

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:

Next steps for energy policy in Scotland

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 20th March 2025

Taking place online



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Brian Whittle MSP, Shadow Minister for Public Health, Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party; and Co-Convenor, Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
- 9.05 **Key developments and considerations for the future of Scottish energy policy**
Dr Antonios Katris, Research Fellow, Centre for Energy Policy, University of Strathclyde
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **'Scotland's role in the energy transition: what developers need to meet renewables targets'**
Adam Ezzamel, Scotland Director, RWE
- 9.35 **Assessing policy plans and implications for Scotland's energy sector, the environment and communities**
assessing latest energy developments | strategies for transition to net zero | issues and opportunities for key sectors, communities and the environment | considerations for collaborative policy development and implementation | impact of policy on renewable energy expansion, grid infrastructure and local communities | structuring environmental and biodiversity safeguards | coordination between Scottish and UK authorities
Ronnie Quinn, Chair, Dundee Climate Leadership Group
Carolyn Vannan, Senior Manager, Energy and Air Quality Team, Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Dr Fraser Stewart, Lead, Energy Justice and Just Transition, Regen
David Acres, Head of Policy, EDF Energy
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Opportunities for regulatory alignment and collaborative frameworks**
Jack Presley Abbott, Deputy Director, Strategic Planning and Connections, Ofgem
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Brian Whittle MSP, Shadow Minister for Public Health, Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party; and Co-Convenor, Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Hermione Whitehead, Scotland Policy Conferences
- 11.10 **Supporting the workforce in the transition to a green economy**
Jim Brown, Partnership Director, Energy Skills Partnership
- 11.20 **Priorities and key considerations for scaling up green energy innovation, development and implementation**
addressing regulatory delays, funding, and collaborative frameworks for infrastructure upgrades | supporting investor confidence | retraining and skills development priorities for the green economy | aligning energy ambitions with economic and societal priorities | providing equitable access and support in rural and disadvantaged areas | balancing biodiversity protection with renewable energy expansion | scaling hydrogen hubs and wider infrastructure development | innovation in green technology | building supply chain resilience
Tom Hughes, Assistant Director and Lead, Energy, National Infrastructure Commission
Laura Campbell, Partnership Manager, Local Energy Scotland
Maarten Krabbendam, Chief Geologist, Scotland, British Geological Survey
Eddie McAvinchey, Director, Banking and Investments, National Wealth Fund
Dr Nigel Holmes, CEO, Hydrogen Scotland
- 11.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Next steps for Scotland's energy policy development and implementation**
Madeleine Plater, Head, Energy Strategy and Markets, Directorate, Energy and Climate Change, Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Hermione Whitehead, Scotland Policy Conferences