20 Policy Coherence.
- 21 Scotland notes that a key part of internationalisation is to create a more prosperous nation  
22 by promoting Scotland to the world, to attract talent and boost trade and inward investment,  
23 however Brexit and the end of Freedom of Movement and barrier-free trade presents a  
24 significant risk to these aims.



# Agenda

## Monday 30 November

Conference calls on the Scottish Government to initiate discussions with ferry and port operators to run a daily passenger and freight service between Rosyth and mainland Europe in order to facilitate on-going trade and tourist activity as well as to alleviate potential blockages and delays to goods at South of England ports, as part of a wider strategy to encourage further freight and passenger links to our near neighbours. Conference calls on the Scottish Government to invest in rail and road infrastructure and open discussions with port operators to expand other necessary interconnected infrastructure to permit efficient freight, car and passenger operations from established Clyde ports to Ireland and onwards to the rest of Europe and freight operations to North America and beyond.

Conference recognises the Scottish Space Sector is at the forefront of the European Space Sector with launching capacity, satellite build capacity, Earth Observation ability and academic support from leading Scottish Universities. Conference therefore resolves to support and invest in an independent Scottish Space Agency with the objectives of supporting Scottish Space capacity and building ties with other national agencies whilst ensuring environmental concerns are fully addressed.

Conference is clear that in the face of Brexit, Scotland must uphold its reputation on standards and protect the status of the many things which contribute towards our positive global standing, such as our universities, research capabilities, world class food and drink, and culture and creative industries. As part of this, Conference calls upon the Scottish Government to commit to keep pace with EU principles when appropriate and practicable to do so, and do all it can to protect the reputation of Scotland as a brand through embedding its key principles and values in a trade vision which will shape Scotland's future trading relationships and be used to influence the approach Westminster takes in developing trade agreements.

To support Scotland's reputation as a welcoming nation, Conference asks the Scottish Government to continue to encourage migration and support people of all backgrounds and nationalities who have chosen to make Scotland their home. Conference recognises the sense of insecurity felt and expressed by many EU citizens living in Scotland, and sends solidarity to those who have suffered deep uncertainty in their status through no fault of their own and despite Scotland's clear endorsement of Freedom of Movement.

Conference supports the efforts of the Scottish Government in its development of a fair, tailored migration policy for Scotland and believes we should play a full role in assisting those fleeing war, torture and persecution as a matter of moral and legal duty. Conference calls on the UK Government to end its hostile approach to immigration and asylum, and to urgently devolve migration powers to the Scottish Parliament to allow Scotland to build our own policies to fit our distinct needs and begin preparations for an independent Scottish migration system.

# Agenda

Monday 30 November

20  
20

---

61 Parallel to this, Conference notes that Scotland has a large global diaspora and supports the  
62 Scottish Government's ongoing work to engage those around the world with an affinity to  
63 Scotland in order to promote Scottish interests and strengthen internationalism. Conference  
64 urges the Scottish Government to continue to develop strategic engagement with the  
65 Scottish diaspora to help promote Scotland abroad, and help Scots living abroad engage with  
66 life in Scotland.

67 Conference believes only under independence can Scotland reach its full potential as a  
68 Member State of the EU and an equal partner on the world stage, and we look forward  
69 to joining the table of independent nations and playing our full role in making the world a  
70 fairer place for all. Until then, Conference calls on the Scottish Government to develop a  
71 new international policy framework which can be implemented under devolution, using its  
72 strengths of soft power and diplomatic relations, but which lays the foundations for the  
73 standalone foreign policy of an independent Scotland.



Scottish  
Environment  
LINK



giving  
nature  
a home

Scotland

## A Vote for Nature - Tackling the Biodiversity & Climate Crisis in Scotland

Join **Mairi Gougeon MSP**, Youth Activist Holly Gillibrand and some of Scotland's leading environmental organisations, for a discussion on how we can tackle the nature emergency in a way that works for people and planet.

Saturday 28 November

1245-1345



Friends of  
the Earth  
Scotland



## A Vote for the Climate - Warmer Homes to Tackle the Climate Emergency

Join this discussion, with **Paul Wheelhouse MSP** and Scottish climate and housing organisations, to explore how we can tackle our leaky homes and fuel poverty as part of a Green Recovery and just transition.

Sunday 29 November

1245-1345

20  
20



**Exhibitors**





# Exhibitors

## 28-30 November

01



### SNP

#### SNP Headquarters Booth

The SNP Headquarters booth is where you should go for all general information and enquiries. Headquarters staff will be available at the SNP Headquarters booth in the Exhibition area should you require any support at any time throughout your conference experience.

Website: [www.snp.org](http://www.snp.org)

Email: [membercare@snp.org](mailto:membercare@snp.org)

02



### SNP STORE

#### SNP Store

The SNP Store is the official online store of the Scottish National Party. By purchasing from the SNP Store you are helping the SNP shape our nation's future success.

Website: [www.snpstore.org](http://www.snpstore.org)

Tel: 0333 323 8979

03



## Independence

#### Independence Magazine

Visit our booth in the Exhibition – Say hello or join up on the spot. We're the Party's own magazine and have raised thousands of pounds for the cause to date. One direct debit is all it takes to have INDEPENDENCE posted direct to your home every eight weeks. Join now!

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IndependenceMag>

Email: [indymag@saltiregraphics.scot](mailto:indymag@saltiregraphics.scot)

04



#### Scottish Renewables

Scottish Renewables is the voice of Scotland's renewable energy industry. Our vision is for a Scotland leading the world in renewable energy. We work to grow Scotland's renewable energy sector.

Website: [www.scottishrenewables.com](http://www.scottishrenewables.com)

05



### SAMH

Join SAMH, Scotland's national mental health charity, at their booth to find more about their campaign for change.

Website: [www.samh.org.uk/standup](http://www.samh.org.uk/standup)

06



### Community Windpower

Passionate supporters of the Scottish Government's Net Zero carbon target, by operating and developing a portfolio of 1.5GW of wind and hydrogen projects in Scotland. Powering Scotland with clean, green energy since 2005; whilst committed to the Scottish supply chain, and planning to invest £2 billion in Scotland PLC by 2026.

Website: [www.communitywindpower.co.uk](http://www.communitywindpower.co.uk)  
Email: [info@communitywindpower.co.uk](mailto:info@communitywindpower.co.uk)

07



### Out for Independence

Out for Independence is the official LGBTQ+ wing of the SNP. Campaigning for a fair, equal and independent Scotland. Visit the booth during conference to find out more.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/OutForIndy/>  
Email: [out4indy@gmail.com](mailto:out4indy@gmail.com)

08



### Young Scots for Independence

Young Scots for Independence (YSI) is the youth wing of the SNP; for all members under the age of 30. The YSI leads the way in shaping ambitious and progressive policy making within the SNP and campaigns across Scotland.

