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The Festival of Politics has always placed people at the centre of politics, here in the unique and vibrant Scottish Parliament building.

And in our 10th year, the Festival of Politics programme is no exception. Our theme echoes the conversations happening in homes and places of work across the country, getting to the heart of the question: **What next for Scotland?**

We offer you a programme of informed opinion and balanced debate, with experts in their fields coming together in a thought-provoking and inspiring programme, tackling the key issues of the Referendum. From oil to currency, Europe to the economy and immigration to poverty, we're inviting you once again to come to Holyrood and be part of this exciting and important conversation.

And our Festival Café Bar will again open its doors and offer a range of food and drinks, music and comedy, as well as the space to continue the debates of the day.


The Festival of Politics is the place to be to discuss what next for Scotland. We'd be delighted to welcome you to the Scottish Parliament to have your say and discuss the big issues.

Rt Hon Tricia Marwick MSP
Presiding Officer

FRIDAY
15 AUGUST



Balancing the Books

16:30-18:00
£5.00/£3.50 

What is the future of public services in Scotland and can the public sector meet the ever increasing demands that are placed upon it? Following the Referendum, what is the future of our vital services: policing, health, social services and education? Join the debate with Chair **Professor Charlie Jeffrey** from the University of Edinburgh.

Defence

16:30-18:00
£5.00/£3.50

What are the key defence issues facing Scotland and the UK including the future of trident at Faslane? Join Chair **Peter Felstead**, Editor of *IHS Jane's Defence Weekly* and panellists as they discuss defence capability, the right mix of defence forces and international co-operation including NATO membership.

Food Security

16:30-18:00
£5.00/£3.50

Can Scotland feed itself in the future? Join Chair **Dr Alan Rowe**, Food Industry Specialist, Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen, and our panel of experts in this discussion forum to explore some of the key issues. Can we resolve the health and wealth paradox and what is the role of the food industry? What is the proportion of crop-based food that we could expect to sustainably produce in Scotland? What is the role of sustainable plant protein in a healthy diet?

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SATURDAY
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Black Gold

11:00-12:30
£5.00/£3.50

Poverty and Life Expectancy

11:00-12:30
£5.00/£3.50

Polls and Polling

11:30-13:00
£5.00/£3.50

The North Sea oil industry has been central to the debate on independence. Join our panel of experts who will look at the economic and wider societal implications of the “black gold” upon which almost every country in the world is critically dependent on. From exploration and extraction to tax revenues, this event will cover all the key issues. Chaired by ITV Border’s Political Editor, **Peter MacMahon**.

Scots have a lower life expectancy than the rest of the UK. Use of food banks has risen dramatically and poor diet is inextricably linked to low income and poverty. Chaired by **Polly Toynbee**, columnist for *The Guardian*, our panel of experts will consider the link between poverty and life expectancy and consider possible solutions.

Are we influenced by polls or do polls reflect the actual attitudes of Scottish people? More people are placing political bets now but are polls getting any more accurate in determining the results of votes? In a yes/no situation, do polls take on additional importance? Join Chair **Mandy Rhodes**, Editor of *Holyrood Magazine*, and the panel in this discussion.



SATURDAY
16 AUGUST

The Scottish Independence Referendum: To See Ourselves as Others See Us

13:30-15:00
FREE

Political Strategy

13:30-15:00
£5.00/£3.50

Scottish Social Attitudes/Identity

16:00-17:30
£5.00/£3.50 

With just a month to go until Scots answer the biggest constitutional question facing their country for 300 years, how is the Referendum campaign being viewed around the world? Join our panel of international journalists for a global perspective on whether the independence debate really deserves to be described as an example to the world. Chaired by BBC Scotland's **Isabel Fraser** and sponsored by the Law Society of Scotland.

