

Is Scotland Living Well Locally?



COSLA Annual Conference & Exhibition 2023

Thursday 28 - Friday 29 September
Crieff Hydro Hotel, Perthshire

Foreword



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As COSLA's President and Vice President we are delighted that the COSLA Annual Conference is back in person – for the first time since 2019.

This year's event – on 28 and 29 September at Crieff Hydro - will provide the key forum to explore the question **"Is Scotland living well locally?"** As one of the keynote events of the year, we will bring together a range of experts – from Scotland, UK and Europe, and across a range of sectors - all focused on examining what more Scottish Local Government and its partners can do to achieve better outcomes for our communities.

Local Government in Scotland plays a vital role, delivering essential services like education, social care, and transport, supporting the most vulnerable in our communities, growing local economies, helping us all to 'Live Well Locally'.

As the sphere of Government closest to communities, Local Government listens to the needs of our communities and is there to support individuals, families and businesses during times of need - during the Covid pandemic, this role quite literally saved lives and livelihoods.

But we all know that there is more to do – to tackle child poverty, to support a just transition to net zero, and to ensure public services are sustainable into the future.

To examine the question **"Is Scotland Living Well Locally?"** this year's conference will focus on:

- How we work with our partners across Scotland and the UK.
- Our relationship with Governments and Parliaments.
- Learning from others, how Local Government can improve the way it connects with individuals, communities and businesses.
- How Local Government and partners can build on experiences during COVID to put person - centred services at the heart of public service reform.
- How Local Government Leaders can lead effectively during times of significant change and constrained resources.
- Learning from our European and International Local Government partners.
- Examining what the data is telling us, and how it can be used to inform the future of public services.

The Annual Conference in 2023 will run from Thursday, 28 through to Friday, 29 September, with the **Excellence Awards** Ceremony and Dinner taking place on Thursday, 28 September 2023.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of this essential debate - book your place now.

Conference Information

The 2023 Fee includes:

As a member Authority, attending as a full residential conference delegate will cost **£475** plus VAT.

Included in the full residential conference delegate fee is one night's accommodation on Thursday 28 September, the fee also including attendance at the COSLA Excellence Awards, Pre-Dinner Reception, Dinner and Ceremony on Thursday 28 September. It also includes attendance at all Conference sessions including tea/coffee and lunches on 28 and 29 September.

Plenary Sessions

The conference will start at 9.30a.m. on Thursday 28 September and concludes at 2.00p.m on Friday 29 September. This is your chance to contribute to the debate on key issues in Scotland.

The conference is an invaluable opportunity to network in an informal situation.

Accommodation

This year's event will be held at the Crieff Hydro Hotel in Perthshire and it is anticipated that all conference delegates will be accommodated within the Hotel.

All accommodation must be booked through COSLA by Monday 28 August 2023.

We are unable to guarantee places for forms received after this date.

For further information regarding the Hotel or accommodation, please contact Linda Bruce on 0131 474 9228 or email Linda@cosla.gov.uk.

Hotel Information

Set in dramatic Perthshire countryside above the market town of Crieff, our estate is just an hour from both Glasgow and Edinburgh and 30 minutes from Perth. It's the perfect venue to get some quality fresh air with breathtaking country views without asking everyone to travel too far.

Delegate Attendance Options

The following flexible attendance options allow you to attend the conference on a basis which best suits your needs. These changes are in response to customer demand and reflect delegates' increasing workplace commitments. Please read the options and mark your choices on the booking form.

OPTION 1

Full residential conference delegate

Accommodation on 28 September and attendance at all sessions, including tea/coffee and lunches on 28 and 29 September. Pre-Dinner Reception, Awards Ceremony and Dinner, on 28 September.

OPTION 2

Day delegate on Thursday 28 September

Attendance at all sessions, tea/coffee and lunch on 28 September. Does NOT include accommodation or attendance at dinner.

OPTION 3

Day delegate on Friday 29 September

Attendance at all sessions, tea/coffee and lunch on 29 September.

OPTION 4

Accommodation on Wednesday 27 September

Bed and breakfast at Crieff Hydro Hotel on the night of 27 September.

