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Welcome to Perth!

S GREEN MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife I am delighted to welcome you to the Fair City for the Scotlish Green Party Autumn Conference. Our annual conference is at the heart of our party business. It is where we shape policy, debate important questions and share learning.

I'd like to thank you all for your hard work over the last year, and I want to set you a challenge. Having been a councillor and an MSP, I know how vital it is that we build our electoral base in communities and win as many seats as possible in next May's election. The challenge for us is to win councillors across the whole of Scotland, building confidence in the Greens as hardworking, practical yet visionary representatives who deliver for communities on the ground.

On behalf of all the branches

in Mid Scotland and
Fife, and particularly
our host branch the
Perth Greens,
welcome to Perth
Conference!

Mark Ruskell MSP



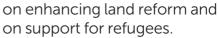
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Welcome to Conference!

Welcome to Perth, and welcome to our 2016 Autumn conference.

So much has happened since we met in Glasgow twelve months ago. You ran the biggest ever Scottish Greens election campaign, more people voted for us than ever before, and our new enlarged group of MSPs are delivering – on stopping benefit sanctions, on banning unconventional gas extraction, on the Young Carer's Allowance,



We now face the possibility of Scotland being dragged out of the EU against its will by a Westminster Government lurching to the right. We campaigned for a positive future within the EU and will continue to do so.

Across the country
Scottish Green members
are campaigning for a better
Scotland, on local issues that
have global impact, on energy,
on community ownership and
on local democracy.
The Scottish Green movement

is doing more than we ever have, but we must do more. We can only deliver a better Scotland by having more elected representatives, and this weekend we must start the campaign to win more seats in the Local Authority elections than we have ever done before. Only you can make

Welcome again to Perth, to our first ever three-day conference, and a particular welcome if this is your first Scottish Greens conference. We look forward to meeting you all.

that happen.

Maggie Chapman & Patrick Harvie, Co-convenors



Brexit:Options for Scotland?

Royal George Hotel – Old Restaurant Saturday 22 October 12-1

The Scottish Government has pledged to explore all options to secure Scotland's place in the EU and the Single Market. What options are there for Scotland and from a green perspective, what opportunities and threats would any Brexit alternatives bring? Join us and a panel of experts, including the party's EU spokesperson **Ross Greer MSP**, for a debate on the future of Scotland's place in the world.



Day planner FRIDAY

11:00am Registration, creche and children's activities open

11:30am Welcome session for first-time attendees

12:00-1:15pm Workshops 1

1:30-3:00pm Welcome to conference plenary

3:00-5:30pm Motions 1

5:45-6:45pm External Fringes 1

7:30pm Ceilidh

SATURDAY

9:00am Registration, creche and children's activities open

9:30-10:30am Plenary session

10:45-11:45am Workshops 2

12:00-2:00pm LUNCH

12:00-1:00pm External Fringes 2

2:00-3:30pm Motions 2

3:45-4:45pm Workshops 3

5:00-6:15pm Workshops 4

6:30-7:30pm AGM

7:30pm+ Social meals arranged by committees

8:30pm Film: The Divide Pub Quiz

SUNDAY

9:00-9:30am Registration, creche and children's activities open

9:30-10:15am Workshops 5

10:30-11:15am ECC outline the plans for the Local Authority elections

11:30-12:30pm Workshops 6

12:45-1:45pm External fringes 3

1:45-2:15pm LUNCH

2:15-4:30pm Motions 3

4:30pm Closing speech

4:45pm Conference closes

Guest speakers

GIZ WATSON



An English-born former Australian politician, and a former leader of

The Greens, Western Australia. Watson is the current coconvenor for the Australian Greens and a candidate for the Western Australian seat of O'Connor at the 2016 federal election.

Giz Watson will be speaking during Friday plenary session 1:30-3:00pm.

SKA KELLER



Ska Keller is vicepresident and migration policy spokesperson for

the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament. In 2009 she was elected to the Parliament at the age of just 27. Ska was the European Greens' lead candidate at the last European elections in May 2014 and after her re-election she is now in her second term of office. Ska Keller will be speaking during Saturday plenary session 9:30-10:30am.



FUTURES

NOT

BACKGROUNDS

FRINGE EVENT

Can higher education deliver a fairer Scotland?

5.45 - 6.45 Friday 21 October Old Library, George Hotel.

Join us to find out more about universities' plans to close the attainment gap and create more opportunities for everyone who has the potential to benefit from university.

Speakers:

- Patrick Harvie MSP
- Professor Pete Downes, Principal, University of Dundee
- Rebecca Gaukroger, Director of Admissions, University of Edinburgh
- Gary Donaldson, student,
 Edinburgh Napier University

Buffet with wine will be available.

www.universities-scotland.ac.uk



Timetable Friday

11:00am	Registration, creche and children's activities open Note there is no scheduled lunch break today.	
11:30am	Welcome session for first-time attendees	
	Norrie Miller 1	
12:00-1:15pm	Workshops 1	
	Brexit Old Restaurant (G)	20
	How do local authorities work? Norrie Miller 1	20
	Structural review Norrie Miller 2	20
	Campaign toolkit: canvassing Morning Room (G)	20
	Campaign toolkit: distributing materials	
	Old Library (G)	20
1:30-3:00pm	Welcome to conference plenary Main Auditorium)
1:30pm	Welcome to Conference: Mark Ruskell, MSP	
1:35pm	Councillor Melanie Main	
1:55pm	Guest speaker: Giz Watson, Global Greens	
2:30pm	Patrick Harvie, SGP co-convenor	
3:00-5:30pm	Motions 1 Main Auditorium	
3:00pm	Emergency motions	
4:30pm	Policy motions 1	
5:00pm	Conference motions 1	
5:45-6:45pm	External Fringes 1	
	Climate change key issues for the	
	Fire & Rescue Service Old Restaurant (G)	21
	Standing up for Scottish education Norrie Miller 1	21
	Cruelty on Scotland's grouse moors:	
	what's the solution? Norrie Miller 2	21
	Futures not backgrounds: can higher education	
	deliver a fairer Scotland? Old Library (G)	21
	Social science with Prof Chim Lang McGregor (G)	22
7:30pm	Ceilidh Ballroom (G)	22