Website: <https://www.theysi.scot/>  
Email: [contact@ysi.scot](mailto:contact@ysi.scot)



# Exhibitors

28-30 November

09



**SNP**  
Students

## SNP Students

SNP Students is the student wing of the party. With societies in many of Scotland's colleges and universities, we campaign for progressive student policies and promote SNP campaigns and values on campus.

Website: <https://www.snpstudents.com/>

Twitter: @SNPstudents

Email: [info@snpstudents.com](mailto:info@snpstudents.com)

10



**SNP**  
BAME

## BAME Members Network

SNP members from the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities, working towards promoting diversity and increasing BAME participation in politics.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/snpbame>

Twitter: @SNPBAME

Email: [snpbame@hotmail.com](mailto:snpbame@hotmail.com)

11



## Disabled Members Group

The SNP's Disabled Members Group aims to improve the lives of all disabled people and secure independence for Scotland. Visit the booth during conference to find out more.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/SNPdisabledmembersgroup>

12



## Trade Union Group

The SNP Trade Union Group is made up of SNP members who are also trade union members. We believe that the best way to achieve fundamental rights for Scottish Workers is to argue for those rights within an independent Scotland.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/snptug/>

Email: [membership@snp-tug.scot](mailto:membership@snp-tug.scot)

13



### Scots Asians for Independence (SAFI)

Scots Asians For independence aims to promote the interests of Scots Asians within the SNP and the Scots Asian community in Scotland. It has been at the forefront of every major election campaign since 1995 and is the driving force behind the Scots Asians support for the SNP.

Contact:  
membership@safisnp.org

14



### THE NATIONAL

THE NEWSPAPER THAT SUPPORTS AN INDEPENDENT SCOTLAND

### The National

The National is a 7 day newspaper that strives to accurately portray Scotland's people and its culture. Established in 2014, it's the only newspaper that supports an independent Scotland. Purchase it daily from your local newsagent or sign up to a print or digital subscription.

15



### Tech Help

#### Tech Help Desk

Our Digital Stewards are here to help if you require any technical assistance. They are all SNP members who have volunteered their time to help conference run smoothly, so please be patient while they assist you with any technical difficulties.

If you are facing a technical issue that is not allowing you to access Hopin, please email: events@snp.org

16



### Media Zone

#### Media Zone

A dedicated space for all accredited media. Staffed by SNP press officers from 09h00 - 17h00 each day of conference this is your place for media briefings, press releases and enquiries.

# HOLYROOD

FRINGE EVENTS AT SNP CONFERENCE 2020

## HEALTH & CARE HUB

In association with



Scotland



### Priorities for Scotland's health and care workforce

Saturday 28th, 12.45- 13.45

with **JEANE FREEMAN MSP**,  
Cabinet Secretary for Health  
and Sport



### Rail Delivery Group



### The journey to Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme

Saturday 28th, 16.30- 17.30

with **ROSEANNA CUNNINGHAM MSP**,  
Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate  
Change and Land Reform, **RICHARD  
LOCHHEAD MSP**, Former Cabinet Secretary  
for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment

### Building back better:

### How a reformed railway can deliver for Scotland

Monday 30th, 9.15- 10.15

with **MICHAEL MATHESON MSP**,  
Cabinet Secretary for Transport,  
Infrastructure and Connectivity



### The Future of Financial Services in Scotland

Monday 30th, 12.45- 13.45

with **KATE FORBES MSP**, Cabinet  
Secretary for Finance



### The role of the Blue Economy in a Green Recovery

Monday 30th, 12.45- 13.45

with **FERGUS EWING MSP**, Cabinet  
Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism

20  
20



# Fringe Programme



# Fringe Meetings

## Saturday 28 November EARLY AFTERNOON

**eis**

The Educational  
Institute of Scotland

Saturday 28 November  
12h45 - 13h45

### Education Recovery - building back better

Even in the middle of a pandemic, education has remained a key element of political discourse in Scotland. The re-opening of schools in August was not a return to normality but the beginning of the process of education recovery for pupils, a process of supporting the growth of pupils' resilience and well-being as well as making up for the lost learning.

"Building back better" can trip off the tongues easily but what needs to change in order for us to do that and do we have the courage to really commit to doing things differently. Ahead of next year's elections, this fringe will explore the issues Scottish education needs to grapple with going forward.

#### Speakers:

John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and  
Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills

Larry Flanagan, EIS General Secretary

Carol Thorpe, EIS President

**HOLYROOD HEALTH & CARE HUB**



Saturday 28 November  
12h45 - 13h45

### Priorities for Scotland's health and care workforce

Holyrood magazine's health and care hub is back for the SNP conference after what has been an incredibly challenging eight months for those working in the sector.

It is therefore right that this year's discussion will focus on the workforce, and the space, tools and support they need moving forward to ensure they can deliver the highest standard of care and improve patient outcomes.

It'll be an opportunity to think about what we want from our health and care system; how we can respond to the challenges around recruitment and retention; and how we can improve staff wellbeing and multidisciplinary working.

#### Speakers:

Jeane Freeman MSP, Cabinet Secretary for  
Health and Sport

Dr Lewis Morrison, Chair, BMA Scotland  
Kenryck Lloyd-Jones, Public Affairs & Policy  
Manager for Scotland, Chartered Society of  
Physiotherapy Scotland

Theresa Fyffe, Royal College of Nursing  
Scotland Director

Clare Morrison, Director for Scotland, Royal  
Pharmaceutical Society

**Chaired by:** Mandy Rhodes, Managing Director,  
Holyrood Communications





Scottish  
Environment  
LINK



Saturday 28 November  
12h45 – 13h45

### **A Vote for Nature – Tackling the Biodiversity & Climate Crisis in Scotland**

As the need to tackle the Climate Emergency and halt unprecedented biodiversity loss grows every day, so does the public demand for more action from politicians around the world.

Join us to discover the changes needed in Scotland to tackle the nature and climate crisis, with experts from leading conservation organisations talking about their plan for nature's recovery. We'll discuss how Scotland can become a world leader in nature conservation, and create a Green recovery that works for both people and planet.

#### **Speakers:**

Mairi Gougeon MSP, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment.

Isobel Mercer, Senior Policy Officer, RSPB Scotland

Vhairi Tolan, Advocacy Manager, Scottish Environment LINK

Holly Gillibrand, Environmental Youth Activist, SYCS

Saturday 28 November  
12h45 – 13h45

### **Creating 20 Minute neighbourhoods: (RE)building Local communities and Economies post Covid-19**

Over the past few months, the response to Covid-19 has radically reshaped how we participate in the economy and the relationship we hold with our surrounding areas.

Establishing 20-minute neighbourhoods, is the idea of ensuring people have access to everything they need within a 20-minute walk from their house, ultimately helping people to live more fulfilled, happier and healthier lives.

