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Welcome to Conference
Welcome to the Granite City – and welcome to SNP Conference.

We gather having just marked an incredible eleven years of SNP government. I’m proud of our record, and proud that our list of achievements continues to grow.

Locally, that means building the brilliant new Aberdeen bypass, and investing £379 million in a City Region Deal.

Nationally, that means delivering the baby box, making our tax system more progressive, and leading the world by example on alcohol pricing.

Our conference this weekend also marks the start of a new chapter in Scotland’s road to independence.

With our opponents stuck quibbling grievances of the past, we’ve moved on to a debate about how we fulfil the potential of our country.

The growth commission report is packed full of new ideas for Scotland’s future. It shows that small, independent nations can be successful, and often more successful than larger nations.

Fact is Scotland is well placed to join our European neighbours as amongst the fairest, wealthiest, healthiest and happiest countries in the world.

Over the summer we’re holding National Assemblies to discuss and debate the report. The Party will take a formal view on the report’s recommendations later in the year.

For now, we all have an exciting opportunity to shape a better future for Scotland – let’s grab it with both hands.
DYNAMIC DUNDEE
£80m V&A takes centre stage as Scotland’s ‘coolest city’ is named as must-visit European destination for 2018
The list of SNP government achievements is long and wide-ranging. After a decade of Westminster cuts, the SNP government is working harder than ever to protect the most vulnerable in our society and deliver the best public services anywhere in the UK.

1. **Record health funding** – over £13.1 billion in 2018-19, that’s £4 billion more than when we took office.

2. **Higher passes have exceeded 150,000 for the past three years,** and we’re investing record amounts in schools to close the attainment gap. £120 million will go direct to schools this year alone.

3. **Free tuition protected,** saving students in Scotland up to £27,750 compared to the cost of studying in England.

4. **Free, high quality childcare has been increased to 16 hours a week for all 3 and 4 year olds** – up from 12.5 hours in 2007 – and extended to 2 year olds from low income households, saving families up to £2,500 per child per year in total.

5. **We continue to meet our world-leading climate change targets.** We remain well on track to achieve a 42 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020.

6. **Employment is at record levels** and unemployment is at a record low.

7. **We’ve kept Council Tax down.** Bills are lower in Scotland than in England – by £463 per year.
8. **Prescription charges abolished.** In England, patients are forced to pay £8.80 per item.

9. **We’re leading the way on fair pay.** Over 1,000 organisations in Scotland are now accredited Living Wage employers – one quarter of the total across the UK.

10. **Almost 72,500 affordable homes delivered,** including 50,000 council or housing association homes.

11. **16 and 17 year olds now have the right to vote** in Scottish Parliament and local government elections.

12. **We’re boosting jobs and supporting businesses,** by ensuring around 100,000 premises pay no rates at all – saving small businesses almost £1.5 billion to date.

13. **Recorded crime in Scotland has reached its lowest level in 43 years.**

14. Scotland, with one of the most progressive equal marriage laws in the world, **is second only to Malta in Europe for LGBTI equality and human rights.**

15. **We’re standing up for Scottish industry.** We have secured a future for Scottish steel, the last remaining aluminium smelter at Lochaber, and Ferguson shipyard too.
The number of staff in our NHS is at a record high – up 13,200 since the SNP came to office.

Patient satisfaction continues to increase with 90 per cent of NHS Scotland patients rating their care and treatment as good or excellent.

Scotland’s hospital A&E services are the best performing in the UK.

We are investing £110 million to support implementation of a new GP contract to support wider primary care reform.

We are investing £200 million in a network of elective and diagnostic treatment centres to help meet the needs of an ageing population.

Over £5 billion has been invested in Scotland’s health infrastructure since 2007, including the South Glasgow Hospitals and Emergency Care Centre in Aberdeen.

We’ve kept healthcare local. That means A&E units have been saved, children’s cancer services and neurosurgery units protected, and maternity units kept open.

Nurses in Scotland are better paid than anywhere else in the UK. A nurse in Scotland, at Band 5, is paid up to £312 more than their English counterparts.

We’re supporting the lowest paid workers in our NHS by delivering the real Living Wage.

As part of our plan to increase the number of GPs by 800 over 10 years, we are increasing GP training places.

We’re training more paramedics, with a commitment to train 1,000 more by the end of this Scottish Parliament term.

We’ve expanded IVF to more families – making access in Scotland the fairest and most generous in the UK.
Scotland has become the first country in the world to implement minimum unit pricing for alcohol.

Our hospitals are cleaner and safer. In over 65s cases of C. Diff are down 88 per cent, and cases of MRSA are down 94 per cent.

We are investing £100 million to improve the prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

The risk from cervical cancer for the next generation of young women has been cut by providing the HPV vaccine for girls in second year of secondary school.

Scrapping parking charges at all NHS-run hospital car parks has saved patients and staff around £30 million.

Scotland has the highest number of GPs per head of population in the UK, and we’ve made sure more practices are now open in the evenings and at weekends.

Scotland was the first country in the UK to have a mental health waiting times target, and spending on mental health services in Scotland exceeded £1 billion for the first time in 2017-18.

A record nine in ten people are now registered with an NHS dentist – up from just 52 per cent when we took office.

More funding than ever before is being provided to support carers and young carers, with investment of over £135 million in a range of programmes since 2007.

We have begun the work to allow the implementation of ‘Franks Law’, providing free personal care for those under 65 who are assessed as needing it.

Irresponsible alcohol discounts in supermarkets and off-licences are now banned, and we’ve raised the legal age for buying tobacco to 18.

We’ve banned smoking in any vehicle carrying anyone under 18.
40 We have made key commitments to limit the promotion of products high in fat, sugar and salt, which disproportionately contribute to ill health and obesity.

41 We will set a new national aim to halve childhood obesity by 2030.

42 Everyone who uses social care services can now control their individual care budget through the Self-directed Support Act.

43 We’ve provided extra funding for Scotland’s veteran charities, and ensured our ex-service men and women receive priority treatment in the NHS and other services.

44 We will bring forward an Organ and Tissue Donation Bill to introduce a workable soft opt out system of organ donation, after consulting on ways to further increase organ donation and transplantation.

A SMARTER SCOTLAND

45 All children in primaries 1 to 3 – around 135,000 pupils – are now benefiting from free school meals, saving families around £380 per child per year.

46 We have launched the Scottish Attainment Challenge, and investment in that programme will be £750 million over the life of this Parliament.

47 Spending by local councils on education has increased in real terms for the past two years – up by £144 million in 2017-18.

48 More school pupils are now in well-designed, accessible and inclusive learning environments. Between 2007 and 2017, 751 schools were built or refurbished – more than twice as many as the previous Labour/LibDem administrations.

49 Record numbers of Scots are being accepted to study at university with record numbers from our most deprived communities too.
The First Minister’s Reading Challenge, which aims to encourage children to read for pleasure, has been opened to all primary school pupils after the success of the initial scheme for primaries 4 to 7.

The Disabled Students Allowance has been protected and bursaries for students have been maintained in Scotland, while the Tories have abolished both elsewhere in the UK.

We’ve expanded the Education Maintenance Allowance in Scotland – now scrapped south of the border – to support even more school pupils and college students from low income families.

We continue to maintain at least 116,000 full-time equivalent Scottish Government-funded college places.

We’re supporting £300 million of investment to deliver new campuses at City of Glasgow, Inverness and Ayrshire Colleges. And we’re investing in new campuses for Forth Valley and Fife Colleges too.

We’re providing our further education students with record levels of support of £107 million in 2017-18 – up 32 per cent under the SNP.

The number of full-time college students completing recognised higher education qualifications is at an all-time high.