Timetable Saturday

9:00am	Registration, creche and children's activities ope	n
9:30-10:30am	Plenary session Main Auditorium	
9:30am	Welcome to Conference: Mark Ruskell, MSP	
9:35am	Anni Pues: Global Greens conference	
9:40am	Guest speaker: Ska Keller	
10:00am	Maggie Chapman, SGP Co-convenor	
10:45-11:45am	Workshops 2	
	Policy panel: how do we empower school communit	ies
	and close the attainment gap? Main Auditorium	23
	Swords into Ploughshares? How workers can make	e
	industry socially useful Ballroom (G)	23
	Policy panel: building a fairer, greener food system	1
	Old Restaurant (G)	23
	Structural review Norrie Miller 1	23
	Scottish Disabled Greens: the road to inclusion	
	Norrie Miller 2	24
	Campaign toolkit: canvassing Morning Room (G)	24
	Campaign toolkit: running an effective ward	
	campaign Old Library (G)	24
	Rainbow Greens AGM McGregor (G)	24
	2017 local election campaign organising	
	Museum Lecture Hall (Perth Museum)	24
12:00-1:00pm	External Fringes 2	
	Equally protected – do our children have full legal	
	protection from assault in Scotland? Main Auditorium	125
	Brexit: options for Scotland Old Restaurant (G)	25
	Living wage, fair work and ending poverty	
	Norrie Miller 1	25
	We're on board for the Bus Charter! Norrie Miller 2	
	Change your world <i>Morning Room (G)</i>	26
	Can Scots run their own communities? Our democra	асу
	- act as if we own the place. Old Library (G)	26
	Scottish local government election surgery	
	McGregor (G)	26
	Foodbanks: the stories behind the statistics	-
	Museum Lecture Hall (Perth Museum)	27

1:00-2:00pm	LUNCH	
2:00-3:30pm		
	Policy motions 2	
3:45-4:45pm	Workshops 3	
	Policy panel: planning and housing development	
	Main Auditorium	27
	Scottish Young Greens Ballroom (G)	28
	Follow up session: food Old Restaurant (G)	28
	Equality, diversity & inclusion Norrie Miller 1	28
	How the west was won Norrie Miller 2	28
	Open space Morning Room (G)	28
	Open space Old Library (G)	28
	Follow up session: education	
	Museum Library (Perth Museum)	28
5:00-6:15pm	Workshops 4	
	Policy panel: community empowerment	
	Main Auditorium	29
	Green councillors: making a difference Ballroom (G)	
	Hustings for internal elections Old Restaurant (G)	29
	Follow up session: planning Norrie Miller 1	29
	Women's Network <i>Norrie Miller 2</i>	29
	Meet the European and Global Greens	
	Morning Room (G)	29
	Open space Old Library (G)	30
	Open space McGregor (G)	30
	Rural branches – the unique challenges	
	Museum Library (Perth Museum)	30
6:30-7:30pm	AGM	
7:30pm+	Social meals arranged by committees	
8:30pm	Film: The Divide Ballroom (G)	30
	Pub quiz <i>Bar (G)</i>	30

Timetable Sunday

9:00-9:30am	Registration, creche and children's activities op	en
9:30-10:15am	Workshops 5	
	Q&A with parliamentarians Main Auditorium	31
	Lothian regional meeting Ballroom (G)	31
	Glasgow regional meeting Old Restaurant (G)	31
	Central Scotland and South Scotland regional	
	meeting Norrie Miller 1	31
	Mid Scotland and Fife regional meeting	
	Norrie Miller 2	31
	North East Scotland regional meeting	
	Morning Room (G)	31
	Highlands and Islands regional meeting	
	Old Library (G)	31
	West Scotland regional meeting McGregor (G)	31
10:30-11:15am	n ECC outline the plans for the Local Authority	
	elections	
11:30-12:30pm	n Workshops 6	
	Green Yes answering the unanswered questions	
	Main Auditorium	31
	Policy panel: climate change – what's working?	
	Ballroom (G)	31
	Brexit – what next for the Scottish Greens?	
	Old Restaurant (G)	31
	Campaign toolkit: running an effective ward	
	campaign <i>Norrie Miller 1</i>	32
	Campaign toolkit: distributing materials	
	Norrie Miller 2	32
	Conference feedback and 2017 planning	
	McGregor (G)	32

12:45-1:45pm	External fringes 3	
	Ask once, get help fast <i>Norrie Miller 2</i>	32
	Access to politics: making party activity and e	elected
	office more inclusive for disabled people	
	Morning Room (G)	32
	After Brexit, where now for the Scottish	
	independence movement? McGregor (G)	33
1:45-2:15pm	LUNCH	
2:15-4:30pm	Motions 3 Main Auditorium	
2:15pm	Constitutional motions	
3:30pm	Conference motions 2	
4:30pm	Closing speech Main Auditorium	
	Isla O'Reilly	
4:45pm	Conference closes	

How Conference works

The Party's Constitution and Policy Reference Document (PRD) have been voted in, and amended, by a succession of Party conferences on the basis of one member, one vote. Standing Orders Committee (SOC) is responsible for ensuring Conference rules are upheld and for guaranteeing its smooth and democratic running.

If you have an issue relating to Conference procedures, please raise it with a member of SOC. SOC reports directly to Conference and its annual report, given during the AGM, must be approved by Conference. SOC has a table in front of the stage throughout Conference if you have any queries.

MOTIONS

Motions have to be submitted 11 weeks before Conference and amendments five weeks before. The intention is that branches can debate them, and if wished, agree proxy votes or branch amendments.

Emergency Motions are intended to allow Conference to debate issues which have arisen since then and should be sent to soc@notices.scottishgreens.org .uk seven days before the start of conference, signed by two people who have been members for at least a year.

An Emergency Motion relating to events which have arisen since then can be submitted to SOC any time up until 12 noon on the first day of Conference, also signed by two people who have been members for at least a year. Emergency Motions will be rejected if they could have been submitted in time for the first agenda, or are not concise and focussed.