This event will consider the potential benefits and weaknesses of a '20-minute neighbourhood' approach and how we can deliver the prospective gains such an approach could bring.

#### **Speakers:**

Kate Forbes MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance

Alison Thewliss MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Treasury)

Phil Prentice, Chief Officer, Scotland's Towns Partnership

Richard Taylor, Group Corporate Affairs and Communications Director, Post Office

**Chaired by:** Russell Gunson, Director, IPPR Scotland



# Fringe Meetings

Saturday 28 November EARLY AFTERNOON



Saturday 28 November  
12h45 – 13h45

## SNP National Secretary Hustings

Tune in to the second annual hustings for the position of SNP National Secretary hosted by SNP Students, for an opportunity to hear from candidates and partake in internal democracy of our Party, which will be key in securing a SNP majority in the Scottish Parliamentary election, and in turn delivering independence for Scotland.

The event is open to all delegates, who will have an opportunity to engage with candidates via pre-submitted questions. Questions can be sent to [info@snpstudents.com](mailto:info@snpstudents.com).

We are looking forward to (virtually) seeing you at the most exciting event of SNP Conference.

### Speakers:

Lorna Finn  
Kirsteen Currie  
Stewart Stevenson  
Morgwn Davies  
David Henry

**Chaired by:** Julia Stachurska,  
SNP Students National Convener

**MEMBERS ONLY**



Saturday 28 November  
12h45 – 13h45

## activate.snp.org – The Basics

activate is our online hub for organising and running all your election campaigns. This session will instruct you in the activate basics and get you frequented with the campaign system that has been part of our election successes since 2006.

**Hosted by:** Lorraine Reid, SNP Campaign Services Manager

**MEMBERS ONLY**



**OUT FOR INDEPENDENCE**  
@out4indy | out4indy@gmail.com

Saturday 28 November

Zoom

12h30 – 13h45

### Annual General Meeting

After a successful year, Out for Independence are proud to host our first AGM since relaunching the organisation last year.

The meeting will be chaired by Christina McKelvie MSP, where members will elect an executive committee to take us forward for the year ahead.

The current executive committee will deliver its annual report before nominations open up for office bearer positions.

Please register [here](#).

#### Guest Speaker:

Cllr Rhiannon Spear

**Chaired by:** Christina McKelvie MSP

#### MEMBERS ONLY



Save the Children



One Parent  
Families Scotland



Saturday 28 November

12h45 – 13h45

### Strengthening financial security to end child poverty

Even before the pandemic hit, child poverty rates were high in Scotland and projected to rise further. Welcome steps have been taken to support families, but significant pressures remain. This panel event will focus on the progress that has been made so far in Scotland and actions that will need to be taken over the next five years – and beyond – to meet the interim child poverty targets and strengthen financial security for families with children.

#### Speakers:

Representatives from One Parent Families Scotland/Save the Children (Invited)

Rachel Statham, Senior Research Fellow, IPPR Scotland

Aileen Campbell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government

Parent Speaker (Invited)

#### Chaired by:

John Dickie, Director of Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) in Scotland



# Fringe Meetings

Saturday 28 November EARLY AFTERNOON



**PHILIPPA WHITFORD MP**

Saturday 28 November

12h45 – 13h45

## **Promoting the Wellbeing of Current and Future Generations in Scotland**

The Scottish Government already has many 'Wellbeing' policies, from the Baby Box to Free Personal Care and this meeting will consider how, post Covid, we can build the fairer, healthier Scotland we all aspire to. The Panel will consider the impact of the Welsh 'Wellbeing of Future Generations Act' and how similar legislation could promote a holistic approach, at every level of Government and public body in Scotland, with the aim of improving the physical, mental, social and environmental wellbeing of everyone living in Scotland and those who will come after us.

### **Speakers:**

Delyth Jewell – Plaid Cymru Member of Welsh Senedd

Sophie Howe – Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

Sir Harry Burns – Professor of Global Public Health, University of Strathclyde

### **Chaired by:**

Dr Philippa Whitford MP, SNP Westminster Health Spokesperson

# Fringe Meetings

## Saturday 28 November LATE AFTERNOON

20  
20



Saturday 28 November

16h30 – 17h30

### **The Journey to Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme**

The reduction and reuse of packaging, especially plastics, is vital to protecting our planet.

As such the Scottish Parliament has legislated to establish a deposit return scheme (DRS) covering aluminium and steel cans, as well as PET plastic and glass drinks containers, with a 20p deposit.

By increasing both the quantity and quality of the materials being recycled and by reducing litter, the system is expected to help combat climate change while offering benefits to industry and the public.

The scheme, which will be the first of its kind in the UK, should be a source of pride for Scotland.

#### **Speakers:**

Jim Fox, Associate Director, Public Affairs at Coca-Cola European Partners

Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science

**Chaired by:** Mandy Rhodes, Managing Director, Holyrood Communications



# Fringe Meetings

## Sunday 29 November MORNING



National  
Autistic  
Society  
Scotland

Scottish  
autism  
WHERE AUTISTIC PEOPLE  
ARE VALUED

Sunday 29 November

09h15 - 10h15

### **Can we make Scotland the most inclusive country in the world?**

At this fringe panellists will explore the challenges facing some of the most marginalised in our society – the 157,000 autistic people and people with a learning disability. There will be autistic panellists and panellists with a learning disability together with charity representatives looking at how we can overcome those challenges and create an inclusive Scotland. The radio broadcaster Stuart Cosgrove will also be on the panel as the father of an autistic child with the Economist Andrew Wilson Chairing.

Supported by ENABLE Scotland, National Autistic Society Scotland and Scottish Autism this will explore how we can create an inclusive Scotland.

#### **Speakers:**

John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and  
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Stuart Cosgrove, Broadcaster & Parent

David Nicholson, Autistic Individual

Jan Savage, ENABLE Scotland

**Chaired by:** Andrew Wilson

# Fringe Meetings

## Sunday 29 November EARLY AFTERNOON

# 20 20



Sunday 29 November  
12h45 – 13h45

### **Time to focus on the emotional impact of sight loss**

Sight Scotland, Scotland's biggest visual impairment charity, has worked with the Mental Health Foundation to research the impact of sight loss on mental health. A survey of over 400 visually impaired people found that 85% said their sight loss had affected their emotional wellbeing, but two thirds had not been offered support for this. With someone in Scotland losing their sight every hour, and coronavirus creating new challenges for the mental health of blind and partially sighted people, our discussion will focus on how we can increase support.

#### **Speakers:**

Clare Haughey MSP, Minister for Mental Health  
Mark O'Donnell, Chief Executive, Sight Scotland and Sight Scotland Veterans

Lee Knifton, Director of Scotland and Northern Ireland for the Mental Health Foundation

Kirin Saeed, Braille Proof Reader, Sight Scotland and Visual Impairment Campaigner



Sunday 29 November  
12h45 – 13h45

### **A Vote for the Climate – Warmer Homes to Tackle the Climate Emergency**

The way we heat our homes is damaging ourselves and the climate. Tackling our leaky homes will be essential as part of a Green Recovery, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address fuel poverty and improve our health and wellbeing.