Do you have questions about Scottish public opinion on the Referendum? How is that opinion translated into political strategy? Come and join our pollster roundtable and learn how political professionals turn data into strategy. Join former First Minister, author and academic the Rt Hon **Henry McLeish** and panellists as they discuss current political strategy.

Following on from last year's very successful event, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) has funded significant research into a number of the key issues relating to Scotland and the UK's constitutional future. Come and join us to discuss the most recent research and findings taken forward by the ESRC. This session will be chaired by the **Presiding Officer**.

What Currency?

19:00-20:30
£5.00/£3.50

One Humanity (Film Screening)

19:00-21:45
£5.00/£3.50

Future currency options have been one of the most hotly contested issues in the Referendum debate. This panel will cut to the nub of the matter and identify which options are available, the likelihood of their being achieved and the pros and cons of each. Join in the discussion with Chair **Bill Jamieson**, freelance journalist and commentator.

One Humanity tells the story of how the world came to focus on a single cause – the end of the apartheid regime in South Africa – through two star-studded global television broadcasts produced by Tony Hollingsworth. In 1988, the Nelson Mandela 70th Birthday Tribute at Wembley Stadium called for Mandela's release and was broadcast to 600 million people in 100 countries. In April 1990, 54 days after his release, the International Tribute for a Free South Africa was produced at Mandela's request. View this amazing film and join Chair **Mark Muller Stuart QC**, director **Tony Hollingsworth** and **Professor Alan Miller** as they discuss the issues. This event is sponsored by The Hunter Foundation who will ensure that the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the following charities: Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital and the Mabuza Scholarship Foundation.



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Broadcasting

10:30-12:00
£5.00/£3.50

An Economic Vision for 2020

11:00-12:30
£5.00/£3.50

EU Membership, the UK and Scotland

11:00-12:30
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Immigration

13:00-14:30
£5.00/£3.50

What is the future of broadcasting in Scotland and the UK? Do more media outlets make for a healthier media sector and what are the implications of the Referendum for public service broadcasting in Scotland? Switch on and join our panellists as they discuss the picture of things to come.

The Referendum has focussed minds on the short-term choices for Scotland, but what could the future hold? We ask an expert panel drawn from the fields of economics, the media, business and the arts to imagine two scenarios: what will the country be like in six years' time if the vote is 'Yes' and what will it look like if the vote is 'No'? This event will be chaired by BBC broadcaster **James Naughtie** and is sponsored by The David Hume Institute.

European Union (EU) membership for an independent Scotland is much talked about and raises many questions. Would Scottish accession to the EU be a legal or political process or both? What would be the terms of Scottish membership of the EU? And what would the timescale be? Join our panel, chaired by the BBC's **Allan Little**, to find out the answers.

What are the key issues for immigration policy in the UK and Scotland? What are the impacts of immigration on the economy and society? Join Chair **Gary Christie** from the Scottish Refugee Council and panellists to discuss the issues.



Cochrane and Kerevan in Discussion

13:30-15:00
£5.00/£3.50

Two of Scotland's leading political journalists have used their insight to bring something unique to the independence debate: their book *Scottish Independence: 'Yes or No'*, is a side-by-side presentation of the case as seen from each camp. **Alan Cochrane**, Scottish Editor of *The Telegraph*, presents the 'No' side while **George Kerevan**, economist and former Associate Editor of *The Scotsman*, gives the 'Yes' point of view. Join them as they debate and discuss the key issues, chaired by the **Presiding Officer**. A book signing will follow this event.

Renewing Local Democracy

15:30-17:00
£5.00/£3.50

Nations and cities will grapple with entirely new governance challenges in the 21st century. These include automation and technological unemployment; surveillance, privacy and data security; resource conservation; local taxation and many others. Join our panellists as we explore these issues and the impact the Referendum outcome will have on local democracy. At what level should decisions be made and what powers need to exist at a local level? Chaired by *Holyrood Magazine's* Local Government correspondent **Kate Shannon**.