ATTUNEMENT

Each conference plenary session starts with a brief attunement, designed to focus minds and stop all activity and conversation. Please respect the silence.

Smart meters are coming to Scotland.

Every home and small business will have the chance to upgrade by 2020, at no additional cost.

Smart Energy GB is tasked with helping everyone in Scotland understand smart meters, the rollout, and how to use their new meters to get their gas and electricity under control.

Smart meter benefits include:

- no more estimated bills or 'bill shock'
- real-time energy information in pounds and pence
- transforming the experience for pre-payment customers
- helping to tackle fuel poverty and carbon emissions
- creating a smarter energy infrastructure for Scotland

For more information, please contact: **Ben Miller** ben.miller@smartenergyGB.org or 0131 247 7513



DEBATES AND VOTING

Motions are debated and voted on as follows:

 There is a short debate on the motion itself.

- Each amendment is then debated and voted on in turn and you have the choice of voting for, against or abstain.
- The final stage is a vote on the full motion, as amended (or not amended), and again the choice is between for, against or abstain.

At any point in the debate a member may ask (from the floor) to vote on referring a motion back to the relevant Committee. That member would have to explain their reasons and another member would have to second that proposal. The Chair may refuse that proposal or may put it to a vote, at their discretion.

Amendments will not be accepted from the floor if more than 10 members object, or if the Chair refuses to allow them. It is unusual for all other members to agree to hear

a proposed amendment from the floor, as this has not proved to be an effective way of deciding Party policy.

Yes

As a member you may vote at Conference providing that you have the red, green and white voting cards you were given at registration.

Please don't lose them! They are colour coded like traffic lights.

Any member who can't attend
Conference may delegate
another member to vote
on their behalf. This is called
a proxy vote. No member
may have more than eight
proxy votes.

SPEAKING

Any member may speak during a debate. If you think in advance that you'd like to speak, please fill in a speaking slip

and hand it in to the SOC table as soon as possible, giving a note of any expertise or special interest you have in the topic. This will allow the

Chair to ensure an equal number of speeches for and against, and to give priority to those with background knowledge of the subject, rather than just those who are better at catching the Chair's eye.

If you wish to respond to a point being made during the debate, raise your hand and you will be called if there's time. Please do not speak unless called on and you have the microphone. Because of the size of the auditorium and the number of people attending this year, there will be very little time for speakers who have not filled in a request to speak slip. You may ask a short question of the motion proposer – but this must be just that – a short question.

The Chair is there to ensure fair and smooth running of the session – please respect their authority.

FRINGES

Conference is not just the main sessions organised by the SGP. It is also the fringe meetings and stalls organised by outside groups, where new ideas flourish and where Party members listen to the concerns of campaigning and representative groups. Please take part in them. They are as much a part of Conference as the main sessions.

OFFICE BEARER REPORTS

There is a folder containing reference copies of office bearers reports and accounts at the Registration desk. Digital copies are also available.

LANYARDS / VOTING CARDS

Please keep close watch over your voting cards. Please also wear your lanyard at all times and remember to hand them back at the end of Conference.

DISABLED DELGATES

If you are planning to attend an event in the Royal George Hotel's Old Library, please speak to staff at the SGP registration desk at the Perth Concert Hall to verify the access door is open.

FIRST TIME AT CONFERENCE?

There is a special session for people new to Conference, which will be held at 11:30am on Friday in room Norrie Miller 1.

TWITTER

The Twitter hashtag for Conference is **#sgpconf**

FURTHER INFORMATION

For any further information about Conference, please ask at the Registration desk.

CHILD PROTECTION AT CONFERENCE

SGP considers all persons under the age of 18 children for the purposes of this policy.

As an organisation that has members as young as twelve, we have a duty to inform and support all our members in upholding our child protection policy. The following will help you to know what to look for and what to do if you have any concerns during Conference.

What constitutes a risk?

- Witnessing an incident involving a child that causes you concern
- A child tells you they are being abused or neglected or are at risk of being abused or neglected
- Someone tells you that a child is at risk of abuse or neglect, even if the child has no connection to the SGP.

What do I need to do?

If a child tells you they are at actual or potential risk:

- Take them seriously
- Don't ask unnecessary questions
- Don't promise to keep the information confidential
- Make a note using the child's

- words and date them
- Contact your branch convenor, the Child Rights Volunteer or local social work department
- Don't contact the child's parents/guardian
- Don't attempt to investigate the situation
- If you are concerned about the immediate safety of a child, contact the police.

If you suspect an adult or child is posing a risk to child protection:

- Contact your branch convenor or the Child Rights Volunteer
- If you are concerned about the immediate safety of a child, contact the police.

We all have goals and dreams but how do we get there? Can we do this in a socially responsible way whilst also making a difference to a charity close to our hearts?

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We are working to build a more inclusive democracy in Scotland.

To find out more including how we can provide funding for disabled candidates visit our stall and fringe event on

Sunday 23rd, 12:45pm

in Norrie Miller Room 1



Our voices Our choices

Access to Politics for Disabled People in Scotland

Access to Elected Office Fund Scotland

Or visit www.inclusionscotland.org/a2p

FRIDAY

WORKSHOPS

12:00-1:15pm

BREXIT

OLD RESTAURANT (G)

Join Ross Greer MSP and a group of experts on the Brexit situation as we consider the SGP's position on the negotiations and Scotland's unique situation. This is a great opportunity for members wanting to find out more about the fallout from the referendum on June 23rd and those with ideas about how we ensure the unique Green perspective is at the heart of the debate.

HOW DO LOCAL AUTHORITIES WORK?

NORRIE MILLER 1

What services do councils run? How are they paid for? How are decisions made? Who actually runs councils? And what difference can one or two Green councillors make? Join us to look at all of these questions and more!

With Councillor Steve Burgess, Convenor of the Green Group of Councillors in Edinburgh and Green MSP and Stirling Councillor Mark Ruskell

STRUCTURAL REVIEW

NORRIE MILLER 2

Come and contribute to the party's review of structures and processes! As the party grows it depends on its members not just to achieve things, but to decide how things should be achieved. This session (which is repeated on Saturday – 10:45am, Norrie Miller 1) aims to gather views on organisation, communication and decision-making.