With contributions from the Existing Homes Alliance, Friends of the Earth Scotland, and WWF Scotland, this Fringe event will explore the steps needed and the key opportunities ahead to clean up our heat in Scotland.

#### **Speakers:**

Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands

Jess Cowell, Climate Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Scotland

Fabrice Leveque, Head of Policy, WWF Scotland

Elizabeth Leighton, Director, The Existing Homes Alliance Scotland





# Fringe Meetings

## Sunday 29 November EARLY AFTERNOON



Sunday 29 November  
12h45 – 13h45

### **Can local authority climate action plans be intertwined with COVID recovery?**

This fringe panel discussion for Councillors and others with an interest in local government and the environment, will look at climate action and the interlinks with building back better post COVID. Our expert panel of speakers will look at areas including financial planning, frontline services, the “new norm”, energy efficiency, renewables and more.

Come along and debate these important issues.

#### **Speakers:**

Gillian Martin MSP, Convener of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Cllr Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council

Paul O'Brien, Chief Executive, APSE

**Chaired by:** Cllr Les Sharp,  
Clackmannanshire Council



### **NEW ORGANISER'S TRAINING SESSION**

Sunday 29 November  
12h45 – 13h45

A presentation and Q&A with Organisation Convener Stacy Bradley, aimed at Organisers who are just getting started with the role.

#### **MEMBERS ONLY**



Sunday 29 November  
12h45 – 13h45

### **activate.snp.org – Filters**

Filters are the key to releasing the power of activate. Through the appropriate use of the query criteria available to us we can target groups of voters with different campaign messages relevant to them. This session will demonstrate how to set up different filters in activate.

**Hosted by:** Lorraine Reid, SNP Campaign Services Manager

**MEMBERS ONLY**



**UNCONSCIOUS BIAS  
TRAINING**

Sunday 29 November  
12h45 – 13h45

### **Unconscious Bias Training**

Hosted by the National Equalities Convener, Fiona Robertson, this training session will provide an introduction to unconscious biases and how they affect our decision making and judgements. You will be given resources that can be used to host your own session within your branch or constituency association.

**MEMBERS ONLY**



# Fringe Meetings

Sunday 29 November LATE AFTERNOON



Sunday 29 November

Zoom

16h30 - 18h30

## Annual General Meeting

The SNP's Disabled Members Group invites you to our upcoming AGM, chaired by Kirsty Blackman MP. We will also be joined by Shona Davidson who will be offering the group an introduction to Autism Awareness Training.

If you are interested in putting your name forward for any of our Exec positions, please contact [jamie.szymkowiak@gmail.com](mailto:jamie.szymkowiak@gmail.com) for more information.

If you're a disabled member of the SNP and want to attend this event, please register [here](#).

**Chaired by:** Kirsty Blackman MP

**MEMBERS ONLY**



Sunday 29 November

16h30 - 17h30

## activate.snp.org – Team Leaders

As a local team leader in activate you can add activists to different jobs and devolve different parts of the constituency to local organisers. This session will instruct local team leaders on how to manage their campaigns in activate.

**Hosted by:** Lorraine Reid, SNP Campaign Services Manager

**MEMBERS ONLY**

# Fringe Meetings

## Monday 30 November MORNING

# 20 20



Monday 30 November  
09h15 – 10h15

### **Resilience: The Other R Value**

The COVID-19 pandemic sent shockwaves around the world, testing the resilience of our economy, public services, and communities. However, with every crisis comes the possibility to learn lessons and increase our capacity to respond, both to unforeseen upheavals like a pandemic but also to more enduring pressures like climate change.

This panel will welcome experts and practitioners from the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Scotland's National Academy, to discuss how resilient Scotland is to global and domestic shocks and how we can learn from the pandemic to prepare for the future disruptions that are certain to come.

#### **Speakers:**

Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills

Professor Chris Johnson FRSE – Faculty Pro-Vice-Chancellor, School of Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Queens University Belfast.

Dr Shonaig Macpherson FRSE – President of the Scottish Council for Development and Industry, and Chair of the Robertson Trust.

Ms Talat Yaqoob FRSE – Independent Consultant, Co-founder, and Chair of Women 5050, Co-lead of RSE Data, Evidence and Science work.

**Chaired by:** Professor Sir Ian Boyd FRSE – Professor of Biology, University of St. Andrews, former Chief Scientific Adviser at the Department for Environment, and Lead of the RSE Building National Resilience work.



Monday 30 November  
09h15 – 10h15

### **Cleaner Skies: Aviation's role in the future of sustainable travel**

While Covid-19 has inflicted significant challenges upon the aviation industry, decarbonising aviation can help us to create high-skilled jobs in the low-carbon industries of the future, and tackle climate change.

Decarbonising aviation will require a global effort but we can, and are, leading in development into low-carbon technologies like sustainable aviation fuels, hydrogen and electric planes.

This panel will discuss the feasibility of sustainable aviation, the opportunities for UK-led innovation, and how government, the sector, and consumers can reduce our carbon footprint from flying.

#### **Speakers:**

Matt Gorman, Director of Sustainability, Heathrow Airport

Alison McRae, Senior Director, Glasgow, Chamber of Commerce

Alan Brown MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Energy and Climate Change)



# Fringe Meetings

## Monday 30 November MORNING

**HOLYROOD**

**Rail Delivery Group**



Monday 30 November  
09h15 – 10h15

### **Building back better: how a reformed railway can deliver for Scotland**

The focus of RDG's fringe session will be what a reformed railway can deliver for Scotland, with a focus on how rail can support a green recovery, as well as the importance of rail in supporting key sectors of the economy.

Join us to hear from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity Michael Matheson MSP and other senior speakers on what a reformed railway can deliver for customers and taxpayers.

#### **Speakers:**

Robert Nisbet, Director, Nations & Regions, RDG

Alex Hynes, Managing Director, Scotrail

Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

**Chaired by:** Mandy Rhodes, Managing Director, Holyrood Communications

Monday 30 November  
09h15 – 10h15

### **activate.snp.org – Voter ID**

Voter ID is the foundation of the phased campaign approach that we use. Without gathering the data we could not follow through with the other stages, targeting voters, GOTV, etc. This session will take you through preparing lists.

**Hosted by:** Lorraine Reid, SNP Campaign Services Manager

#### **MEMBERS ONLY**

# Fringe Meetings

## Monday 30 November EARLY AFTERNOON

# 20 20



Monday 30 November  
12h45 – 13h45

### Ask the experts: Coronavirus

Researchers and innovators, including Fellows of the National Academies, the Royal Society of Edinburgh and people we fund, are working together across the globe to help us better understand COVID-19 and discover the best ways to treat, live with and ultimately to stop the virus.