Full-time college students in Scotland can now benefit from the highest bursary of anywhere in the UK.

Graduates from Scottish universities are earning more than their counterparts in other UK nations.

Taken together, the package of support for university students is the best in the UK – with free tuition; low interest rates for student loan repayments; and a minimum income guarantee of £7,625. And we are committed to doing more.

We’ve introduced a new £20,000 bursary for career changers aiming to become teachers in priority science, technology, engineering or maths (STEM) subjects.
A WEALTHIER SCOTLAND

61 Youth unemployment is now amongst the lowest in the EU.

62 Scotland is the top destination in the UK, outside of London, for foreign direct investment.

63 Today Scotland has the highest pay anywhere in the UK outside of London and the South East.

64 Between 2007 and 2016, Scotland’s productivity growth has been higher than any other country or region of the UK, including London.

65 Over 250,000 young people have had the opportunity to undertake a Modern Apprenticeship since 2007. And by 2020, a further 30,000 opportunities will be available every year.

66 Councils have been enabled to build new homes for the first time in years – with 9,217 council homes delivered since 2007.

67 15,500 social houses for rent have been safeguarded by ending Right to Buy.

68 £500 million has been committed to stimulate and support economic growth in Glasgow and the Clyde Valley.

69 £125 million has been allocated through the Aberdeen City Region Deal to stimulate and support economic growth in the city, alongside an additional £254 million for infrastructure projects in the North-east.

70 We are investing £135 million in the Inverness and Highland City Region Deal – two and a half times the UK Government investment.

71 By the end of 2021 we will have committed £1 billion to tackling fuel poverty, and over one million energy efficiency measures have already been installed in almost one million households across Scotland.

72 We’ve helped people into homeownership through the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax, which has kept more than 24,000 households out of tax compared to UK Stamp Duty that it replaced.
Public sector procurement has been simplified, with almost 80 per cent of public sector contracts now going to small and medium sized businesses.

The number of registered businesses in Scotland has reached 176,400, the highest number on record.

Scotland’s international exports – valued at £29.8 billion in 2016 – are up 44.6 per cent under the SNP.

Scotland’s tourism industry is going from strength to strength – in 2015 spending by tourists in Scotland generated around £11 billion.

We have established Innovation and Investment Hubs in London, Brussels, Dublin and Berlin, and in 2018-19 will open a hub in Paris too.

Spending on economic development in Scotland is higher than the UK as a whole – to the tune of £43 per head.

We are investing a further £60 million to deliver innovative low carbon energy solutions, such as electricity storage and sustainable heating systems – to improve energy efficiency as we look to a low carbon future.

We won new powers over tax and social security, and protected Scotland’s budget from a £7 billion cut by the Treasury over the financial arrangements enabling new powers.

We have begun work to establish a Scottish National Investment Bank, committing £2 billion investment over ten years.
A FAIRER SCOTLAND

82 All babies in Scotland are now provided with a Baby Box in a bid to reduce infant mortality and help families at the start of a child’s life.

83 In 2011, we became the first government in the UK to pay the real Living Wage to our staff, including all NHS workers. We have now extended the real Living Wage to all adult social care workers.

84 We have already ensured that nobody in Scotland has to pay the Bedroom Tax. And we will use new powers to effectively abolish it once and for all, protecting over 70,000 households.

85 Over 285,720 low income households in crisis have been helped to buy essentials such as nappies, food and cookers through our Scottish Welfare Fund since it was established in 2013.

86 1.3 million older and disabled people have benefited from free public transport through the National Concessionary Bus Travel Scheme.

87 Around 77,000 older people in Scotland benefit from access to a wide range of personal care tasks without being charged.

88 Over half a million vulnerable households in Scotland – including around 184,000 pensioners and almost 78,000 single parents – have been protected from UK Government cuts to Council Tax benefit.

89 We have passed a Child Poverty Bill which will set targets to end child poverty by 2030, and will establish a new £50 million fund to tackle poverty at a grassroots level.

90 We have already safeguarded the rights of almost 2,600 of the most severely disabled by establishing the Scottish Independent Living Fund.

91 We’ve kept Scottish Water in public hands. Customers are now paying less for a better service – charges for the average household bill in Scotland are £42 lower than in England and Wales.
Our new employment support programmes do not interact with the UK government’s punitive benefit sanctions system.

Almost 500 companies have signed the Scottish Business Pledge – a voluntary code for companies to commit to policies that boost productivity, recognise fairness and increase diversity.

We are investing £185,000 to help women who have had career breaks back into the workplace, by investing in six Returners projects.

We have passed a new law requiring public bodies to work towards gender balance on their boards – the only part of the UK with such a statutory objective.

We now have Scotland’s first cabinet with an equal number of women and men.

A £300,000 Sports Equality Fund has benefited 14 projects with the aim of increasing women’s engagement in sport.
A SAFER SCOTLAND

Since we took office, non-sexual violent crime is down by 49 per cent, robberies are down 60 per cent and handling offensive weapons – including knife crime – is down by 68 per cent.

Police numbers in Scotland have increased since the SNP came to office, while they’ve fallen in England.

The new Scottish Crime Campus provides a focal point for excellence in intelligence-sharing, evidence gathering and forensic science to tackle serious organised crime.

Automatic early release has been ended, meaning that long-term prisoners who pose an unacceptable risk to public safety will serve their sentence in full.

The reconviction rate has been reduced to its lowest level in 18 years, thanks to tough community sentences.

Since 2008, £92 million has been seized from criminals and has been reinvested in community projects for young people across Scotland.

We have passed a groundbreaking Domestic Violence Bill that creates a new specific offence to help tackle domestic abuse. This covers not just physical abuse, but also other forms of psychological abuse and coercive and controlling behaviour.

HMP Low Moss opened in March 2012 and HMP Grampian opened in March 2014, two major parts of our prison building programme.

We are investing almost £30 million to tackle domestic violence against women and girls.

We will create a new criminal offence of drug driving to come into force in 2019 – to tackle a growing threat and make our roads safer.

Access to air weapons has been tightened to improve public safety.

Tackling sectarianism has been backed up with record investment of £12.5 million.
The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has been created.

We have made the sharing of so-called ‘revenge porn’ a specific criminal offence, carrying a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment.

Scotland has the UK’s first national action plan on human rights, showing our ambition to be an example of how to realise human rights and tackle injustice at home and abroad.

We have introduced a Bill to the Scottish Parliament to raise the minimum age a child can be held criminally responsible from eight to 12, keeping children out of the court system and reinforcing Scotland’s commitment to international human rights standards.
INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE

114 We have doubled the walking and cycling budget to £80 million per year.

115 We have delivered the £1.35 billion Queensferry Crossing.

116 We have connected Glasgow to Edinburgh with continuous motorway for the first time.

117 Commuters have saved around £2,280 since bridge tolls on the Forth Road Bridge and Tay Bridge were scrapped by the SNP.

118 Since 2007, £8 billion has been invested in our rail infrastructure.

119 The Borders Railway, the longest new domestic railway to be built in Britain in over 100 years, has reopened and welcomed over 1 million passengers in its first year.

120 A £5 billion investment programme in Scotland’s railways up to 2019 will deliver longer, greener trains, new stations, new track upgrades, more seats, and more services.

121 The first section of our £3 billion project to dual the A9 from Perth to Inverness has been completed.

122 Construction of the £745 million Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route is underway.

123 In the South of Scotland we’re taking forward the construction of the Maybole bypass on the A77, making further improvements to the A75 and exploring how to better connect Dumfries and the M74.

124 We have launched a £25 million programme to address areas with poor 4G mobile internet coverage.
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Scotland’s independence referendum was the biggest democratic exercise in Scotland’s history.