CAMPAIGN TOOLKIT: Canvassing

MORNING ROOM (G)

This session explains why canvassing door-to-door is a crucial part of winning elections. It will provide participants with the practical knowhow and the skills and confidence to make canvassing a success. Facilitated by Allan Faulds

CAMPAIGN TOOLKIT:

Distributing materials

OLD LIBRARY (G)

Now that you've got that box of 10,000 leaflets back from the printers, how do you organise local members and helpers to deliver them? How do you draw up leaflet runs and maps? And what practical tips do you need to get the material to the people you want to read it? Led by Councillor Ian Baxter

FRINGE EVENTS

5:45-6:45pm

CLIMATE CHANGE KEY ISSUES FOR THE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Fire Brigades Union

OLD RESTAURANT (G)

Climate change is a critical issue for the fire and rescue service. It will increase the risk of grassland and forest fires, floods, including from surface water, rivers and sea. It will affect the supply and availability of water and may give rise to more extreme weather events. The service needs the staff, resources and equipment to tackle the impact of climate change. There is no logic to job cuts and shutting fire stations when these risks are likely to increase in the years ahead. Chair: FBU Regional Chair Gordon McQuade

STANDING UP FOR SCOTTISH EDUCATION

FIS

NORRIE MILLER 1

You are invited to join EIS President, Margaret Smith, and Vice-President Nicola Fisher in discussing the key issues facing the Scottish Education system. Subjects range from Early Years to Higher Education and will cover issues including teacher workload, tackling poverty and the attainment gap. The EIS is pleased to

be joined by Ross Greer MSP from the Scottish Green Party. The panel will provide their insights on the future challenges and direction of Scottish Education.

CRUELTY ON SCOTLAND'S GROUSE MOORS: WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

League Against Cruel Sports Scotland / OneKind

NORRIE MILLER 2

A new report by the League Against Cruel Sports Scotland and OneKind has revealed the extent of snaring across Scotland's grouse moors, whilst raptor persecution continues to create controversy. Can snaring and driven grouse shooting be banned? Are there more sustainable land uses for our uplands? Join Mark Ruskell MSP and NGO speakers to debate this key issue.

FUTURES NOT BACKGROUNDS:

Can higher education deliver a fairer Scotland?

Universities Scotland

OLD LIBRARY (G)

Widening access to higher education is a top priority for universities. Join us to find out more about our plans to close the attainment gap and create more opportunities for everyone who has the potential to benefit from university.

Speakers: Patrick Harvie MSP; Professor Pete Downes, Principal, University of Dundee; Rebecca Gaukroger, Director of Admissions, University of Edinburgh; Gary Donaldson, student from Edinburgh Napier University.

Buffet with wine will be available.

SOCIAL SCIENCE WITH PROF CHIM LANG

British Heart Foundation

MCGREGOR (G)

Come along to Social Science by BHF Scotland for a relaxed event that will look at the work of BHF funded Professor Chim Lang at the University of Dundee and how it is changing lives in Scotland and across the world.

Food and beverages provided.

CEILIDH

7:30pm for 8pm

WELCOME TO CONFERENCE CEILIDH

BALLROOM (G)

Join us for a night of dancing and music with the band Karys, Neeps and Tatties! Based in nearby Dunkeld, Karys Watts is a highly respected fiddle player with several ceilidh bands.

Tickets £5 on the door or from merchandising stall.

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SATURDAY

10:45-11:45pm

WORKSHOPS

POLICY PANEL: How do we empower school communities and close the attainment gap?

MAIN AUDITORIUM

The gap in attainment between pupils in Scotland's most and least deprived households is stark. Whilst making the closure of this gap the measurement by which they want to be judged, the Scottish Government is proposing reorganising education, creating new 'regional authorities' and giving money directly to schools. Will this help create equality in our schools or is this centralisation branded as decentralisation?

SWORDS INTO PLOUGHSHARES?

How workers can make industry socially useful: the Lucas Aerospace Alternative Plan 40 years on

BALLROOM (G)

Forty years ago, workers at arms manufacturer Lucas Aerospace came up with a radical plan to stop making weapons and to make socially useful products instead. This demonstrated how, even in the 'defence industry', a democratic economy could save

jobs and work for peace and social benefit. Hilary Wainwright, editor of Red Pepper, author of The Lucas Plan and Reclaim the State:

Experiments in Popular Democracy, reflects on the possibilities for economic democracy and the transition to socially useful production.

POLICY PANEL: Building a fairer, greener food system

OLD RESTAURANT (G)

How do we build on current food policy to continue pushing for a sustainable food system for Scotland? What are the key issues we need to focus on and what are the best policy levers for making effective change? This will be a wide-ranging discussion of what strategic priorities can ensure green policies continue to help improve our food system.

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SCOTTISH DISABLED GREENS:

The road to inclusion

NORRIE MILLER 2

Join us for a presentation from Disabled History Scotland, followed by a discussion session on the best way to promote equality and inclusion for disabled people, both within and outwith the SGP.

CAMPAIGN TOOLKIT: Canvassing MORNING ROOM (G)

This session explains why canvassing door-to-door is a crucial part of winning elections and will provide participants with the practical know-how, the skills and the confidence to make canvassing a success. Facilitated by Allan Faulds

CAMPAIGN TOOLKIT: Running an effective ward campaign

OLD LIBRARY (G)

To win a local election you need to organise effectively. This session sets out all the building blocks of a winning ward campaign, with examples of materials, successful strategies and organisational tips. Led by Councillor Gavin Corbett

RAINBOW GREENS AGM

MCGREGOR (G)

The Rainbow Greens AGM will include a catch-up on the past year's events and election of 2016/17 committee.

Speakers: Rainbow Greens committee; Youth activist, SGP member and policy officer for HIV Scotland Liam Beattie

2017 LOCAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING

MUSEUM LECTURE HALL

(PERTH MUSEUM)

The local elections in May 2017 offer our best chance yet to get Green councillors elected across Scotland and to truly transform local government. Come to this session to help stress-test messaging, try out some campaign techniques and get stuck in to organising our biggest ever local election campaign.