Join us to hear from researchers and innovators working to better understand COVID-19 and develop innovations and interventions to stop its spread.

#### Speakers:

Professor Massimo Palmarini FRSE

Professor Melinda Mills FBA

Dr Shaun Fitzgerald FREng

Jeane Freeman MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport

Dame Anne Glover, President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh

#### Chaired by:

Tom Whipple, Science Editor at the Times and Sunday Times (Chair)



Monday 30 November  
12h45 – 13h45

### How will Brexit affect Scotland's chances of independence?

This event will discuss the public's perceptions of Brexit and how this should influence the SNP's approach to navigating the future relationship between Scotland, the UK and Europe.

#### Speakers:

Michael Russell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

Professor John Curtice, Senior Research Fellow at NatCen; Fellow, UK in a Changing Europe; Professor of Politics at Strathclyde University; and Chief Commentator at What UK Thinks: EU

Professor Nicola McEwen, Co-Director, Centre on Constitutional Change and Senior Fellow, UK in a Changing Europe

Russell Gunson, Director, IPPR Scotland

**Chaired by:** Jill Rutter, Senior Research Fellow, UK in a Changing Europe



# Fringe Meetings

Monday 30 November EARLY AFTERNOON

**HOLYROOD**



Monday 30 November  
12h45 – 13h45

## **The role of the Blue Economy in a Green Recovery**

The UK's biggest food export, Scottish salmon has gained a reputation for quality, provenance and excellence. Yet it has been losing out as other salmon-producing nations have seized a bigger share of the world market.

This session seeks to explore ways in which the farmed salmon sector can grow sustainably over the long term while protecting the environment and continuing to provide thousands of well-paid jobs across rural Scotland.

### **Speakers:**

Tavish Scott, Chief Executive, Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation

Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism

**Chaired by:** Mandy Rhodes, Managing Director, Holyrood Communications

**R N I B**

Scotland

See differently

Monday 30 November  
12h45 – 13h45

## **A Vision for the 2020s: Focus on Sight Loss**

Sight loss impinges on every area of life. This fringe event presents our wide-ranging manifesto for the 2021 Scottish Parliament elections.

### **Speakers:**

Sandra Wilson, Chair, RNIB Scotland

Stuart McMillan MSP, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment

**Chaired by:** James Adams, Director, RNIB Scotland





TheCityUK  
THE FIRST  
10 YEARS

Monday 30 November  
12h45 – 13h45

## The Future of Financial Services in Scotland

Globally, tens of trillions of pounds will be needed by 2030 to achieve international sustainable development and climate objectives. The role of the private sector will play a critical role in the collective effort to achieve these targets; indeed it is essential.

With the Scottish Government looking to institute a Green Recovery based on the wellbeing of people and planet and Scotland hosting COP26 next year, join us as we discuss the future of financial services in Scotland; how the sector aids economic recovery after COVID-19 and how it can have a multiplier effect in pursuit of Scotland's ambitious net zero agenda.

### Speakers:

Catherine McGuinness, Policy & Resources Committee, City of London Corporation and Deputy Chair, TheCityUK

Benny Higgins, Strategic Adviser to the First Minister on the building of the Scottish national Investment Bank and Chairman of Scottish Government's Advisory Group on Economic Recovery post COVID19

Sandy Begbie, Chief Executive of Scottish Financial Enterprise

Kate Forbes MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance

**Chaired by:** Doug Thomson, former fund manager and SNP approved candidate



Monday 30 November  
12h45 – 13h45

## COP26: Cities leading the way to a net zero Scotland

The fringe meeting will look at the goal of building back a resilient, net zero and inclusive Scottish economy in advance of COP 26 and specifically ask how can Scotland's cities and city regions help deliver this green recovery?

### Speakers:

Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

Alan Brown MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson for Energy and Climate Change

Cllr Susan Aitken, Leader, Glasgow Council

Cllr Adam McVey, Leader, Edinburgh City Council

### Chaired by:

Polly Billington, Director, UK100



# Fringe Meetings

Monday 30 November EARLY AFTERNOON



Monday 30 November  
12h45 – 13h45

## How to prevent a coronavirus household debt crisis?

Join StepChange Debt Charity as we discuss the impact of coronavirus on household finances.

Our panel will address two main themes. Firstly, it will consider the most up-to-date picture of the impact of coronavirus on family finances: who has been most affected by the crisis and what are the main debt dangers for households as emergency protections are lifted?

And secondly, we will discuss the Scottish Government's economic recovery strategy and what measures Ministers can take to prevent long-term damage, support financial resilience, and safely exit households from coronavirus-related debt.

### Speakers:

Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills

Phil Andrew, CEO of StepChange Debt Charity

Bill Scott, Chair of the Poverty and Inequality Commission

Marlene Shiels, CEO of Capital Credit Union

### Chaired by:

Sharon Bell, Head of StepChange Scotland



Monday 30 November  
12h45 – 13h45

## activate.snp.org – Data Entry

After gathering the data we then need to enter it into the system. Data entry is a campaign job that most activists can help with if they know how, this session will walk you through this process.

Hosted by: Lorraine Reid, SNP Campaign Services Manager

### MEMBERS ONLY



## ORGANISER SURGERY

Monday 30 November  
12h45 – 13h45

## Organiser Surgery

A drop-in session for Organisers, with a chance to ask questions and discuss ideas with Stacy Bradley, Organisation Convener.

### MEMBERS ONLY



All Party Parliamentary Group on  
**Hydrogen**

The fringe is kindly sponsored by



**SGN**  
Your gas. Our network.

# How hydrogen can support our economic recovery

Monday 30 November | 11:00-12:00

Chaired by: **Richard Thomson MP**

Shadow SNP Spokesperson for Business and Industry &  
Vice-Chair of the APPG on Hydrogen

Speaker: **Alan Brown MP**

Shadow SNP Spokesperson for Energy and Climate Change

RSVP to

[appghydrogen@connectpa.co.uk](mailto:appghydrogen@connectpa.co.uk)  
to receive a link



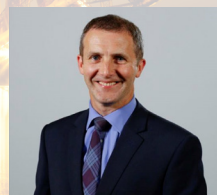
**Railway Industry  
Association**  
*The voice of the UK rail supply community*



**HIGH SPEED  
RAIL GROUP**

## The Rail Interview with Cabinet Secretary Michael Matheson MSP

The Railway Industry Association (RIA) and High Speed Rail Group (HSRG) are hosting the Rail Interview fringe, where **Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure & Connectivity**, will be interviewed by *The Scotsman* Transport Correspondent Alastair Dalton.