We launched a £200,000 Access to Elected Office Fund to help disabled people stand for the 2017 local government elections. And we will continue the fund for the Scottish Parliament elections in 2021.

Local communities have been given a voice in the planning and delivery of local services – backed up by £20 million of funding – through the Community Empowerment Act.

The Scottish Land Fund has already helped 112 communities across the country to purchase land, with over 500,000 acres now in community ownership. And the Fund has been increased to £10 million per year.

The radical and ambitious Land Reform Act has been passed to transform rules around the ownership, accessibility and benefits of land in Scotland.
### A GREENER SCOTLAND

**130** Scotland has exceeded its target to produce 50 per cent of its electricity from renewables by 2015 – with more than two-thirds of Scotland’s electricity needs met from renewable sources.

**131** Scotland is outperforming the UK as a whole and most western European nations in cutting greenhouse gas emissions. Only Sweden and Finland have achieved greater reductions in Western Europe.

**132** A new Bill will see Scotland continue to have the toughest climate change legislation in the world, as we aim to become one of the first countries to achieve a 100 per cent reduction in carbon emissions.

**133** With the support of the SNP Scottish Government, low carbon industries in Scotland and their supply chains generated over £11 billion for the economy in 2016.

**134** We have ensured that fracking and underground coal gasification cannot take place in Scotland.

**135** Scotland’s household recycling rate was 45.2 per cent in 2016 – up from around 32 per cent for municipal waste in 2007.

**136** Carrier bag use has been reduced by 80 per cent – the equivalent of 650 million bags – in the first year of the carrier bag charge.

**137** To cut waste and keep our beaches clean, we are committed to banning plastic cotton buds and are looking into other ways we can tackle our throwaway culture.

**138** We’ve helped make our communities safer from flooding with investment in flood defences and new measures in the Flooding Act. And we’ve agreed a new 10 year funding strategy for flood protection, consisting of £42 million a year, aiming to protect 10,000 families across Scotland.

**139** By 2021, £21 million will have been distributed through the world-leading Climate Justice Fund, which is now supporting projects in Malawi, Zambia and Rwanda.

**140** We are ensuring the clean, green status of our valuable food and drink sector is protected by opting out of the cultivation of genetically modified crops.
A record £1 billion has been invested in vessels, ports and ferry services since 2007 as part of our commitment to our islands and remote communities, with six ferries added to CalMac’s fleet and two new ferries due for delivery in 2018.

We have passed an Islands Bill that will ensure future laws and public sector policies are ‘island-proof’ and reflect the interests of islanders.

Road Equivalent Tariff has been rolled out to all ferry routes in the Clyde and Hebrides network, delivering significantly reduced ferry fares and the highest passenger numbers since 1997.

Residents of Caithness and north-west Sutherland, Colonsay, Islay, Jura, Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles are eligible for a 50 per cent discount on air fares.

With produce output worth around £2.3 billion a year and around 65,000 people directly employed, we work tirelessly to get the best deal for Scotland’s farmers, crofters and growers.

We played a key role in reforming EU fisheries policy to bring an end to the wasteful discarding of fish at sea.

We have begun work towards establishing a South of Scotland Enterprise Agency by 2020 to support businesses, jobs and skills in the region.

With food and drink exports valued £6 billion and 14,000 new jobs estimated to be created in the sector by 2020, we strive to promote Scotland’s top quality produce.

We’ve frozen fares on Northern Isles ferries and, in 2018, we’ll introduce a scheme to reduce fares.

The clean, green status of our valuable food and drink sector has been protected by opting out of the cultivation of genetically modified crops in Scotland.

Scotland’s first National Marine Plan aims to achieve the sustainable development of our seas.

We are investing £6 million in a Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund to help ensure the services and facilities tourists and communities need are provided.
ENABLING CREATIVITY AND SPORT

153 Free access has been maintained to our national museums and galleries, which now welcome four million visitors every year.

154 We are ensuring Scotland is on the centre stage for major events, providing funding for the European Championships 2018, the Solheim Cup 2019 and the UEFA Euro 2020.

155 Since the SNP government backed the ‘Daily Mile’ challenge over half a million children in over 3,000 of Scotland’s schools now walk or run a mile each day.

156 98 per cent of primary and secondary schools across Scotland are now providing two hours of physical education a week – up from 10 per cent in 2005.

157 Since 2007 production spend in Scotland has increased by 200 per cent – in 2018-19 we will double public sector funding for Scotland’s screen sector to £20 million and support the establishment of a dedicated unit for film and TV, based within Creative Scotland.

158 We have provided £19 million investment in Edinburgh’s major festivals since 2008. We will now add investment through a new five year, PLACE – Platform for Creative Excellence partnership, with £5 million each from Edinburgh City Council and the Scottish Government.

159 We have invested £25 million in the V&A Museum of Design in Dundee, which will open in 2018.

160 We are committed to supporting MG Alba, which operates BBC Alba and receives £12.8 million a year from the Scottish Government.

…but there’s still much more we want to do. Together, we will continue to shape a fairer, more successful Scotland.

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SESSION 1

10h30  Conference Welcome – Kirsty Blackman MP, Westminster Group Depute Leader
10h35  Announcement of Depute Leader ballot result
10h45  Report of the Standing Orders and Agenda Committee
10h50  Internal Resolution
12h15  Address by Ian Blackford MP, Westminster Group Leader
12h30  Close

INTERNAL RESOLUTION

1 DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

Conference instructs the National Executive Committee to bring forward to Annual National Conference in October 2018 a series of amendments to the Constitution and Rules which will deliver the following changes:

DEREK MACKAY MSP, BUSINESS CONVENER
ANGUS MACLEOD, NATIONAL SECRETARY
POLICY DEVELOPMENT

1.1 STRUCTURES

i. The Political Education Convener shall be replaced by the position of Policy Development Convener.

ii. The Standing Orders and Agenda Committee will be replaced by the establishment of a Policy Development Committee, and a Conferences Committee.

iii. The Policy Development Committee will be co-convened by the Depute Leader and the Policy Development Convener.

iv. The Policy Development Committee will be composed of sixteen regional representatives elected by delegates from the respective regions at Annual Conference.

v. The Conferences Committee will be composed of the National Secretary, the Policy Development Convener, the Depute Leader, 2 members elected from NEC, and 10 members elected by conference. The National Secretary will act as Convener.

1.2 RESOLUTIONS

i. In addition to National Assembly being able to submit resolutions for consideration, or for scrutiny and editing by the Policy Committee, there will be the establishment of online policy forums, overseen by the Policy Development Convener, which will allow for the discussion of policy ideas; development of these ideas by any member; online editing and agreement; and direct submission to the Policy Development Committee.
ii. Online submission of a proposed resolution from any group of members can be made on the Member website. Any resolution which gathers at least 500 ‘approvals’ from individual members will be submitted to the Conferences Committee.

iii. The Conferences Committee will review all submissions from delegating bodies, elected members, the Policy Development Committee, and direct online submissions, to check against current policy, recently debate resolutions, and competence in terms of the powers of National Conference. A list of resolutions meeting these criteria, compositied where necessary, will then be voted on by all registered delegates for the event. The order of preference of resolutions, as determined by delegates, will be the overriding factor in the determination of the agenda by the Conferences Committee.

PARTY STRUCTURE AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

1.3 REGIONAL MEETINGS FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

i. National Council will be abolished. A regional structure for National Assemblies in each of the eight Scottish Parliament regions will be established, and an expanded National Executive Committee, with regional representation, created.

ii. National Assembly will meet at least once a year in each region, and will be organised and financed centrally.

iii. National Office Bearers and relevant Regional Members of NEC will report to meetings of National Assembly.
iv. National Assemblies shall fulfil three core functions: discussion of policy issues and agreeing draft resolutions/statements to be reported to the Policy Committee; regional roundtable discussions; and training.

v. Meetings of National Assembly will be open to all members.

REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEES

vi. Regional Steering Committees will meet at least quarterly to share best practice across the Scottish Parliament region and facilitate cross-constituency campaigning.

vii. The Regional Steering Committee will comprise of: Voting Members – Regional Elected Members of NEC; 2 delegates from each Constituency Association or Constituency Branch in the electoral region; and Ex-Officio Members – each SNP Council Group Leader in the electoral region; each SNP Parliamentarian in the electoral region; a representative of each Affiliated Organisation; a representative from each internal equalities network.

REGIONAL MEMBERS OF NEC

viii. Each Scottish Parliament region will be represented on the NEC by 2 Regional Elected Members, who will not be parliamentarians and who are elected by delegates from that region at Annual Conference.

ix. Regional Elected Members will co-chair Regional Steering Committees.

x. Regional Elected Members will report to the NEC on the status of campaigning capacity in their region, and identify matters that may require intervention at NEC level.

xi. Locally, Regional Elected Members will work with National Office Bearers to address local issues and spread best practice to all organisations.
AMENDMENTS:

*Impact: Retain National Council*

A) i. Delete first sentence and replace with “National Council will be retained and meet at least once a year.”

*SOUTHSIDE CENTRAL BRANCH

*Impact: Retain National Assembly. Create Regional Assemblies. Remove Requirement of National Officer Bearers and Regional Members of NEC to report to meetings of National Assembly/Regional Assemblies*

B) i. Change to “A structure of regional assemblies in each of the eight Scottish Parliament regions will be established, and an expanded National Executive Committee, with regional representation, created.”

   ii. Change to “regional assemblies will take place at least once a year.”

   iii. Delete

   iv. Change to “Regional assemblies shall fulfil three core functions: discussion of policy issues and agreeing draft resolutions/statements to be reported to the Policy Committee; regional roundtable discussions; and training.”

   v. Change to “Meetings of regional assembly will be open to all members.”

*LEITH BRANCH

*Impact: Regional Assemblies to be Delegate Bodies*

C) v. Change to “In addition to the Regional Steering Committee, the Regional Assembly shall be composed of delegates from each branch in the electoral region. Branches shall be allocated a number of delegates in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Regional Assembly so as to provide proportionate representation. Only delegates shall have the right to speak and vote.”

*PORTOBELLO AND CRAIGMILLAR BRANCH*
Impact: Size of Regional Steering Committees

D) vii. Change “2 delegates” to “a delegate”.

ABERDEEN SOUTH AND NORTH KINCARDINE CONSTITUENCY BRANCH

Impact: Reduce number of Regional Members of NEC

E) viii. Delete “2 Regional Elected Members” and insert “1 Regional Elected Member”.

NEWINGTON AND SOUTHSIDE BRANCH

Impact: Retain National Council and National Assembly. Create Regional Conferences. Review boundaries after 12 months. Regional Assemblies/Conferences to be Delegate Bodies.

Replace Regional Steering Committees with Regional Executive Committees. Regional Members of NEC to be elected by Regional Assembly/Conference, not by regional delegates at Annual Conference.

F) In title delete “Meetings for National Assembly” and insert “Structure”.

Delete i. and insert

“A regional structure will be established based on the current Scottish parliamentary regional boundaries. The precise boundaries should be subject to review and change after a period of operation of at least 12 months with revisions to be agreed at annual conference.

An annual regional conference will be established comprising of delegates from branches based on an agreed formula up to a maximum of 200 delegates overall.”

ii., iii., iv., and v. – delete the words “national assembly” and insert “regional conference”.


vi. In title delete “Steering” and insert “Executive”.

vi. and vii. delete existing paragraphs and insert:

vi. “The regional conference will elect a convener, vice-convener, secretary, treasurer; campaign co-ordinator, youth and student organiser, women’s officer, equalities officer and trade union co-ordinator. These positions together with four ordinary members elected by the regional conference and one representative each of parliamentarians and councillors in that region will comprise the Regional Executive Committee (REC)”.

vii. The REC will meet at least quarterly.

viii. Change to “each region will be represented by one representative to the NEC. This representative will be elected by the regional conference.

ix. Delete.

TOMMY SHEPPARD MP
NEWINGTON SOUTHSIDE BRANCH

1.4 FUNDING OF REGIONAL ACTIVITY

i. Regional Steering Committees shall appoint a Regional Treasurer, who, if not already a member of the Committee, shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.

ii. The Regional Treasurer may propose a budget to the Regional Steering Committee for regional activities, including the establishment and operation of regional offices and the appointment of a Regional Organiser or Co-ordinator.

iii. The Regional Treasurer shall manage the budget and report on performance against budget to the Regional Steering Committee.
iv. In addition to fundraising directly for regional activities, the Regional Treasurer shall, subject to committee approval, have power against an approved budget to levy branches in the region, with the levy being payable partly or wholly from Branch Dividend.

v. The National Treasurer shall have power to vary any levy to ensure that regional spending is self-financing from within the branches in the region and that staff employment rights are protected and other potential liabilities managed.

vi. The National Treasurer may give guidance to Regional Treasurers on their financial planning.

**AMENDMENTS:**

*Impact: Budgeting for appointment of regional staff to be part of overall staff costs, but funded from branch dividends to a maximum of two-thirds of staff costs.*

A) Delete ii., iii. and v. and replace with:

“ii. Regional Organisers shall be appointed and funded centrally and employed by SNP Headquarters but based in their region.

iii. Headquarters may draw upon the Branch Dividend to fund this up to a limit of 50 per cent of the amount each branch in the region holds and up to a limit of two thirds of the whole cost of employing the Regional Organiser.”

GLASGOW SOUTHSIDE CENTRAL BRANCH
RESOLUTIONS

2. SCOTTISH NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMPANY: A PUBLIC ALTERNATIVE

Conference notes the failures and flaws of relying on private companies to finance and manage public contracts, including a lack of public accountability, value for money, and social responsibility; condemns the reckless profiteering of Carillion which put thousands of jobs and projects at risk, allowed a financial hole to grow in its pension scheme and let down numerous other smaller employers and their workforces in the supply chain; whilst awarding exorbitant profits to shareholders; notes the Scottish Government’s foresight in establishing contingency plans for Carillion-managed projects since Carillion’s financial difficulties emerged in 2017; condemns Labour’s toxic Private Finance Initiative legacy which will cost Scottish taxpayers £30 billion over the coming decades.
Conference believes there must be a public alternative available for the financing and building of infrastructure projects to ensure there is reduced risk, public accountability, social responsibility and that quality is put above profit; calls on the Scottish Government to investigate the creation of a Scottish National Infrastructure Company (SNIC); believes the imminent creation of the Scottish National Investment Bank (SNIB) is the perfect opportunity to establish SNIC both of which could work with the Scottish Government and local authorities in a Public-Public Partnership to finance and build Scotland’s infrastructure.

ANNE MCLAUGHLIN, NATIONAL COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBER
GRAHAM CAMPBELL, NATIONAL COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBER
LEITH WALK BRANCH
ELGIN BRANCH
CHRIS STEPHENS MP
RONNIE COWAN MP
ALEX NEIL MSP
KIRKINTILLOCH BRANCH
GLASGOW PROVAN BRANCH
JOSH MENNIE, NEC ELECTED MEMBER
ISLE OF BUTE BRANCH
FEDERATION OF STUDENT NATIONALISTS (SNP STUDENTS)
PORTOBELLO/CRAIGMILLAR BRANCH
STRATHALLAN BRANCH
CHRIS HANLON, NATIONAL COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBER
3. PENSIONS AND THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL INVESTMENT BANK

Conference believes that opportunities for investment of personal pension payments generally into portfolios of stocks, shares and financial “packages” limits potential for investment of such funds into safe, ethical enterprises that may be focussed on the “public good”.