FRINGE EVENTS

12:00-1:00pm

EQUALLY PROTECTED -

Do our children have full legal protection from assault in Scotland?

Barnardo's Scotland, NSPCC Scotland and Children 1st

MAIN AUDITORIUM

Children are currently the only people in Scotland who are not fully protected against physical assault by law. This fringe event will explore the issue of Equal Protection for Scotland's children using academic research, health expertise and the voices of children themselves. Panel: John Finnie MSP; Alison Wales, Senior Researcher, NSPCC Scotland; Cathy McCulloch, Children's Parliament; Dr Lucy Reynolds, Paediatric specialist. Chair: Alison Todd, Chief Executive, Children 1st

BREXIT:

Options for Scotland

Law Society of Scotland

OLD RESTAURANT (G)

The Scottish Government has pledged to explore all options to secure Scotland's place in the EU and the Single Market. What options are there for Scotland? From a Green perspective, what opportunities and threats would any

Brexit alternatives bring? Join us for a debate on the future of Scotland's place in the world.

LIVING WAGE, FAIR WORK AND ENDING POVERTY

UNISON / Poverty Alliance
NORRIE MILLER 1

UNISON is the public services union. Our members tackle the causes and consequences of poverty. Work is vital in tackling poverty. Six in ten children who live in poverty have a parent in work. Poverty Alliance is the national anti-poverty network in Scotland. They lead the Living Wage campaign. This fringe brings the organisations together to discuss fair work, a living wage and its role in an anti-poverty strategy, and ending poverty in Scotland. Speakers include: Lilian Macer, Convener, UNISON Scotland: Peter Kelly, Head of Poverty Alliance. Chair: Andy Wightman, MSP

WE'RE ON BOARD FOR THE BUS CHARTER!

RNIB

NORRIE MILLER 2

People with sight loss depend on public transport more than most. But too often bus services are simply inaccessible to them. They can't see the bus number or destination until it has almost passed them; they don't know when their stop is coming up and timetable information is often

too small to read. Yet it's not hard to change this. Find out how RNIB's Bus Charter aims to make buses more accessible – so all people, and all communities, can benefit. Speakers: Alison Johnstone MSP (Spokesperson for Health); Councillor Martha Wardrop (Glasgow City Council); Sandra Wilson (chair, RNIB Scotland). Chair: James Adams (campaigns manager, RNIB Scotland). Wine and buffet provided.

CHANGE YOUR WORLD Investing Green MORNING ROOM (G)

We all have goals and dreams but how do we get there? Can we do this in a socially responsible way, whilst also making a difference to a charity close to our hearts? Craig Richardson is an authorised and regulated financial adviser and stockbroker and will be talking about some of the challenges and solutions to this.

CAN SCOTS RUN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES?

Our Democracy – act as if we own the place Electoral Reform Society

OLD LIBRARY (G)

Join Electoral Reform Society Scotland to discuss the growing movement in Scotland for people to have control over their own lives and communities. How do we help build local structures and shape institutions, new and old, to allow real democracy to flourish? Lunch provided

SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION SURGERY

The Electoral Commission and The Electoral Management Board for Scotland

MCGREGOR (G)

With Scotland gearing up for the Local Authority elections in May next year, this session provides an opportunity for conference delegates to quiz electoral officials on how the elections will be run and to familiarise themselves with the rules which must be followed by anyone planning to campaign in the election.

Panel includes: Mary Pitcaithly, Scotland's Elections Convener; Andy O'Neill, Head of Electoral Commission, Scotland. Chair John McCormick, Electoral Commissioner for Scotland, A buffet lunch will be provided.

FOODBANKS:

The stories behind the statistics

Trussell Trust

MUSEUM LECTURE HALL

(PERTH MUSEUM)

Behind every statistic is a person with a story to tell. This event provides the opportunity to hear from the real experts of food poverty, as they share their stories and ideas to help create a society where food poverty becomes a part of history.

Speakers: A number of former foodbank clients will share their stories. Chair: Ewan Gurr, Scotland Network Manager, The Trussell Trust

WORKSHOPS

3:45-4:45pm

POLICY PANEL: Planning and housing development

MAIN AUDITORIUM

Land is limited – we can't make more. So how do we decide how to use it in a fair way? This session will explore a Scottish Green approach to community empowerment, people's voices in the planning system, affordable housing and local democracy.

Panel: Andy Wightman MSP; Clare Symonds, Planning Democracy; Malcom Fraser, architect. Chair: Alison Johnstone MSP



SCOTTISH YOUNG GREENS

BALLROOM (G)

With youth participation a vital part of our party, and an ever-changing political landscape, join us to discuss how we can be a nationally active, positive, energetic movement for the future.

FOLLOW UP SESSION: Food

OLD RESTAURANT (G)

For those who'd like to go into more detail on policy development coming out of the morning's session.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

NORRIE MILLER 1

Panel discussion with feminist, disability and ethnic minority campaigners, on how the SGP can become more diverse and inclusive. Introduction by speakers followed by a practical discussion.

HOW THE WEST WAS WON

NORRIE MILLER 2

West of Scotland campaign manager Zeyn Mohammed and Ross Greer MSP will discuss how we elected our first ever Green in the region from a near standing start and how the lessons learnt can be replicated across the country.

OPEN SPACE

MORNING ROOM (G)

OPEN SPACE

OLD LIBRARY (G)

If conference isn't providing an opportunity to talk about your burning issues, these sessions are for you. Open space allows those who attend to set the agenda and create new conversations around it.

FOLLOW UP SESSION: education

MUSEUM LIBRARY

(PERTH MUSEUM)

For those who'd like to go into more detail on policy development coming out of the morning's session.

5:00-6:15PM

POLICY PANEL:

Community empowerment

MAIN AUDITORIUM

With the Community Empowerment Act due to come into force soon and with Scottish Government proposals to decentralise local authority functions, this session will provide delegates with the opportunity to debate what is meant by community empowerment and how to use new powers to build sustainable communities.

GREEN COUNCILLORS: Making a difference

BALLROOM (G)

This session will review achievements and highlights from Green councillors in both Scotland and England; discuss the challenges and opportunities Green councillors will face in the future and show what can be achieved by lone councillors or small groups.