Sponsored by: **porterbrook** 

---

**Monday 30 November 2020, 12.45 to 1.45pm**

Register at:

[www.riagb.org.uk/SNPRailInterview](http://www.riagb.org.uk/SNPRailInterview)

20  
20



# Internal Elections



# Internal Elections

## INTERNAL ELECTIONS

Electronic voting is used for internal elections at this conference. All delegates, registered by 12noon on Thursday 26th November, with an email address on the membership system, will be sent a link containing their voting code on Saturday 28th November.

Votes are for the election of National Office Bearers, the National Executive Committee, Conferences Committee, Policy Development Committee, Member Conduct Committee and the Conduct Appeals Committee.

Ballots for Ordinary Members of the National Executive Committee (Non-Parliamentarians) and the Policy Development Committee (except Outwith Scotland) are on a regional basis with an All-female ballot and an Open ballot. The All-female ballot will be counted first. The candidate elected on the All-female ballot will be removed from the Open Ballot contest. A candidate who is not elected in the All-female ballot may be elected in the Open ballot.

Conferences Committee also has an All-female ballot and an Open ballot. The five members elected on the All-female ballot will be removed from the Open Ballot contest.

There is no ballot for the Policy Development Committee (All-female) in Highlands & Islands, Lothian, Mid Scotland & Fife and North East Scotland.

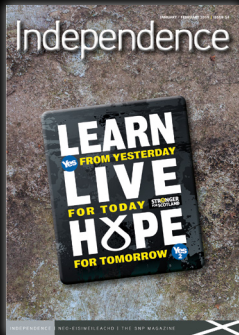
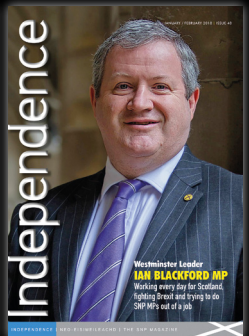
No nominations were received for the Policy Development Committee (Open) in North East Scotland or in the All-female list for Glasgow. Any member interested in being appointed to these positions should, in the first instance, approach whoever is elected as the Policy Development Convener at the end of conference.

Electronic ballot papers will contain a short statement from each of the candidates beside their name. Delegates can complete each part of the ballot separately and go back to the voting process later, provided that all sections the delegate wishes to complete are submitted by the close of voting.

Delegates can vote in every election which appears for them on the voting website.

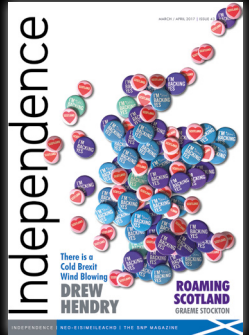
**Voting closes at 15h00 on Monday 30 November.**

The results of the elections will be made available on the member's hub as soon as they are available.



**The SNP's official magazine direct to your home**

Independence Magazine reflects life in the SNP and the broader national movement



Enjoy our bi-monthly 44-page full-colour magazine, delivered direct

Subscribe today  
[www.snp.org/magazine](http://www.snp.org/magazine)



20  
20



# Standing Orders

# Standing Orders for Annual National Conference 2020

## **01** Preparation of Agenda

- 1.1 Conferences Committee in carrying out its responsibilities under the constitution to set the agenda for National Conference—
  - (a) decides on all of the items to be included on the agenda, the order the items are to be taken and the approximate time to be allocated to each.
  - (b) may revise and amend resolutions and amendments for clarity and to maintain a standard form;
  - (c) may incorporate more than one resolution into a single resolution with the same broad policy objective, provided that nothing in the final resolution is contrary to the intention of any of the original resolutions;
  - (d) must fully consider all proposed amendments received in response to the provisional agenda;
  - (e) must categorise all resolutions considered under the following headings—
    - (i) put forward unamended,
    - (ii) put forward amended for presentation purposes,
    - (iii) put forward composited,
  - (iv) retain to consider placing on the agenda at a future conference,
  - (v) reject as existing policy,
  - (vi) reject in favour of other resolutions; and
  - (vii) reject for other reasons.
- 1.2 The information to be provided to any member submitting a resolution which has been rejected by Conferences Committee is which heading the rejection falls under and any further reasons for its rejection.

## **02** Order of Business

- 2.1 At the beginning of Conference, a motion to approve the report of Conferences Committee must be passed by a simple majority.
- 2.2 The order of business must include an opportunity for debating Topical or Emergency resolutions. Topical or Emergency resolutions must be submitted to Conferences Committee by the deadline intimated to delegates.

## **03** Convener

- 3.1 The Business Convener may delegate chairing National Conference to another member of the National Executive Committee.
- 3.2 If the chair of any session is unable to connect reliably with the e-Conference platform for five minutes, then a previously agreed member will take over as chair of National Conference.
- 3.3 The chair is in charge of the proceedings and conducts them in accordance with recognised procedure as amplified by Standing Orders and so far as possible within the confines of the technical solution.
- 3.4 An electronic facility will be provided to allow delegates to communicate any matter of concern in relation to the proceedings to the chair.

## **04** Conduct of Debate

- 4.1 Delegates wishing to speak in any debate must complete an electronic Speaker's card by a time to be advised in advance of each debate.



- 4.2 A list of intended speakers will be provided in advance of each debate. Speakers will require to take all steps advised to facilitate their electronic entry to the virtual conference floor.
- 4.3 The Convener will ensure that Speakers are allocated time to ensure that there is a full debate on the resolutions and any amendments, bringing in as wide a range of views on the subjects as possible. Conference Committee will be consulted on the timing structure to be applied to the debates at conference.
- 4.4 Where no Speaker's cards have been submitted to speak against a resolution, the chair will normally only allow two delegates to speak in favour of the resolution.
- 5.5 Individual delegates being unable to connect with the system during a voting period does not invalidate any vote, but if the chair considers that there were wider issues with the voting system significant enough to cast doubt on the result of any vote, it can be retaken at the same session or at a subsequent session of conference.

## 05 Voting

- 5.1 All voting will be conducted electronically. Delegates will require to vote within the time frame and in the manner advised by the chair.
- 5.2 Votes on resolutions and any amendments are either in favour of the resolution being carried, or against the resolution being carried. In the event of a tie, the resolution is not carried.
- 5.3 Where no speaker has indicated that they wish to speak against a resolution or an amendment, the chair may either advise that Conference has therefore carried the resolution or amendment or arrange for an electronic vote.
- 5.4 Conferences Committee monitors the effectiveness and reliability of the electronic counting system and reports any concerns about its operation to the chair, who can take any remedial action to ensure that the views of the delegates on the resolution have been properly reflected in the votes.

## 06 Dissent

It is open to any member to have their dissent recorded from any decision or ruling. This must be done through the electronic channel.

## 07 Reports to National Conference

- 7.1 The reports required under the constitution to be received by National Conference will be made available online to delegates.
- 7.2 Any delegate wishing to ask a question to anyone providing a report will have a facility to do so online.