Conference supports the principle that Scottish Local Authorities and other public bodies have the opportunity to invest funds from sources such as pensions and reserves in the proposed Scottish National Investment Bank (SNIB).

Conference therefore proposes that the opportunity should be created for Scottish Local Authorities and other public bodies to invest in the SNIB and that pension schemes be developed that allow investment of pension funds within the SNIB. Further we propose that funds invested in the SNIB are made available, with all appropriate checks and balances and carrying appropriate interest payments, to public bodies within Scotland.

KILMARNOCK SOUTH BRANCH
4. WAGE RATIO LEGISLATION

Conference notes that one of the aims of the SNP Government is to tackle inequality. Conference believes that one way to tackle inequality is through wage ratio legislation, giving the directorial and managerial staff in an organisation a direct personal interest in the wage levels of the lowest-paid staff.

Conference suggests that the Scottish Government look at organisations which apply wage ratio rules, and investigate the practicality of applying wage ratio rules to organisations funded by the Scottish Government.

Conference calls for powers to legislate on minimum and maximum wages (including bonus payments) and on wage ratios to be devolved to the Scottish Parliament. This would clear the way for debate on introducing wage ratio legislation also within the private sector.

GLASGOW PROVAN BRANCH

5. END THE RIGHT TO SELL

Conference commends the SNP Scottish Government for ending the Right to Buy in Scotland. Agrees that this decision was taken to protect council housing stocks, allowing local authorities to continue to provide good quality, safe homes for individuals and families across our nation. However, notes that whilst this policy prevents tenants from buying their home, it does not prevent councils from choosing to sell their housing stock. Understands that this practice is in place in Aberdeen and other local authority areas. Does not believe that local authorities should be selling homes which could otherwise be occupied without overwhelming evidence that a sale would result in additional council housing becoming available in the local authority area. Conference therefore calls for an End to the Right to Sell.

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL GROUP
6. SIEGE ON GAZA

Conference condemns the excessive use of force by Israel on Palestinian citizens during Palestinian ‘Land Day’ earlier this year when over 1400 were injured and several killed. Conference opposes all use of violence in the region and believes the citizens of both Israel and Palestine should be able to live in safety and security.

Conference notes with deep concern the ongoing siege in Gaza where over 2 million citizens live without their fundamental rights to clean water, health, work and mobility; recognises the escalating humanitarian crisis; and upholds the right to hold peaceful protests without fear of persecution.

Conference calls on the UK Government to condemn actions that are illegal under international law, including Israeli settlements on occupied Palestinian land, to take an active role in implementing UN resolutions on the region and to lead international efforts to end the siege on Gaza.

ROZ CURRIE, NEC ELECTED MEMBER
TOMMY SHEPPARD MP
IVAN MCKEE MSP
DANNY ASTON, NATIONAL COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBER
DUNDEE CITY EAST CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION
DUNDEE CITY WEST CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION
BROUGHTY FERRY BRANCH
CAIRD AND CRAIGIE BRANCH
DUNDEE WEST BRANCH
7. WOMEN IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Conference welcomes the steps taken by the Scottish Government to improve the experience of women in the Scottish criminal court system since the publication of the “Commission on Women Offenders” report in 2012, such as closing HMP Cornton Vale, and the commitment to open community custody units in Dundee and Glasgow by 2020.

Conference regrets, however, the continued poor experiences reported by many women going through the Scottish criminal court system, who feel excluded from taking part in their own proceedings. Many women in this situation already suffer significant disadvantages, such as poverty and poor mental or physical health which exacerbates the situation.

Conference notes with interest that other administrations, such as Sweden, have court mentors who support people through the criminal court process and beyond, which the Scottish Government’s “Justice in Scotland: Visions and Priorities” report already recognises as an effective means to reducing reoffending.

Conference believes that everyone has the right to be treated with fairness and respect through the criminal courts, and that a court mentor system would play an important part in achieving the Scottish Government’s stated goals of “a safe, just and resilient Scotland”.

Conference urges the Scottish Government to research the court mentor systems used in countries such as Sweden, with the aim of adopting a similar system in Scottish criminal courts to improve people’s experience of the system, and ultimately reduce reoffending.

DEESIDE AND UPPER DONSDIE BRANCH
SESSION 3 (INTERNAL)

16h30 Reports of National Office Bearers, Affiliated Organisations, and Groups

17h15 Close
SESSION 4

10h30 Address by Jeane Freeman MSP, Minister for Social Security

10h40 Internal Resolution

12h15 Address by Michael Russell MSP, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland’s Place in Europe

12h30 Close

INTERNAL RESOLUTION 1 (CONTINUED)

1.5 REPRESENTATION AT PARTY CONFERENCE

i. National Conference will meet twice each year.

ii. The NEC will, in agreeing a venue for meetings of National Conference, determine a formula for delegate entitlement based on a minimum of 2 delegates per branch.

iii. The minimum total delegate entitlement for a National Conference will be 750.

iv. A minimum of one Conference each year will use the existing entitlement formula based on 1 delegate per 20 members.
1.6 Composition of NEC

i. President
ii. Leader
iii. Depute Leader
iv. National Treasurer
v. National Secretary
vi. Business Convener
vii. Organisation Convener
viii. Local Government Convener
ix. Policy Development Convener
x. Women’s Convener
xi. Equalities Convener
xii. BAME Convener
xiii. Sixteen Regional Elected Members
xiv. Representatives of each Parliamentary Group, and the Association of Nationalist Councillors
xv. Plus a representative of each affiliated organisation

Amendments:

Impact: Adds 2 Ordinary Members drawn from Parliamentarians, in addition to regionally-appointed Ordinary Members

A) Add: xii. 2 ordinary members (parliamentarians)

Leith Branch
Portobello and Craigmillar Branch
1.7 EQUALITIES

To bring forward changes that will reflect the inclusive ethos of the Party, demonstrating our desire to be representative of all sections of Scottish society, and showing our continued commitment to work towards representation at all elected levels that reflects the demographic makeup of our nation.

CANDIDATE SELECTION PROCESSES

The SNP will commit to work towards 50/50 gender-balanced representation amongst its parliamentary and local government candidates.

i. The NEC will work with the Party’s internal networks, and with appropriate external representative bodies to increase the number of BAME, LGBTI, and disabled members who seek selection as SNP candidates.

ii. The NEC will have authority to place an approved potential candidate with such protected characteristics onto a list of nominees in a particular constituency or ward.

NATIONAL EQUALITIES FORUM

iv. A National Equalities Forum will be established. The Forum will encompass representatives from each of the party networks representing groups which have traditionally been under-represented.

DISABLED MEMBERS GROUP

v. The Disabled Members Group will become an Affiliated Organisation and be represented at NEC.

BAME MEMBERS NETWORK

vi. The SNP BAME Network will become an Affiliated Organisation and be represented at NEC.
vii. Scots Asians for Independence will become an Affiliated Organisation and be represented at NEC.

**ELECTION OF INTERNAL COMMITTEES**

viii. On national committees of the SNP, we will aim for 50/50 gender balance. The NEC Regional Elected Members for each electoral region, and the Policy Development Committee regional representatives will be elected from an all-female list (1 member per region), and one from an open list (1 member per region). The 10 elected members of the Conferences Committee will be elected on an all-female list (5 members), and an open list (5 members).