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SUNDAY
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In Time o' Strife

16:00-17:30

£10.00/£8.00

The Scottish Parliament is pleased to showcase the National Theatre of Scotland's production of *In Time o' Strife* by Joe Corrie, adapted, designed and directed by Graham McLaren. The production is a powerful re-imagining of Joe Corrie's classic about a Fife mining community during the General Strike of 1926. Charged with raw emotion, the play is driven by explosive, intensely physical choreography and an original live soundtrack performed by leading Scottish musicians. To raise funds for the soup kitchens feeding the miners and their starving families, Corrie wrote *In Time o' Strife* whilst on strike himself, exposing the brutal lives of a family staring hunger and defeat in the face. Following the event, join the **Presiding Officer** in a discussion with director **Graham McLaren** that will explore notions of identity and community.

I Spy...

18:30-20:00

£5.00/£3.50

The threat of terrorism has become part of our everyday life. The intelligence services provide a vital frontline defence in keeping our communities and our country safe. Chair **Emeritus Professor Rhodri Jeffreys-Jones**, University of Edinburgh, and panellists will discuss the shape of the intelligence services in the future and the role they will play.



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TICKETS & INFO

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Tickets

- Tickets for all events can be booked online at www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk
- Advance booking is advised to avoid disappointment.
- An email confirmation will be sent to you when you book. Please bring this confirmation with you.
- Online tickets will be taken off sale 2 hours before each event.
- A limited number of tickets are available to be booked in person at the Scottish Parliament.
- Unallocated tickets may be available on the day of the event and will be available from the Festival Desk in the Festival Café Bar.

Times

- The start time and finish time for each event is indicated under the relevant event title.
- Please arrive at the Scottish Parliament for all events at least 30 minutes before the advertised start time to allow time for security clearance.

Pricing

- The full ticket price is indicated under each event title. The concession ticket price is shown next to the full price.
- Concessions are available to children aged 5 to 16, people aged 60 and over, students, unemployed people and disabled people.
- A carer accompanying a disabled person is admitted free of charge.

Other Information

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- We may webcast or broadcast Festival of Politics events. This may include footage of the audience or other members of the public. There may also be still or video photography taking place in and around the Scottish Parliament building.
- Views expressed during the Festival of Politics are not necessarily those of the Scottish Parliament or the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

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Festival of Politics opening hours

The Scottish Parliament will be open for the Festival at the following times:

Friday 15 August 15:30-20:30
(last entry 19:30)

Saturday 16 August 09:30-22:15
(last entry at 21:15)

Sunday 17 August 09:30-20:30
(last entry 19:30)

How to Contact Us

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Friday: 09:30-17:00



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How to Find Us

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- We are a 15-minute walk from Edinburgh Waverley train station. The nearest car parks are St John's Hill (off Holyrood Road) or adjacent to Waverley Station, via New Street. Coach parking is available at Regent Road.

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- welcome guide dogs or other assistance dogs.
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Café Bar

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You can also soak up the atmosphere of the Scottish Parliament's Garden Lobby, which is transformed into a vibrant Café Bar and will feature a heady mix of music, comedy, poetry and art.

The eclectic line-up of musicians ranges from the Americana tinged, blue grass 5-piece **Blueflint**, to the beautiful voice of BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician **Robyn Stapleton**. **The Banjo Lounge 4** return specialising in acoustic mash-ups of classics and contemporary songs in the banjo-stylee and the 11-piece **The Gramophone Jass Band** bring their flavour of New Orleans

and Chicago swing to the stage. The legendary **GrownUps DJs** will also play a set of political records in amongst political cartoons by the *Edinburgh Evening News'* **Frank Boyle**.

The Scottish political debate will also be explored - in verse! Presented in the style of an old-fashioned political hustings and featuring a number of poets and performers including **Liz Lochhead**, **Kieran Hurley** and **Rachel Amey**.

