

## 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