2014 SURF Annual Conference – 7 Aug, Edinburgh

Programme

Morning session: Framing the Debate

- 9:45am: Registration, coffee, networking – and music
- 10:30am: Welcome – SURF Chair Brian MacDonald
- 10:40am: Context & Electronic Voting – SURF Chief Executive Andy Milne
- 10:50am: Introduction to Referendum Debate
- 10:55am: Statement from ‘Yes Scotland’ – Pat Kane, Musician and Commentator
- 11:05am: Statement from ‘Better Together’ – Cllr Gordon Matheson, Leader of Glasgow City Council
- 11:15am: Open Debate: questions and comments
- 11:35am: Coffee and scones

Early afternoon session: Poverty and Priorities

- 12:00pm: Festival Fun: Vladimir McTavish & Keir McAllister - Aye Right, How No?
- 12:15pm: Key Speaker: Understanding Poverty & Inequality – Katherine Trebeck, Global Research Policy Adviser, Oxfam
- 12:40pm: Introduction to Priority Topics
- 12:45pm: Expert Comment:
  - Degenerative Dynamics: Prof Greg Lloyd, University of Ulster
  - Land Ownership: David Cameron, Community Land Scotland
  - Participative Democracy: Dr Oliver Escobar, Academy of Government
  - Taxing Questions: Robin McAlpine, Jimmy Reid Foundation
- 1:05pm: Electronic Voting: Priorities and Perspectives
- 1:20pm: Lunch

Late afternoon session: Debatable Points

- 2.10pm: Introduction to Interactive Debates
- 2:15pm: Invited experts will lead group discussions on the priority topics. Please feel free to switch tables to sample and link these topical conversations at any point.
- 3.15pm: Electronic Voting: Investing In The Future
- 3:30pm: Policy into Practice – Panel discussion featuring Jackie Brock of Children in Scotland, regeneration expert Alistair Grimes, Oxfam’s Katherine Trebeck and community activist Tam Munro
- 4:00pm: Thanks and What’s Next – SURF’s Brian MacDonald
- 4:10pm: Close and coffee