Speakers: Councillor Ian Baxter, Midlothian Council; Councillor Andrew Stringer from Mid Suffolk DC. Chair: Councillor Melanie Main.

HUSTINGS FOR INTERNAL ELECTIONS

OLD RESTAURANT (G)

All members will soon be asked to vote for members of national committees. This session is

designed to let you to ask questions of candidates to Convene or Vice Convene the national committees. Candidates for ordinary member posts will also be invited to attend to introduce themselves.

FOLLOW UP SESSION: Planning

NORRIE MILLER 1

For those who'd like to go into more detail on policy development coming out of the morning's session.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

NORRIE MILLER 2

The Women's Network have been looking at the barriers to women being able to have their voices properly represented. We invite women to a discussion about how we can model an alternative approach within the SGP, by drawing on international good practice and considering internal developments such as the development of a rigorous equalities impact assessment.

MEET THE EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL GREENS

MORNING ROOM (G)

The International Committee is hosting a Q&A session with Giz Watson, Australian Greens, and Joline Suijkerbuijk, European Green Party (EGP). Learn about our most important international networks. The EGP meets in Glasgow from

2nd-4th December; the Global Greens Congress will be in Liverpool 30th March to 2nd April 2017.

OPEN SPACE

OLD LIBRARY (G)

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MCGREGOR (G)

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RURAL BRANCHES – THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES

MUSEUM LIBRARY

(PERTH MUSEUM)

Rural branches face particular issues which are unique to their geography. This session will look at these and by sharing experiences, seek to develop solutions to some of these difficulties as well as building contacts between rural members from different branches.

SOCIAL

8:30pm

FILM: THE DIVIDE

BALLROOM (G)

Inspired by *The Spirit Level* by Richard Atkinson and Kate Pickett, this award-winning documentary film shows the damaging effects of wealth and income inequality at all levels in society. People from different backgrounds tell their stories and reveal how inequality harms both rich and poor.

PUB QUIZ

BAR (G)

Following on from the success of the pub quiz at Spring Conference, the Young Greens are taking charge this time in aid of target to win council candidates who fit into the 18-30 bracket. Including rounds such as 'Star Wars or Curry?' will we see a return of the Dolfinnies? Will team Falkirk be back to make some noise? And whose turn is it for the wooden spoon? Entry: £3 per person

SUNDAY

WORKSHOPS

9:30-10:15am

Q&A WITH PARLIAMENTARIANS

MAIN AUDITORIUM

Come along and quiz our six MSPs.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Get together with other members from your region to plan next year's local authority campaign.

LOTHIAN

BALLROOM (G)

GLASGOW

OLD RESTAURANT (G)

CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND SOUTH SCOTLAND

NORRIE MILLER 1

MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE

NORRIE MILLER 2

NORTH EAST SCOTLAND

MORNING ROOM (G)

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

OLD LIBRARY (G)

WEST SCOTLAND

MCGREGOR (G)

11:30-12:30pm

GREEN YES Answering the unanswered questions

MAIN AUDITORIUM

In 2014, we offered an alternative vision of an independent Scotland. The Green Yes campaign rejected a future built on oil and tax breaks and offered a greener, fairer Scotland. But with a No vote, crucial questions over currency, monarchy, defence and Europe remain unanswered. How do we answer them and win the next referendum?

POLICY PANEL: Climate change – what's working?

BALLROOM (G)

This panel aims to look at challenges and opportunities we have in continuing to refine and develop robust, effective climate change policies; how we communicate them and how we put them into action in our local authorities. We'll also take a look at issues around how our stance and action on climate change is presented internally and externally.

BREXIT: What next for the SGP?

OLD RESTAURANT (G)

The International Committee invites you to a discussion-based workshop exploring members' thinking on the aftermath of the Brexit vote. Should SGP focus be on keeping Scotland in Europe and

SUNDAY PROGRAMME

seeking European Greens' support? Or should we also look at policy relevant to Scotland outside of Europe, to maintain standards on environmental regulation, workers' rights and human rights?

CAMPAIGN TOOLKIT: Running an effective ward campaign

NORRIE MILLER 1

To win a local election you need to organise effectively. This session sets out all the building blocks of a winning ward campaign, with examples of materials, successful strategies and organisational tips. Led by Councillor Gavin Corbett

CAMPAIGN TOOLKIT:

Distributing materials

NORRIE MILLER 2

Now that you've got that box of 10,000 leaflets back from the printers, how do you organise local members and helpers to deliver them? How do you draw up leaflet runs and maps? And what practical tips do you need to get the material to the people you want to read it? Led by Councillor Ian Baxter

CONFERENCE FEEDBACK AND 2017 PLANNING

MCGREGOR (G)

What has been your Conference experience? What would you like to see at Spring Conference? Your feedback will help to improve our future conferences.

FRINGE EVENTS

12:45-1:45pm

ASK ONCE, GET HELP FAST

Scottish Association for Mental Health

NORRIE MILLER 2

Join SAMH and Alison Johnstone MSP to discuss the new Mental Health Strategy, and what is needed to ensure it lives up to expectations. Lunch will be provided.

ACCESS TO POLITICS: Making party activity and elected office more inclusive for disabled people

Inclusion Scotland

MORNING ROOM (G)

Inclusion Scotland is running a pilot Access to Elected Office Fund for Scotland, which offers financial assistance to disabled people seeking selection/election as candidates for the 2017 Local Authority elections. It also offers non-financial advice and support to disabled political activists of any kind.

This event will tell you more about the fund, give examples of the support we are offering, and give you some basic information on how to be more inclusive of disabled people in politics.

AFTER BREXIT, WHERE NOW FOR THE SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT?

Common Weal

MCGREGOR (G)

Brexit has thrown the possibility of Scottish independence back into the limelight, but polls show Scots to still be jittery about the prospect. How can we build a convincing and winnable case for independence? The Common Weal has launched The White Paper Project – a series of reports aimed at renewing the case for Scottish independence and has also published a new book, Determination, about strategy for the independence movement. Join the event to find out about the Common Weal's work, as well as upcoming plans for the Scottish Independence Convention – a cross-party coalition for independence, including Greens. Speakers: Robin McAlpine, Common Weal; Mike Small, Bella Caledonia; Maggie Chapman, SGP co-convenor.

