

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:
Next steps for school inspections and accountability in Scotland**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 25th November 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Developing effective school inspection - implementation of key findings from *Putting Learners at the Centre: Towards a Future Vision for Scottish Education***
Professor Ken Muir, Honorary Professor, University of the West of Scotland; and Independent Advisor on Education Reform, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for schools in moving quality and standards forward in Scottish education**
Greg Dempster, General Secretary, Association of Headteachers and Deputies Scotland (AHDS)
- 9.45 **Reform of school inspections - examining the *Education (Scotland) Bill***
assessing key provisions outlined in the Bill | priorities for the new independent inspectorate | powers, responsibilities and functions | governance structures | ensuring adequate oversight and accountability | feedback mechanisms | enhancing parental engagement
Gavin Yates, Executive Director, Connect
Senior representative, teachers
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, learners
Senior academic
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **What can be learned from inspection reform in other jurisdictions**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP, Member, Education, Children and Young People Committee
- 11.05 **Modernisation, recordkeeping and use of data in inspection and assessment**
Senior representative, innovation
- 11.15 **Implementation of strengthened school inspections**
assessing the planned separation of the inspection and curriculum function | clarity on frameworks and models of inspection | the future for inspection co-production involving local authorities, schools, teachers and learners
Greg Welsh, Head of Education, Primary, Early Learning and Resources, West Lothian Council
Senior representative, trade union
Senior representative, technology
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Priorities for the teaching workforce**
Susan Quinn, Education Convenor, Educational Institute of Scotland
- 11.50 **Preparing for a new inspection framework and new independent inspectorate**
addressing concerns and challenges for delivery | potential of increased workload on the workforce | fostering clarity in guidelines and criterion to allow preparation for inspection | training and support for inspectors to fairly apply the new criteria | providing support for practitioners in improving education practice and building on inspection reports
James McEnaney, Education Reporter, The Herald
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, inspection
Senior representative, consultancy
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for school inspection and accountability in Scotland**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP, Member, Education, Children and Young People Committee
Sean Cudmore, Scotland Policy Conferences