**AMENDMENTS:**

*Impact: Creates one all-female list and one all-male list*

A)

viii. Delete ‘open list’ and insert ‘all male list.’

**OBAN AND LORN BRANCH**

*Impact: Creates one all-female list and one list for anyone not identifying as female*

B)

viii. Delete “an open list” and insert “a non female list”.

**BRIDGE OF ALLAN AND LOGIE BRANCH**
1.8 DISCIPLINARY ISSUES AND CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

i. Member Conduct Standards will be updated to include references to discrimination based on all protected characteristics.

ii. Sexual harassment, inappropriate conduct, social media abuse, and bullying in all forms will be incorporated into the Member Conduct Standards.

iii. The Disciplinary Committee will be given more flexible sanctioning powers to allow the sanction to better reflect the breach.

iv. A Standards Breach Policy will be promulgated to give Members and the Disciplinary Committee better guidance on sanctioning.

v. The role of the National Secretary in relation to the complaints against individuals will be transferred to a Standards Fiscal, with the National Secretary retaining a role in relation to the broad standards framework.
SESSION 5

14h00    Resolutions
15h15    Topical and Emergency Resolutions
15h30    Address by Party Leader and First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon MSP
16h00    Close

RESOLUTIONS

8. HUTTING DEVELOPMENTS

Conference notes concerns from the hutting community over the disproportionate levels of bureaucracy faced when applying for planning permission in a rural or remote setting for what is a simple recreational building, especially in comparison to the Permitted Development rights enjoyed by landowners for similar developments.

Conference believes that supporting a hutting culture in Scotland will provide many benefits to the individual as evident in many studies extolling the improved health of folk communing with the great outdoors. Hutting life promotes economy of resources and waste minimisation. Rather than being faced with lots of hurdles to overcome with a complicated planning process, individuals with a qualifying project should have the right to pursue that project.

Conference resolves that provision should be made for huts to be given the status of Permitted Development, with relevant controls, within Scottish planning policy, thereby empowering ordinary individuals and allowing the recreational benefits of hutting to be enjoyed widely.

WESTHILL KINTORE & BLACKBURN BRANCH
9. A VISION FOR LEARNING DISABILITY REFORM IN SCOTLAND

Conference deplores UK Government policies which lead to the inhumane treatment of and disdain towards people with learning disabilities and their families; believes these policies are made worse by the UK Government’s austerity agenda; and that these policies cause unjustifiable suffering and ignore basic human rights.

Conference notes the extensive and coordinated social, employment and housing support policies for those who need them in countries such as Norway and Germany, and believes such models of best practice should be learned from.

Conference believes parity or improvement upon these models should be attainable in an independent Scotland, and that radical improvements can be pursued now within the current devolved system.

Conference therefore resolves that a new model for supporting people with learning disabilities that works for Scotland should be actioned, informed by successful systems elsewhere, and taking the knowledge and experience of those concerned into account.

DEESIDE AND UPPER DONSIDE BRANCH
CONFERENCE 2018
SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2018 AFTERNOON

10. CHANGING PLACES TOILETS

Conference welcomes the Scottish Government’s approach to ensuring dignity and engagement lie at the heart of policies which impact upon those with disabilities.

Conference understands that Changing Places toilets are changing facilities suitable for use by people that have profound and multiple learning disabilities or other disabilities, and that they are distinct to and required in addition to standard accessible toilets. Conference understands that the absence of suitable toilets mean that people with complex disabilities who need assistance cannot take part in everyday activities such as shopping, eating out or attending sporting events.

The absence of suitable changing facilities means many people with complex needs have to be laid on unhygienic toilet floors to change, or become trapped in their own homes.

Conference appreciates that the installation of Changing Places Toilets is considered to be best practice, but believes it is important to deliver a network of Changing Places across the country, and that this can only be achieved with Government intervention.

Conference therefore calls on the Scottish Government to set out requirements in building regulations for public and community buildings, and large publicly accessible venues, to have Changing Places toilet facilities, to ensure that people with multiple and profound disabilities have the dignity and freedom that others take for granted.

EASTWOOD BRANCH
11. DOUBLE PATERNITY LEAVE

Conference notes that statutory paternity leave currently gives 1 or 2 weeks’ leave to dads, partners of adopters, and intended parents having babies through surrogacy; welcomes the flexibility that the shared parental leave scheme has introduced; believes that the burden of childcare should not fall disproportionately on mothers; recognises the range of international research that shows a link between increased paternity leave and a range of positive outcomes including greater maternal well-being and reduced incidence of postnatal depression; notes that some employers offer enhanced leave or pay including the Scottish Government which offers staff four weeks’ paternity leave on full pay; calls on the UK government to double the statutory entitlement of paternity leave from 2 weeks to 4; and calls on employers in Scotland to voluntarily offer an enhanced paternity leave of 4 weeks.

FULTON MACGREGOR MSP
SNP TRADE UNION GROUP
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Crombie Suite

Stand 1
SNP Store

Stand 2
Independence Magazine

Stand 3
WWF Scotland

Stand 4
Poverty Alliance / Child Poverty Action Group Scotland

Stand 5
YouthLink Scotland / Children in Scotland

Stand 6
MND Scotland

Stand 7
Shelter Scotland

Stand 8
Community Pharmacy Scotland

Stand 9
Community Windpower

Stand 10
Marie Curie

Stand 11
League Against Cruel Sports

Stand 12
Scottish Police Federation

Stand 13
Cancer Research UK

Stand 14
UCU Scotland
**Stand 15**
Scots Independent (Newspapers) Ltd

**Stand 16**
John Muir Trust

**Stand 17**
Scottish Water

**Stand 18**
APSE (Association of Public Service Excellence)

**Stand 19**
The National

**Stand 20**
Equal Representation Coalition

**Stand 21**
NASUWT

**Stand 22**
Coalfields Regeneration Trust

**Stand 23**
Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS)

**Stand 24**
Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland

**Stand 25**
Electrical Safety First

**Stand 26**
Aberlour Childcare Trust

**Stand 27**
RSPB Scotland
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Gordon Suite

Stand A
Aberdeen Host Committee

Stand B
SNP Students (FSN)

Stand C
SNP Youth (YSI)
**Stand D**  
Moray SNP Whisky Stall

**Stand E**  
Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI)

**Stand F**  
SNP CND

**Stand G**  
SNP Friends of Palestine
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MS SOCIETY SCOTLAND AND PARKINSON’S UK

FRIDAY 8 JUNE 2018 LUNCHTIME

Friday 8 June
Gordon Suite, First Floor, Block B
12:45 – 13:45

Social Security – What Next?

Come join MS Society Scotland and Parkinson’s UK as we’re joined by Jeane Freeman MSP, Minister for Social Security to discuss what’s next for Social Security in Scotland following the passing of the historic Social Security (Scotland) Bill. Put your views and experiences to the Minister and panel on how together we can shape a social security system that works for people living with neurological conditions.

Speakers:

Jeane Freeman MSP, Minister for Social Security
Tanith Muller, Parliamentary and Campaigns Manager, Parkinson’s UK
Niall Sommerville, Head of Communications, Campaigns & External Relations, MS Society Scotland
Janet Niven, Parkinson’s UK

Chaired by: Morna Simpkins, Director, MS Society Scotland
The Good Food Nation and Brexit: A System Fit for Production?

In 2018, Scotland will legislate on a Good Food Nation whilst also considering a new system of post-Brexit agricultural support. Can these compliment each other? What will be required to develop the right policies for Scottish food producers? Join NFU Scotland for a lunchtime discussion on Brexit, a new Scottish agricultural policy and how Scottish farmers and crofters can deliver a Good Food Nation.