Chair: Sarah Beattie-Smith

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EXHIBITORS

Barnardos

Our organisation works with vulnerable children and families across Scotland to prevent abuse and exploitation, and offers support to children to overcome the effects of trauma and adversity. We also seek to work with the Scottish Parliament and others to bring about positive change.

barnardos.org.uk



Breast Cancer Care

Breast Cancer Care is the only specialist UK-wide charity providing support for women, men, family and friends affected by breast cancer. We've been caring for them, supporting them, and campaigning on their behalf since 1973. We offer reliable information and support from nurses and people who've been there.

breastcancercare.org.uk



British Heart Foundation

Coronary heart disease is Scotland's single biggest killer. Despite great advancements in treatment and a focus on prevention, more than 6,500 people died from it in Scotland in 2015. The BHF are leading the fight against heart and circulatory disease by funding world-class research across Scotland.

bhf.org.uk



Business for Scotland

Business for Scotland is an agenda-setting, political party neutral business network and business policy think tank for pro-independence business professionals. Business for Scotland went from a standing start to being perhaps the best funded, supported, resourced and most effective associated group in the independence campaign.

businessforscotland.co.uk



Children First

Our organisation works with vulnerable children and families across Scotland to prevent abuse and exploitation, and offers support to children to overcome the effects of trauma and adversity. We also seek to work with the Scottish Parliament and others to bring about positive change.

children1st.org.uk



Common Weal

Common Weal is a 'think and do tank' campaigning for social and economic equality in Scotland. Our goal is to campaign for social, economic and environmental sustainability with a vibrant community and cultural life, widespread democratic participation, a high quality of life and cooperative working.

allofusfirst.org

COMMON WEAL

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Educational Institute of Scotland

The EIS is Scotland's largest teaching trade union with around 55,000 members employed in nursery, primary, special, secondary, further and higher education. The EIS represents over 80% of all teachers and lecturers in Scotland and campaigns to protect and improve their pay and conditions of service, as well as seeking to promote "sound learning" across all sectors www.eis.org.uk

Electrical Safety First

Electrical Safety First is the consumer charity dedicated to reducing deaths and injuries caused by electrical accidents. We are recognised by government and industry as the leading campaigning charity and technical authority on electrical safety. Our aim is to ensure everyone in Scotland can use electricity safely.

electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk



The Educational Institute of Scotland

EXHIBITORS

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Electoral Commission

Our remit includes elections to the Scottish Parliament, UK Parliament and European Parliament. One of our key aims is to ensure that the views of Scottish stakeholders contribute to all aspects of our work. This ensures that distinctive Scottish procedures and practices are taken into account and reflected in Commission-wide activities.

electoralcommission.org.uk/

The Electoral Commission

Electoral Management Board for Scotland

The Electoral Management Board for Scotland has a key role in delivering electoral events in Scotland. Returning Officers and Electoral Registration Officers drawn from across the country lead and support their colleagues to coordinate elections and referendums in order to give results in which the voter can have full confidence.

electionsscotland.info



Electoral Reform Society Scotland

The Electoral Reform Society Scotland is an independent campaigning organisation working to champion the rights of voters and build a better democracy in Scotland. We work across the political divide with all the parties, with local campaigners and with civil society to put voters at the heart of Scottish politics.

electoral-reform.org.uk

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Fire Brigades' Union

The Fire Brigades' Union is the democratic and professional voice of firefighters across the UK. The FBU represents over 90% of the uniformed staff in the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service. Our members are frontline public service workers covering all roles including emergency control staff, officers and firefighters working the retained duty system.

FIRE BRIGADES UNION

Inclusion Scotland

A leading national disabled people's organisation, working to ensure that the voices of disabled people are heard in the policy and decision making process, and working to remove barriers to a more inclusive society. We are a leading provider of advice on policy relating to disabled people at Scottish Parliament and local authority level, and of engagement activity and coproduction with disabled people.

inclusion scotland.org



Our voices Our choices

Investing Green

Investing Green offers access to a range of socially responsible focused portfolios that do not compromise your investment goals. Each of the portfolios is available for direct investment, through your ISA, or General Investment Account. You have the option to take financial advice or let Investing Green help you understand which portfolio could most closely meet your goals.

investinggreen.co.uk



John Clark Motor Group

Here at John Clark Motor Group, we're a family run and owned car dealership business that proudly represents wellknown automotive brands across Scotland. The business was first started over 37 years ago by our current Chairman, John Clark, with a single second hand sports car dealership and today the business has grown to 33 businesses.

john-clark.co.uk



Law Society of Scotland

The Law Society of Scotland is the professional body for over 11,000 solicitors, established in 1949. We have an overarching objective of leading legal excellence, and strive to excel and to be a world-class professional body. We set and uphold standards to ensure the provision of excellent legal services and ensure the public can have confidence in Scotland's legal profession.

lawscot.org.uk



EXHIBITORS

League Against Cruel Sport Scotland

The League Against Cruel Sports campaigns against cruelty to animals inflicted in the name of sport. We are a growing organisation in Scotland – please stop by our stall to find out more.

league.org.uk



Nourish

Nourish Scotland is working for food justice in Scotland. Our distinctive contribution is that we read across food issues – environment, health, inequality and social justice, and the local food economy. We also link the levels, supporting grassroots community efforts and influencing national policy and legislation – and using each to inform the other.

nourishscotland.org.uk



NSPCC

Our organisation works with vulnerable children and families across Scotland to prevent abuse and exploitation, and offers support to children to overcome the effects of trauma and adversity. We also seek to work with the Scottish Parliament and others to bring about positive change.

nspcc.org.uk



OneKind exists to end cruelty to Scotland's wildlife, pets and other animals through campaigns, research and education. Based in Edinburgh, our work is focused on Scotland's wildlife, pets and lab animals. We also work across the UK and internationally in partnership with other animal welfare organisations.