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TAKING PART IN THE FESTIVAL OF POLITICS THIS YEAR

Dr Angus Armstrong, National Institute of Economic & Social Research. **Jo Armstrong**, University of Glasgow. Professor **Liz Baggs**, University of Aberdeen. **Louise Batchelor**, Former BBC News Presenter and Environmental Correspondent. **Professor Christina Boswell**, University of Edinburgh. **Jason Boxt**, The Glover Park Group. **Allan Burnett**, Former Head of Counter-Terrorism for Scotland. **Sue Cameron**, *The Telegraph*. **Professor Malcolm Chalmers**, Royal United Services Institute. **Gary Christie**, Scottish Refugee Council. **Alan Cochrane**, *The Telegraph*. **Tom Costley**, TNS Scotland. **Garry Coutts**, NHS Highland. **Sarah Craig**, University of Glasgow. **Professor John Curtice**, University of Strathclyde. **Mark Diffley**, IPSOS MORI Scotland. **Dr Flora Douglas**, University of Aberdeen. **Martyn Evans**, Carnegie UK Trust. **Peter Felstead**, Editor, *IHS Jane's Defence Weekly*. **Dr Colin Fleming**, University of Edinburgh. **Isabel Fraser**, BBC Scotland. **Bill Jamieson**, freelance journalist and commentator. **Professor Charlie Jeffrey**, University of Edinburgh. **Professor Rhodri Jeffreys-Jones**, University of Edinburgh. **Professor Ailsa Henderson**, University of Edinburgh. **Oriol Gracià**, Freelance Catalan journalist. **Katie Grant**, writer and journalist. **Mark Hennessy**, London Editor, *The Irish Times*. **Bill Howat**, former Chief Executive of Western Isles Council. **Tony Hollingsworth**, Director. **Paul Johnson**, University College, London. **Dr Alexandra Johnstone**, University of Aberdeen. **Dr Karsten Karcher**, Pulsetta Foods. **Professor Michael Keating**, University of Aberdeen. **Professor Alex Kemp**, University of Aberdeen. **George Kerevan**, Journalist. **Dr Andy Kerr**, University of Edinburgh. **Allan Little**, special correspondent, BBC. **Peter MacMahon**, Political Editor, ITV Border. **Robin McAlpine**, The Jimmy Reid Foundation. **Dr Nicola McEwen**, University of Edinburgh. **Graham McLaren**, Director, National Theatre of Scotland. **John McLaren**, University of Glasgow. **Rt Hon Henry McLeish**, former First Minister, author and academic. **Iain MacWhirter**, *The Herald*. **Professor Alan Miller**, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission. **Robert Moran**, data-driven strategist and author. **Mark Muller Stuart QC**, senior advocate. **James Naughtie**, BBC Broadcaster. **Dr Andrew Neal**, University of Edinburgh. **Dr Phillips O'Brien**, University of Glasgow. **Jeremy Peat**, Visiting Professor, University of Strathclyde, International Public Policy Institute. **David Pratt**, Foreign Editor, *Sunday Herald*. **Elizabeth Quintana**, Royal United Services Institute. **Mandy Rhodes**, *Holyrood Magazine*. **Professor Bernard F Ryan**, University of Leicester. **Kate Shannon**, *Holyrood Magazine*. **Mike Smithson**, blogger. **Professor Sir Hew Strachan**, University of Oxford. **Willie Sullivan**, Director, ERS Scotland. **Professor Stephen Tierney**, University of Edinburgh. **Yushin Toda**, Japan Desk Scotland. **Professor Adam Tomkins**, University of Glasgow. **David Torrance**, journalist. **Polly Toynbee**, *The Guardian*. **Scott Walker**, National Farmers Union Scotland. **Dave Watson**, Scottish Trades Union Congress. **Dr Lynn Whitaker**, University of Glasgow. **Andrew Wilson**, broadcaster. **Griff Witte**, London Bureau Chief, *The Washington Post*.

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