Speakers:

Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity
Andrew McCornick (Chair), President of NFU Scotland
Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy and Member Services, NFU Scotland
Clare Slipper, Political Affairs Manager, NFU Scotland
FRIDAY 8 JUNE 2018 LUNCHTIME

SHELTER SCOTLAND, THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF HOUSING (SCOTLAND) AND THE SCOTTISH FEDERATION OF HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

Friday 8 June
Room 9, Third Floor, Block A
12:45 – 13:45

The Big Housing Debate

Shelter Scotland, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA) and The Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland (CIH) will be holding a panel discussion on the housing crisis facing Scotland. Join us to discuss homelessness, building targets, planning, changes in legislation, and crucially, what the solutions are to the challenges Scotland faces.

Speakers:

Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government and Housing
Sarah Boyack, Head of Public Affairs, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations
Graeme Brown, Director, Shelter Scotland
Annie Mauger, Director, The Chartered Institute of Housing (Scotland)

Chaired by: Pennie Taylor, former BBC Scotland Health Correspondent
What independence could mean for Scotland’s economy

The question of Scottish Independence remains at the top of the Scottish political agenda. Opponents to independence argue that it is in the economic interest of both England and Scotland to continue the union but this seemingly ignores the fact that an independent Scotland would be around the fiftieth largest economy in the world, richer than South Korea and Spain. What opportunities exist for an independent Scotland, not only outside of the union but also outside of the EU? What economic challenges will it face? And what measures will ensure economic success and prosperity outside of the union?

Speakers:

Kirsty Blackman MP
Joan McAlpine MSP
George Kerevan, Journalist & Commentator & former SNP MP
Chaired by: Mark Littlewood, Director General, IEA
The Association for Public Service Excellence

Friday 8 June
Room 3/4, First Floor, Block A
12:45 – 13:45

Local Government Finance, are we at a cliff edge?

APSE will be exploring the latest local government finance figures and ask ‘Are we at a cliff edge?’. Using the latest research data from APSE’s work with economist Dr Peter Kenway we will ask ‘what about the services beyond social care? How can we best support local government frontline services? What are the core funding needs for local councils in Scotland?’

Speakers:
Cllr Les Sharp, Chair of APSE Scotland
Paul O’Brien, Chief Executive of APSE
Cllr Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council
Cllr Katy Loudon, Chair of Education Resources Committee, South Lanarkshire Council
NASUWT

Friday 8 June
Room 1, First Floor, Block A
12:45 – 13:45

Sexual harassment and the sexualisation of women and girls

This fringe will explore the issues relating to sexual harassment and what needs to be done to address the problem of the sexualisation of women and girls in our society.

Speakers:

Jane Peckham, National Official, NASUWT Scotland
Ruth Maguire MSP
Christina McKelvie MSP
**CHEST HEART & STROKE SCOTLAND**

Friday 8 June  
Boardroom, First Floor, Block A  
12:45 – 13:45

**A Matter of Life and Health**

What is the reality of living with the impact of illnesses such as lung and heart disease, or a stroke? This session will help bridge the gap between policy making and the lived experience of the one in six people in Scotland who are affected by these long-term health conditions. The strategic direction of travel has been highlighted by the Chief Medical Officer’s Realistic Medicine approach which rightly puts people at the centre – but how do we translate that into action, with all the different partners involved – including local government and the third sector?

**Speakers:**

Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport  
Jane-Claire Judson, Chief Executive, Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland
ORGANISERS’ GET TOGETHER

Friday 8 June
Fleming Auditorium, Ground Floor
12:45 – 13:45

An opportunity for branch and CA Organisers to meet informally, share best practice and build networks. New organisers especially welcome.

PROSPECTIVE SNP CANDIDATE SESSION

Friday 8 June
14:30 – 15:30
Room 9, Third Floor, Block A

Candidate Assessment Panel Chair, Kirsten Oswald, will be holding a session for prospective SNP candidates, looking at the key elements of a successful candidate application.

There is a sign-up sheet at the HQ desk. This event is limited to 50 participants.
AGE SCOTLAND, ROYAL BLIND AND SCOTTISH WAR BLINDED

Friday 8 June
Room 10, Third Floor, Block A
17:30 – 18:30

Living with Loneliness

Join us for a panel discussion and Q&A on Living with Loneliness. Scotland’s ageing population brings plenty of opportunities, but is loneliness an inevitable challenge of demographic change? And what is loneliness? Who does it affect? How does the Scottish Government and civic Scotland tackle loneliness and help people at risk of loneliness to lead more fulfilling lives? Come and hear our knowledgeable panelists, including Social Security Minister Jeane Freeman MSP, Mr William Montgomerie, plus the heads of two charities, and bring your own ideas and question.

Speakers:

Jeane Freeman MSP, Minister for Social Security
Brian Sloan, Chief Executive, Age Scotland
Mark O’Donnell, Chief Executive, Royal Blind & Scottish War Blinded
William Montgomerie, Member of Scottish War Blinded
**FRIDAY 8 JUNE 2018 EVENING**

**UNIVERSITIES OF EDINBURGH AND CARDIFF**

Friday 8 June  
Forbes Suite, Third Floor, Block A  
17:30 – 18:30

**Unions in Crisis: Nations in an age of Brexit**

The UK is witnessing unprecedented constitutional change. Commentators of all political stripes routinely speculate on whether the Union can survive Brexit. This session will explore the extent to which the UK is under pressure from forces south of the border as well as from the north. Join a panel of academics and politicians to discuss whether the Union can survive Brexit, English Nationalism and the rise of the right.

**Speakers:**

Michael Russell MSP, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland’s Place in Europe  
Stephen Gethins MP, Spokesperson for International Affairs and Europe  
Prof Ailsa Henderson, Professor of Political Science, University of Edinburgh  
Prof Richard Wyn Jones, Professor of Welsh Politics, Cardiff University  
Chaired by: Halla Mohieddeen, STV
Crossed out?

At the 2017 General Election only one in four blind and partially sighted voters felt the current system let them vote independently. Is now the time to think about innovations like electronic voting? How could a new approach make voting more inclusive and increase turnout? Join RNIB Scotland to discuss making elections truly inclusive – including ensuring voting and elections materials are accessible and how to encourage more candidates with disabilities to stand.

Speakers:

Joe FitzPatrick MSP, Minister for Parliamentary Business
Andy O’Neil, Head of Electoral Commission, Scotland
Dr Catriona Burness, Parliamentary and Policy Manager, RNIB Scotland
Sandra Wilson, Chair of RNIB Scotland
Cllr Dennis Robertson, Aberdeenshire Council
NETWORKING EVENT FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION OFFICERS

Friday 8 June
Fleming Auditorium, Ground Floor
17:30 – 18:30

Led by Doug Daniels, Political Education Convener
An opportunity to meet fellow PEOs, share best practice and discuss political education priorities.

DISABLED MEMBERS GROUP MEETING

Friday 8 June
Room 3/4, First Floor, Block A
18:30 – 19:30

Join us for a meeting of the Disabled Members Group to discuss ways to improve access and participation at future conferences. A chance to meet other disabled members and discuss policy.
FRIDAY 8 JUNE 2018 EVENING

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Alan Bissett: Stand-up Literature

Come along to see novelist, playwright, performer and Falkirk boy Alan Bissett perform some of his Scotland-themed works, including scenes from his Scottish Independence-themed play, “The Pure, The Dead, And The Brilliant”.

