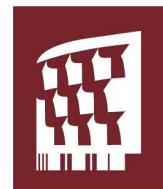


Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar
Next steps for STEM education and training in Scotland:
widening participation, improving delivery and meeting the needs of business
Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 26th June 2018
Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, 80 High Street, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh EH1 1TH



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Iain Gray MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education, Skills and Science, Scottish Labour
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Key priorities for Scotland's STEM strategy**
Professor Iain Hunter, Research Professor, Molecular Microbiology, University of Strathclyde and Member, Scottish Science Advisory Council
- 9.15 - 9.55 **'Making Scotland a STEM nation': key perspectives on the STEM strategy**
Professor Lesley Yellowlees, Convener, Learned Societies' Group on Scottish STEM Education
Polly Purvis, Chief Executive, ScotlandIS
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Iain Hunter**, Research Professor, Molecular Microbiology, University of Strathclyde and Member, Scottish Science Advisory Council
- 9.55 - 10.45 **Widening participation in STEM education and careers: changing perceptions and improving diversity**
Zoe Thomson, Depute Headteacher, Woodmill High School, Fife
Talat Yaqoob, Director, Equate Scotland
Sharon Drysdale, Assistant Director for Skills/Outcome Agreement Manager, Scottish Funding Council
Peter Finegold, Head of Education Policy, Institution of Mechanical Engineers
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Iain Gray MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education, Skills and Science, Scottish Labour
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Clare Adamson MSP, Convener, Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology
- 11.25 - 12.15 **Policy priorities for improving delivery of STEM education and training: new pathways into teaching and supporting the existing workforce**
Tom Renwick, Director, Maths on Track
Martin McGuire, Principal, New College Lanarkshire
Alastair MacGregor, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Schools Education Research Centre
Dr Alison Hennessey, Lecturer, STEM Education, University of Stirling
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 - 12.50 **Moving forward with the STEM strategy: priorities for business - best practice and innovative approaches**
Paul Allford, Standards and Qualification Policy Manager, CITB Scotland
Ken Edwards, Education Programme Lead, Skills Development Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.50 - 12.55 **Closing remarks**
Professor Iain Hunter, Research Professor, Molecular Microbiology, University of Strathclyde and Member, Scottish Science Advisory Council
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Clare Adamson MSP, Convener, Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology
Roger Greer, Associate Producer, Scotland Policy Conferences