

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:
Next steps for qualifications and assessment reform in Scotland**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 2nd April 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Developing an effective qualification system moving forward**
Professor Louise Hayward, Emeritus Professor, Educational Assessment and Innovation, University of Glasgow; and Lead, *Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment*
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing proposals in the Education (Scotland) Bill and implementation of the Independent Review**
examining latest legislative developments and key issues being discussed | progress and next steps for Review recommendations | priorities for improving educational outcomes | the proposed Scottish Diploma of Achievement | assessment for Highers and Advanced Highers | priorities for learners and teachers | meeting the needs of colleges, universities and employers | facilitating learner progression | equipping learners with skills for the future
Dr Nicola Kiernan, Head, Chemistry, High School of Dundee
Jocelyne Fleming, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Chartered Institute of Building
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, university
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Priorities for system design, delivery, accountability and oversight**
Senior representative, qualifications
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Implementation of reform and broadening assessment methods**
supporting teacher understanding of new curriculums and assessment methods | continuous assessment methods | Personal Pathways, Programmes of Learning and Project Learning | teacher workload and autonomy | remote and digital assessment and invigilation | role of the Centre of Teaching Excellence | ensuring teacher and learner perspectives are considered
Paul Nisbet, Senior Research Fellow, University of Edinburgh
Senior speaker confirmed from **NASUWT**
Senior representative, school
Senior academic
Student representative
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **The future for use of technology in assessment**
latest developments and best practice | opportunities for efficiency and easing workload | improving accessibility for learners from disadvantaged backgrounds or with additional needs | remote and digital assessment and invigilation | addressing challenges such as bias and impact on the teacher-pupil relationship | workforce upskilling and training | addressing digital inequalities
Ben Mason, Founder and CEO, globalbridge
Professor Judy Robertson, Chair, Digital Learning, University of Edinburgh
Senior representative, school
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Priorities for the education sector moving forward**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Scotland Policy Conferences