

## Conference description

This year's joint **EDAS** and **SLAED** conference will bring together professionals from public, private and third sectors to discuss reimagining and delivering economic development priorities after Brexit.

The format of the one-day conference is aimed to identify ways in which Scotland's economic development community could reimagine policy, economic prospects and how to approach preparing for Brexit with its future challenges.

Key note speakers in the morning and afternoon set the scene for interactive facilitated discussions.

As in previous years, the line-up of speakers includes notable thought leaders and senior practitioners, setting the scene for our discussion, interaction and identification of ideas and potential solutions.

**Register your place today!**

## Agenda

09:30 Coffee & Breakfast Rolls

10:00 Welcome

*Conference Chair: Elma Murray OBE, Chair, Young Scot*

10:10 Ministerial Address & Question Time

*Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills*

10:30 CoSLA Address

*Councillor Steven Heddle, Environment and Economy Spokesperson, CoSLA (video message)*

**10:45 Mini Coffee Break**

**11:00 Part 1: Policy Discussion Sessions - What Models of Economic Development and Collaboration do we Need Post Brexit?**

Facilitator-led conversation. Delegates have the opportunity to attend both sessions. Sessions run concurrently at 11:00 – 11:40 and are repeated at 11:45 – 12:25.

**Session A What Makes a Regional Economic Partnership?**

*Chair: Robert Pollock, Chair, EDAS*

*Geraldine Campbell, Policy Manager, Place Based Economic Development, Scottish Government*

*Neil MacLennan, Head of City Deals and Local Government, Scotland Office (invited)*

*Robin Presswood, Executive Director of City Development, Dundee City Council*

## **Session B Optimising Economic Outcomes through Partnership and Transformation**

*Chair: Elma Murray*

*Jim Savege, Chair, Economic Outcomes Programme Advisory Board and Chief Executive, Aberdeenshire Council*

*Pamela Smith, Chair, SLAED and Service Manager - Employment and Training, Falkirk Council*

*Alison Smith, Deputy Chair, SLAED and Service Leader - Strategic Policy and Economy, Angus Council*

**12:25 Comfort Break**

## **Part 2: Collaborating for a Productive and Inclusive Scottish Economy after Brexit**

*12:35 Stephen Boyle, Head of the Analytical Unit, Scottish Government*

*12:45 Nora Senior CBE, Chair, Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board and Chair, UK Regions and Ireland, Weber Shandwick*

*12:55 Stephen Boyle and Nora Senior in Conversation with Elma Murray in response to audience views and feedback from discussion sessions.*

**13:15 Lunch**

## **14:00 Part 3: Practice Discussion Sessions: What are we Doing to Prepare for Brexit?**

Facilitator-led conversation. Delegates have the opportunity to attend both sessions. Sessions run concurrently at, 14:00 – 14:40 and are repeated at, 14:45 – 15:25.

### **Session A Business**

*Chair: Robert Pollock, Chair, EDAS*

*Linda Murray - Head of Strategy Services, Scottish Enterprise*

*Susan Love, Policy Manager, FSB Scotland*

*David Scott, Senior Director, Tepnel - Pharma Services*

### **Session B Skills**

*Chair: Elma Murray*

*Chris Brodie, Lead Head of Skills Planning and Sector Development, Skills Development Scotland*

*Andrew Witty, Director of Sector Policy, Colleges Scotland*

*Marc Crothall, Chief Executive, Scottish Tourism Alliance*

**15:35 Comfort Break**

## **15:40 Part 4: Reimagining Scotland. Future Challenges: Leadership in a Time of Change**

Inclusive growth, industrial and enterprise policy, automation, AI...diverse views on what a future Scotland will look like.

Guest Panel

*Mike Cantlay, Chair, Scottish Funding Council*

*Rob Littlejohn, Head of Business, Scotland's Futures Forum*

*Dr Katherine Trebeck, Research Director, Wellbeing Economy Alliance. Her book, The Economics of Arrival: Ideas for a Grown Up Economy, is due out in early 2019.*

**16:15      Closing Remarks**

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