



COSLA

Is Scotland Living Well Locally?

COSLA Annual Conference and Exhibition – 28 and 29 September 2023

<u>Thursday, 28 September – Day 1</u>			
Thursday	08.00am	Registration, Coffee and Exhibition Viewing <i>Refreshments Sponsored by Cornerstone</i>	Exhibition Area
	09.30am	Welcome from the Chair John MacKay Broadcaster, Journalists and Author	Melville
	09.35am	President's Address Councillor Shona Morrison President of COSLA	Melville
	9.50am	How Local Government can improve the way it connects with <u>communities</u> and <u>businesses</u> to help us address our shared priorities. PANEL SESSION Ellis Watson Chief Business Advisor to the First Minister Scottish Government Sarah Davidson Chief Executive Officer Carnegie UK Kirsteen Campbell Chief Executive Scottish SPCA	Melville
	10.30am	Refreshment and Exhibition Viewing <i>Refreshments Sponsored by Cornerstone</i>	Exhibition Area
	11.00am	Sharing Experiences, Learning from Others	Melville

		<p>Councillor Dermot Nicholl President Alternate Northern Ireland Local Government Association</p>	
	11:30am	<p>Leadership during times of significant change and constrained resources</p> <p>Graeme Roy Chair Scottish Fiscal Commission</p> <p>Followed by Panel Session</p> <p>Graeme Roy Chair Scottish Fiscal Commission</p> <p>Paul Johnston Chief Executive Officer Public Health Scotland</p> <p>Professor Angela O'Hagan WISE Centre for Economic Justice and Department of Social Sciences Glasgow Caledonian University</p>	Melville
	12:15	<p>Scotland Is My Home</p> <p>Dr. Debora Kayembe Rector The University of Edinburgh</p>	Melville
	12.45pm	Lunch and Exhibition Viewing	Meikle and Exhibition Area
	1.30pm	<p>Fringe Event 1 Building a Good Food Nation: Local Government on the Front Line Soil Association Scotland</p>	Drawing Room

1.30pm	Fringe Event 2 SGN - Facilitating a Hydrogen Ecosystem in Scotland SGN	Ferntower
1.30pm	Fringe Event 3 Scotland Loves Local – Adding Value to Local Places Scotland's Towns Partnership	Tasting Room
1.30pm	Fringe Event 4 How to Make Empty Homes Part of your Local Housing Strategy Scottish Empty Homes Partnership	Earn
2.15pm	Leading Change in Partnership to do our best together and inspire others Professor Norman Drummond CBE FRSE Founder Columba 1400 In Conversation with Sabir Zazai OBE Chief Executive Officer Scottish Refugee Council	Melville
2.55pm	Our Relationship with Governments and Parliaments Dr Jonathan Carr-West Chief Executive Local Government Information Unit Professor James Mitchell Politics and International Relations The University of Edinburgh	Melville
3.30pm	Refreshments and Exhibition Viewing	Exhibition Area

		<i>Refreshments Sponsored by Cornerstone</i>	
	4.00pm	Address by First Minister Humza Yousaf MSP First Minister of Scotland	Melville
	4.30pm	Keynote Address Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE Welsh Member of UK Sport	Melville
	5.15pm	Fringe Event 5 Delivering lasting value for Scotland – Crown Estate Scotland’s plans for 2030 and 2050 Crown Estate Scotland	Drawing Room
	5.15pm	Fringe Event 6 Successful Partnerships for Employability Enable Works	Tasting Room
	5.15pm	Close of Conference Day One	

EVENING PROGRAMME

	7.00pm	Pre-Dinner Reception	Ferntower
	7.30pm	Dinner	Melville
	9.30pm	COSLA Excellence Awards Ceremony Presented by Sally Magnusson	Melville

Friday, 29 September – Day 2

Friday	08.30am	Registration, Coffee and Exhibition Viewing <i>Refreshments Sponsored by Cornerstone</i>	Exhibition Area
	09.10am	Welcome from the Chair John MacKay Broadcaster, Journalists and Author	Melville
	9:15am	Political Mood Professor Sir John Curtice Professor of Politics University of Strathclyde/ScotCen Social Research	Melville
	9:45am	Public Mood in Relation to Public Services and Trust Dr Emily Gray Managing Director, Scotland Ipsos Public Affairs	Melville
	10:15am	Political Leadership Professor James Mitchell in Conversation with: Kezia Dugdale Director John Smith Centre (School of Social & Political Sciences) Aileen Campbell Chief Executive Officer Scottish Women's Football	Melville
	10:50am	Refreshments and Exhibition Viewing <i>Refreshments Sponsored by Cornerstone</i>	Exhibition Area

	The View of the Party Leaders		
	11:20am	<p>Political Party Session</p> <p>Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP Scottish Liberal Democrats</p> <p>Patrick Harvie MSP Scottish Green Party</p> <p>Michael Marra MSP Scottish Labour Party</p> <p>Shona Robison MSP Scottish National Party</p> <p>Douglas Ross MSP Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party</p>	Melville
	12.20pm	<p>Round Up of Conference and Closing Remarks</p> <p>Councillor Steven Heddle Vice President COSLA</p>	Melville Hall
	12.30pm	Lunch	Meikle
	1.15pm	Convention Pre-Meetings	
		SNP Pre-Meeting	Drawing Room
		Labour Pre-Meeting	Ferntower
		Conservative Pre-Meeting	Tasting Room
		Independent Pre-Meeting	Earn
		Greens Pre-Meeting	Ferntower Upper

		Liberal Democrats Pre-Meeting	Barvick
		Chief Executives Pre-Meeting	Melville
	1.45pm	Convention	Melville
	3.15pm	Close of Conference	Meikle