onekind.org





Royal National Institute of Blind People Scotland

RNIB Scotland helps blind and partially sighted people of all ages live as fully and independently as possible. We provide advice, support, training, equipment and transcribe books and other materials. We also campaign to improve sight loss prevention.

rnib.org.uk/scotland



RSPB Scotland

RSPB Scotland is the charity that promotes the conservation of birds and other wildlife. We carry out scientific research, education, land management and policy advocacy. We're here to talk about taking action on wildlife crime. Come by and show your support!

rspb.org.uk/scotland



Scottish Association for Mental Health

SAMH operates over 60 services in communities across Scotland, providing mental health social care support and homelessness, addictions and employment services, among others. These services, together with our national programme work in See Me, respectme, suicide prevention, sport and physical activity, all go to inform our policy and campaign work to influence positive social change.

samh.org.uk



Scottish Police Federation

The SPF is the staff association that represents over 99% of the police officers in Scotland. We currently have over 18,500 members. With a remit for both the welfare of our members and efficiency of the service, we are the only statutory consultative body for the police service in Scotland.

0300 303 0027 www.spf.org.uk @scotspolfed



EXHIBITORS

Trussell Trust

The Trussell Trust partners with communities to launch foodbanks that provide a minimum of three days' nutritionally-balanced food to men, women and children experiencing crisis. People are referred to foodbanks by frontline statutory and voluntary organisations and supported towards sustainable living. The simple gift of food and support changes lives.

trusselltrust.org



UNISON Scotland

We are Scotland's largest public service union, with over 150,000 members delivering Scotland's local government services; healthcare; further and higher education; police support; energy, water and community and voluntary services. Public Works is our campaign for a fair society, with vital public services delivered by trained and properly-resourced in-house teams.

unison-scotland.org.uk



Universities Scotland

Universities Scotland is the representative body of Scotland's 19 higher education institutions. We develop higher education policy and campaign on issues where our members have a shared interest. We are proud to represent every higher education institution in Scotland and to speak on their behalf on issues that affect Scotland's world-class sector.

universitiesscotland.ac.uk





WWF Scotland

As part of a global network, WWF Scotland finds positive solutions to today's most pressing environmental challenges. Our work focuses on Scotland achieving the full benefits of its world-leading climate change ambitions and of protecting our amazing seas.

wwf.org.uk/scotland



Get involved!

2017 will see our biggest ever Local Authority campaign. We've a real chance of electing Greens who will deliver all over Scotland – and we need your help!

Get involved locally

Local branches are the backbone of our party. For details visit **members.greens.scot** or contact the SGP office (details below).

Recruit other members!

Invite family, friends or colleagues who might be interested in the Greens to make that next step.

Make a donation Unlike big parties we don't get any state funding and our policies tend not to attract huge corporate donors! We rely on individuals like yourself. It's easy to donate to one of our crowdfunder appeals – see our newsletters or

visit **greens.scot**. You can also help build our national campaign fund by joining the Holyrood Club – forms can be found at the registration desk.

Make use of your skills

The Party is mostly run by volunteers. Everyone has skills that the Party values, either at local or national level. Whether you're professionally qualified, or simply have time to stuff envelopes, your help is invaluable!

Become a social media activist

Like and share on Twitter,
Facebook, Tumblr, Instagram and
more – or even write a blog.
We'd love you to tell the world
about your campaign
experiences and connect with
other Greens! More details are
at greens.scot/get-involved.
Be sure to tag any campaigning
with the hashtag #ActiveSGP

Thank you for attending!

Please let us know what you thought of conference. Look out for our online feedback survey, which will arrive by email straight after conference. By filling it in you can help make next year's even better!

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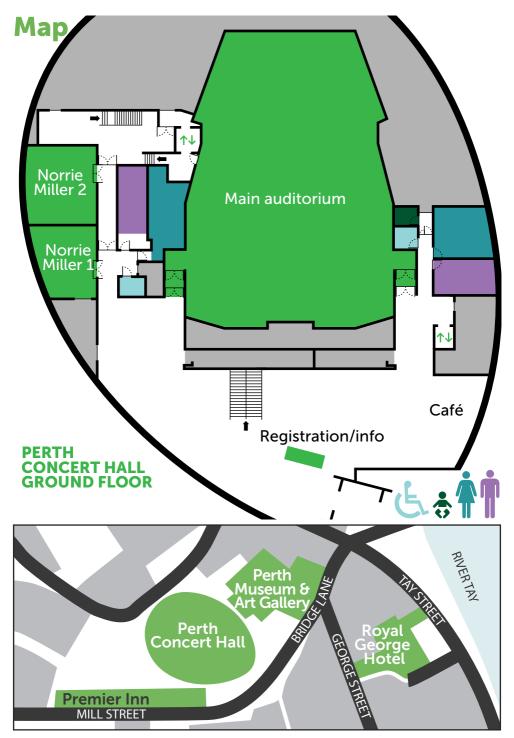


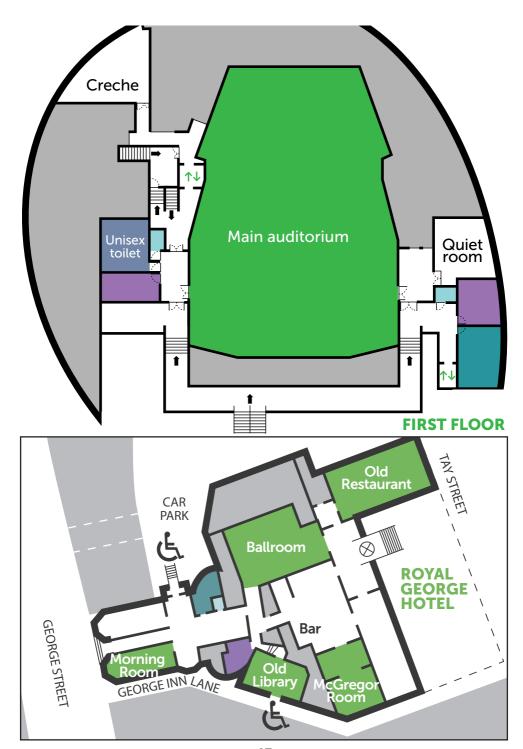
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