OPTION 5

Accommodation on Thursday 28 September

Bed and breakfast at Crieff Hydro Hotel on the night of 28 September.

OPTION 6

Pre-Dinner Reception Excellence Awards Ceremony and Dinner on Thursday 28 September

Attendance at the Pre-Dinner Reception, Excellence Awards Ceremony and Dinner on 28 September.

Exhibiting

The exhibition is an integral part of the Conference, attracting a wide variety of organisations working in the public, private and voluntary sectors. Refreshments will be served in the exhibition areas to ensure that exhibitors have the chance to meet with delegates.

Further information is available from **Katie Rice on 0131 474 9229 or email KatieR@cosla.gov.uk**.

Advertising

The official conference handbook contains essential programme and speaker information and is distributed to all delegates attending the Conference. There is a limited amount of advertising space available in the handbook which will be A4 size and printed in full colour.

The following rates will apply:

Full page	£450 plus VAT
Half page	£300 plus VAT
Quarter page	£200 plus VAT

For technical specifications, please contact **Linda Bruce on 0131 474 9228 or email Linda@cosla.gov.uk**.

Sponsorship

Sponsoring one particular aspect of the conference brings its own list of benefits and related costs. Organisations may also contribute to the cost of one of the options shown opposite with recognition in the Conference Handbook.

For estimated costs or to discuss your contribution, **please contact Linda Bruce on 0131 474 9228 or email Linda@cosla.gov.uk**

OPTIONS

Excellence Awards Ceremony Dinner
Evening Pre-Dinner Reception
Lunch(es)
Refreshment Breaks
Complimentary Gifts
Delegate Writing Pads
Delegate Pens
Delegate Conference Bags

Promotional Literature

An opportunity exists to include promotional literature in the delegate bag at a cost of £300 + VAT per item. We would require you to supply approximately 300 copies or gifts.

Please contact **Linda Bruce on 0131 474 9228 or email Linda@cosla.gov.uk for further information.**

Delegate Booking Form

Please complete the undernoted form for each delegate attending and return it to **Linda Bruce** at COSLA, Verity House, 19 Haymarket Yards, Edinburgh, EH12 5BH. T: 0131 474 9228
E: Linda@cosla.gov.uk by **Monday 28 August 2023**.

Delegate Details

First Name	_____	Email	_____
Surname	_____	Address for Correspondence	_____
Job Designation	_____		_____
Organisation	_____		_____
Telephone	_____		_____

Attendance Options and Costs

Delegates are invited to 'pick and choose' the most appropriate options. For a description of all the options, please refer to the notes overleaf. We regret that **NO REFUNDS** can be made, although delegates may substitute, providing reasonable notice is given. It is also important to note that it is **NOT** possible for delegates to 'share' a conference place.

Prices are shown excluding VAT.

Full Conference Option (please tick)	Member*	Non-Member
1. Full residential conference delegate (includes everything listed below EXCEPT accommodation on 27 September)	<input type="checkbox"/> £475	<input type="checkbox"/> £550
2. Day delegate on Thursday 28 September	<input type="checkbox"/> £195	<input type="checkbox"/> £225
3. Day delegate on Friday 29 September	<input type="checkbox"/> £195	<input type="checkbox"/> £225
4. Accommodation on Wednesday 27 September	<input type="checkbox"/> £199	<input type="checkbox"/> £220
5. Accommodation on Thursday 28 September	<input type="checkbox"/> £199	<input type="checkbox"/> £220
6. Pre-Dinner Reception, Excellence Awards Ceremony and Dinner on Thursday 28 September	<input type="checkbox"/> £80	<input type="checkbox"/> £90

***Member** – Denotes Elected Members and Officers from Scotland's 32 Local Authorities

Payment

Please invoice my organisation

Authorised Signatory
(please print name) _____

Amount payable £ _____

Please add VAT at 20% £ _____

Total amount due to COSLA £ _____

A VAT Invoice will be sent separately and a confirmation letter closer to the date of the conference.

Special Requirements

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Visual?	
Access?	



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