## 08 Outcome of Business of National Conference

A document recording the Outcome of the Business of National Conference will be made available on the Member's hub within seven days of the end of conference and will include—

- (a) the text of all resolutions passed;
- (b) a note of all votes taken; and
- (c) the results of all internal elections.

**Conference will be asked to approve the use of these Standing Orders for this conference only at the beginning of the first session.**



Scotland's largest  
and most effective  
education trade union

eis

# Education Recovery

## Building Back Better

What needs to change in order for 'building back better' and do we have the courage to really commit to doing things differently? Ahead of next year's elections, this fringe will explore the issues Scottish education needs to grapple with going forward.

### Speakers:

**Carole Thorpe** (EIS President – Chair)

**Larry Flanagan** (EIS General Secretary)

**John Swinney MSP** (Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills)

**Sat 28th Nov**  
**12:45 – 13:45**

## Self-Determination is Democracy



**HM Government  
of Gibraltar**

Gibraltar House  
150 Strand, London, WC2R 1JA  
Tel: 00 44 (0) 20 7836 0777  
[info.london@gibraltar.gov.gi](mailto:info.london@gibraltar.gov.gi)  
[www.gibraltar.gov.gi](http://www.gibraltar.gov.gi)

**#ThinkGibraltar**

20  
20



# Essential Information



# Essential Information

## 2020

With so much packed into just three days, and this being our first online conference, there is a lot of new information to take in. This brief guide will help you to fully engage with conference and enjoy doing so.

### ACCESSING CONFERENCE

Conference will be hosted on an online platform called Hopin. It's easy to use, and accessed via a web browser.

Registered attendees will receive an email prior to conference from Hopin asking you to 'Accept Registration'. The email will include your unique registration link to access the event which you need to accept by clicking on the blue button prior to conference. This link is personal to you so please do not send this email on to other members if they have not yet received theirs.

So that you receive all correspondence on the run up to conference, please accept your registration when you receive this email, rather than waiting until the event starts. The email will be sent from Hopin, please look out for this as it might go to your junk or spam folder. If it does end up in there, you will need to move the email into your inbox before clicking the 'Accept Registration' button as it will not work if it thinks that it is spam. All events taking place on Hopin, including fringe events require you to have a valid conference registration.

For the best experience, please use a computer when logging into Hopin, and use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox as your internet browser. If you do not have a computer and are using a tablet, please ensure you have downloaded Google Chrome and are using this browser to enter Hopin. Please avoid Safari, Microsoft Internet Explorer, Brave or Edge. It is a good idea to restart your computer before the event to ensure anything that might conflict with the events audio is closed.

With anything online, it is only as good as your internet speed. Hopin recommends a minimum of 5mbps download and 2mbps upload. Ideally, they like to see 30mbps download and 10mbps upload or higher for best quality. If you are experiencing issues due to your internet connection, during the event, it can sometimes help to move closer to your router.

If for any reason you do not receive your registration email from Hopin or if you need any assistance with downloading the best browser please email [events@snp.org](mailto:events@snp.org) prior to conference detailing your issue, membership number and contact details so that we can try to assist.

## OVERVIEW

On Hopin, the main navigation bar appears on the left side of your screen.

There are five areas of Conference:

Upon opening Hopin and joining conference, you will land in the **Reception** area. You should think of the reception area as a venue's lobby, it's the information hub. Here you can find an overview of the agenda so you can follow what is currently happening and what's to come. There will be a link to the full conference handbook from here too.

The **Plenary** is where delegates debate and vote on policy resolutions and listen to keynote speeches. Although only delegates can contribute and vote in these debates, member visitors are also welcome and encouraged to observe these sessions.

**Fringe** events are an ideal way for members to take part in more intimate discussions around topical issues or policy with key stakeholders and are an important part of conference. The format generally follows a keynote speech from the sponsoring organisation and another from an elected SNP member. This is usually followed by a question and answer session between the fringe panel and the audience. Both delegates and member visitors can take part and contribute to these discussions. More details on individual fringe events can be found in the Fringe Programme section of the Conference Handbook.

The **Exhibition** area is host to a number of organisations, both internal and external to the SNP, all of whom are there to engage with SNP members. Conference attendees are strongly encouraged to visit this area as an essential part of the conference experience. You can interact with each exhibitor either through their specific chat panel, by sharing your audio or visual, or by registering your interest and they will follow up with you by email.

The **Blether** area provides you with the opportunity to speak with other conference attendees, for all those great conference chats in the lobby or in the corridors, which make conference such an enjoyable experience. When you enter this area and select that you are 'Ready to Share', you will be randomly matched with one other participant. Your blether will last 5 minutes and you are able to leave the meeting at any time. A timer in the upper right hand corner will let you know how long is remaining. If you both choose to extend the blether, before the time is up, you can continue for longer. When the time is up, your blether will automatically end and you can click 'Ready' to be matched with a new participant.



# Essential Information

## 2020

### ADMISSION

Conference sessions will take place in the Plenary area of Hopin. The button to access the Plenary will be available for you to see on the left side of your screen at all times.

	Exhibition Area*	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Saturday 28 November	10h00 – 16h30	10h30 – 12h30	14h00 – 16h00
Sunday 29 November	10h00 – 16h30	10h30 – 12h30	14h00 – 16h00
Monday 30 November	10h00 – 16h30	10h30 – 12h30	14h00 – 16h00

\*Individual exhibitors may only be live at certain times throughout the day. This will be detailed in their exhibition description.

### FRINGE EVENTS

The timetable for Fringe Events is as follows:

	Morning	Lunchtime	Evening
Saturday 28 November		12h45 – 13h45	16h30 – 17h30
Sunday 29 November	09h15 – 10h15	12h45 – 13h45	16h30 – 17h30
Monday 30 November	09h15 – 10h15	12h45 – 13h45	

Please refer to the full Fringe Events timetable in your Conference Handbook to the time slot for your chosen meeting.

- Fringe events are accessed by pressing on the Fringe button on the left side of your screen. Once in this section you can select your chosen event.
- Unless you are speaking in the fringe event you should not request to share your audio and video.
- You can interact with the event through the chat panel on the right side of your screen.
- You can easily move around the events that are taking place at the same time.
- All Fringe events will be recorded, unless specifically requested by the sponsoring organisation, and available to view following conference on [my.snp.org](https://my.snp.org).
- If you need assistance finding anything, you should go to SNP Headquarters Booth in the Exhibition area.

## SPEAKING AT CONFERENCE

To speak on a resolution during conference, you must be a delegate. If you are a delegate and wish to speak in a debate, you will need to follow this guidance.

To make a speech in a debate you must submit a Request to Speak Form online here:

### Request to Speak Form

You need to fill out the form with your details and the details of the resolution you wish to speak on. Remember to tick the box to let us know if you are a first time speaker. If you need assistance filling out your speaker card please email: [conference@snp.org](mailto:conference@snp.org).

Please complete all parts of the form, including the lines of the resolution you wish to focus on, and your particular expertise, so that the debate can be a full and balanced one.

The **Request to Speak Form will close at 12noon on Thursday 26th November** for all debates.

Speakers selected for a debate will be sent an email prior to conference detailing exactly what you need to do technically in order to speak. The email you receive, if selected, will answer any further questions and provide you with contact details to seek further help.

Please be aware that speakers do not always get called, this is often dependent on the number of people who have submitted cards and the time left in the session. There is no guarantee that you will be selected to speak, reserves will be selected in case any speaker suffers any technical issues.

It is perfectly normal for speakers to have prepared a speech beforehand so please don't be hesitant about reading from your notes.

You will need to share your audio and visual in order to speak at conference so remember to dress appropriately and make sure there is nothing behind you that you don't want other attendees to see.

## VOTING AT CONFERENCE

Only registered conference delegates can vote, with a simple majority of those voting required to pass the resolution.

Voting will be available through Hopin when you are in the Plenary area. Votes will show for delegates in the 'Vote' tab which is located on the top right of your screen. Delegates vote by selecting the relevant button on the screen.

Five minutes will be allocated to voting on each resolution to allow time for all delegates to cast their vote and for the result to be finalised.



# Essential Information

## 2020

All votes taking place at conference will be counted by Hopin and the results will be announced once voting has closed.

### TOPICAL AND EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

Topical Resolutions are based on subjects that have arisen after the deadline for submitting resolutions has passed.

Emergency Resolutions are based on issues that have arisen during the conference itself.

Topical and Emergency Resolutions for consideration must be submitted by:

- 09h00 on Saturday 28th November for discussion on Sunday 29th November,
- 09h00 on Sunday 29th November for discussion on Monday 30th November.

Resolutions should be submitted by email to [national.secretary@snp.org](mailto:national.secretary@snp.org). You **must** include a list of all speakers for each resolution and their email addresses so that speaker instruction can easily be sent prior to the debate. Once Topical and Emergency Resolutions are selected a Request to Speak Form will be made available for these resolutions.

Resolutions should be submitted by the Convener or Secretary of a delegating body, or by two Elected Members or Parliamentarians.

Topical and Emergency resolutions will be displayed on screen and read out loud during the session.

### ACCESSIBILITY

We aim to make SNP Conference as accessible as possible for all members and visitors. If you require additional assistance in any regard. Headquarters staff will be available at the Headquarters booth in the Exhibition area should you require any support at any time throughout your conference experience.

As per last year, there will be a dedicated person for all accessibility requirements before and throughout conference and will be able to be contacted via email and telephone.

British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation and on screen subtitles will be available to view for all plenary sessions during debates and speeches. This will be available for everyone and will not require additional download or going to a separate area.

You are able to navigate Hopin by keyboard and any error messaging is intuitive and illustrative for easier navigation with screen readers.



The conference handbook will be hosted on ISSUU and will be compatible with screen readers and will be downloadable as a PDF.

A feedback survey will be sent to all conference delegates following conference asking for suggestions of any improvements that could be made for future online events.

## TECH HELP DESK

It is completely understandable that many attendees may require some assistance, this is new for everyone involved. With any online event there may be some technical glitches, but we are here to help.

If you have any technical issues whilst accessing conference, there is a Tech Help Desk located in the exhibition which will be staffed by our friendly Digital Stewards. Our Digital Stewards are SNP members who have volunteered their time to help conference run smoothly, so please be patient while they assist you with any technical difficulties.

If you are facing a technical issue that is not allowing you to access Hopin, please email [events@snp.org](mailto:events@snp.org) and a Digital Steward will be in touch to assist.

20  
20



**Contacts**



# Contacts

With us all attending conference from home, it is important that your questions and queries go to the right place the first time.

Here are all the contacts you will need:

To communicate with the chair on any **matters of concern** in relations to the proceedings i.e. points of order, please email: [debates@snp.org](mailto:debates@snp.org)

Submitting **Topical and Emergency Resolutions**, please email: [national.secretary@snp.org](mailto:national.secretary@snp.org)

You must include a list of all speakers for each resolution and their email addresses so that speaker instruction can easily be sent prior to the debate.

Questions about the **agenda, exhibition or fringe programme**: [conference@snp.org](mailto:conference@snp.org)

During conference you can also go to the **SNP Headquarters Desk** available in the Exhibition where the usual friendly faces will be available to assist.

If you have a question regarding a fringe event you are in, please use the chat function in Hopin.

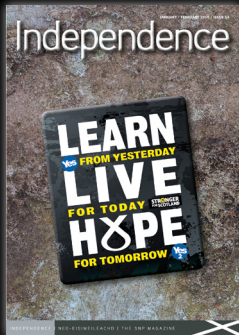
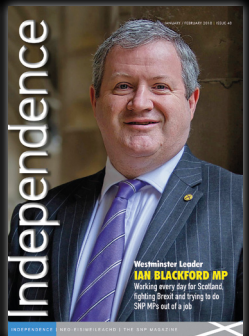
For all **technical difficulties**, please email: [events@snp.org](mailto:events@snp.org)

During conference you can also go to the **Tech Help Desk** available in the Exhibition, where your volunteer digital stewards will try to assist.

For all **media enquiries**, please email: [snpmedia@snpmedia.net](mailto:snpmedia@snpmedia.net)

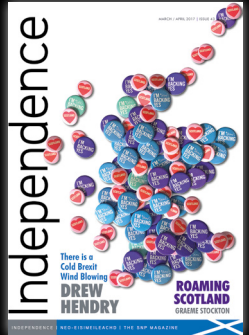
During conference you should go to the Media Zone available in the Exhibition, which will be staffed throughout conference by SNP Press Officers.

For any **specific accessibility issues or requirements**, such as BSL interpretation, please contact: [jessica.mennie@snp.org](mailto:jessica.mennie@snp.org)



**The SNP's official magazine direct to your home**

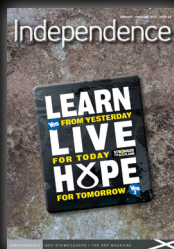
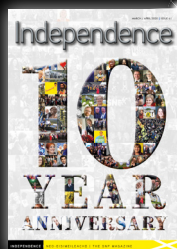
Independence Magazine reflects life in the SNP and the broader national movement



Enjoy our bi-monthly 44-page full-colour magazine, delivered direct

Subscribe today  
[www.snp.org/magazine](http://www.snp.org/magazine)





**Give a gift that lasts all year**

**The SNP's official magazine direct to your home**

Independence Magazine reflects life in the SNP and the broader national movement

Enjoy our bi-monthly full-colour magazine, delivered direct  
**Subscribe today: [www.snp.org/magazine](http://www.snp.org/magazine)**

**SNP**   
[www.snp.org](http://www.snp.org)