Where: Copthorne Hotel, 122 Huntly Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1SU

When: Friday 8 June at 19:00

Tickets will be available from the Aberdeen SNP Stall for £8 each
FRIDAY 8 JUNE 2018 EVENING

Conference Karaoke

Friday 8 June 2018
Aberdeen Douglas Hotel
19:30 – Late

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THE SNP WESTMINSTER GROUP JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS TEAM

Saturday 9 June
Gordon Suite, First Floor, Block B
09.00 – 10.00

Scotland’s Future Immigration Needs

With Westminster pursuing cruel and degrading immigration policies, more than ever Scotland needs to set its own path and narrative around immigration. This year we have witnessed some of the fallout from the Prime Minister’s “hostile environment” through the Windrush generation scandal, the cruel treatment of documented children.

This event will explore the different options that are open to Scotland in order to meet our distinct social, demographic and economic needs. It will also look specifically to the Canadian example, with provinces afforded the autonomy to set some of their own immigration policy to meet their own needs.

Speakers:
Joanna Cherry MP, Justice and Home Affairs Spokesperson
Stuart McDonald MP, Immigration, Asylum and Border Control Spokesperson
Gavin Newlands MP, Sport Spokesperson
Dr Sarah Kyambi, Research Fellow, Edinburgh University
Roger Mullin, Director of Momentous Change Ltd, Former MP. Hon Professor at Stirling University
MY SNP – MEMBERS’ HUB TRAINING

Saturday 9 June
Room 10, Third Floor, Block A
09.00 – 10.00

The MySNP members’ hub is here to help you to manage your membership, get campaigning and, if you’re an office bearer, communicate with members. Come along and find out more – at this season we’ll run through the most common activities, answer any questions and help you to get the most out of the system.

SNP MEMBERS ONLY
SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2018  MORNING

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY (ABPI)

Saturday 9 June
Boardroom, First Floor, Block A
08:30 – 10:00

Opportunities for Scotland: the economic contribution of the pharmaceutical sector in Scotland

This breakfast meeting will allow an informal opportunity for the medicines and vaccines industry in Scotland to update MSPs on its investment in its Scottish operations, and new collaborations with Scotland’s NHS and universities which together support £2.7 billion of industrial output and 16,500 FTE jobs. The update will cover emerging opportunities in medicines and data and the opportunities they offer to enhance Scotland’s health and wealth.

Speaker:
Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport

ATTENDANCE BY INVITATION ONLY
WOMEN’S OFFICERS MEETING

Saturday 9 June
Fleming Auditorium, Ground Floor
09:00 – 10:00

This will present an ideal opportunity for Women’s Officers to share and discuss the work, challenges and achievements of women in the party and beyond over the last year.

Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh, our National Women’s and Equalities Convener, will be discussing plans for our SNP Women’s Empowerment Conference, later this year and work in progress around our members code of conduct and associated processes.

Although the meeting is primarily geared towards hearing from our excellent women’s officers, all women are of course welcome to attend.

SNP MEMBERS ONLY
Scotland’s Place in the ‘Blue Planet’ – Celebrating Our Amazing Seas

Scotland’s waters are rich with life – from globally important seabird colonies, families of otter to pods of formidable Orcas. They are also the lifeblood of our island and coastal communities. Yet, our corner of the ‘Blue Planet’ faces increasing pressure from climate change and human activity, so it’s now more important than ever to think about how we conserve our marine environment.

Join Scotland’s largest conservation charity and Michael Russell MSP in discussion on how we can ensure our precious seas can be enjoyed by future generations.

Speakers:
Helen Moncrieff, Shetland Manager, RSPB Scotland
Dr Paul Walton, Head of Habitat and Species, RSPB Scotland
Michael Russell MSP, MSP for Argyll and Bute
CHRISTIANS FOR INDEPENDENCE

Saturday 9 June
Room 9, Third Floor, Block A
12:30 – 14:00

War in Syria: a Just War or just a war?

Was the British bombing of Syria justified? Should Scotland protest about the UK involving us in warfare without consulting us? What should an independent Scotland’s policy on warfare be? Is the Christian concept of a Just War still valid? Can any violence ever be justified? How best can we help the people of Syria?

Lots of questions – we hope to find some answers. Come and join us:

Speakers:
Jamie Kerr, Solicitor, CFI Committee Member
Dr Nigel Dower, Quaker
POVERTY ALLIANCE

Saturday 9 June
Room 2, First Floor, Block A
12:45 – 13:45

Building a Living Wage Nation

Paying the real Living Wage is good for individuals, good for society, and good for business. Scotland has made huge progress in recent years in its journey towards becoming a Living Wage Nation, and this event will act as a platform for both highlighting this progress and discussing the next steps that must be taken if we are to build a fair economy with the Living Wage at its heart.

Speakers:

Peter Kelly, Director, Poverty Alliance (Chair)
Keith Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work
Rachel McEwen, Director of Sustainability, SSE
Julie McGahan, Living Wage Scotland Manager, Poverty Alliance
YOUNG SCOTS FOR INDEPENDENCE

Saturday 9 June
Gordon Suite, First Floor, Block B
12:45 – 13:45

Catalonia, Self-Determination, and International Justice: A Conversation with Clara Ponsatí

The YSI is pleased to bring you the opportunity to hear from former Catalan education minister and current lecturer in economics at St Andrews University, Clara Ponsatí, who is now facing extradition and the prospect of spending the rest of her life in prison simply for helping give her fellow Catalan citizens a say in their own future.

She will be joined by Aamer Anwar, her defence and Scotland’s leading human rights lawyer. Joanna Cherry QC MP will also be on our panel to speak about the trial as well as the ongoing situation in Catalonia.

Please join us to discuss what we can do to help Ms Ponsatí as she goes through this trial, and indeed what more we can do to stand up for justice internationally.

Speakers:
Clara Ponsatí
Aamer Anwar, Scotland’s leading human rights lawyer
Joanna Cherry QC MP
Fringe Meetings

**SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2018 LUNCHTIME**

**DUMBARTON CA AND BUSINESS FOR SCOTLAND**
Saturday 9 June
Forbes Suite, Third Floor, Block A
12:45 – 13:45

**Why it’s time to Think, Act and Deliver INDEPENDENCE**
With Graeme McCormick, Convener, Dumbarton Constituency Association and Gordon Macintyre-Kemp, Founder and CEO of Business for Scotland

**EQUALITIES OFFICERS’ MEETING**
Saturday 9 June
Fleming Auditorium, Ground Floor
12:45 – 13:45

This meeting will see the formal launch of the SNP BAME Network and will include a short panel discussion on recognising and tackling racism chaired by our National Women’s and Equalities Convener, Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh followed by a presentation from the Equal Representation Coalition and an opportunity for SNP Equalities Officers to share views and experiences.

**SNP MEMBERS ONLY**
ASSOCIATION OF NATIONALIST COUNCILLORS

Saturday 9 June
Room 3/4, First Floor, Block A
12:45 – 13:45

ORGANISING for VICTORY

We don’t need the massive May March for Independence in Glasgow to remind us of our primary objective – but it’s great to see so many people marching to remind the Scottish Media and Public what we are about!

Sometimes it can seem as if all the struggles and challenges which your elected SNP representatives have to deal with in Parliaments, and in Local Government are diversions from the cause. They are not!

Come and join us on Saturday lunchtime to hear why being an elected representative in Parliament or in Local Government matters. Why fighting these elections matters and what your SNP representatives are striving for in Local and in National government.

Speakers:
Julie Hepburn, Activist and Campaigner
Cllr Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council
Chaired by: Cllr Norman MacLeod, ANC Convener

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Essential Information
CONFERENCE DATES AND TIMES
SNP Conference meets for two days on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 June 2018.
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Please note a few events have specific times or extended times.
Full details can be found in the Fringe section of the handbook or via the Conference App at https://conf.snp.org
**ADMISSION**

Please use the main AECC entrance (facing Ellon Road) on arrival at SNP Conference.

**SECURITY**

Security staff will be assisting with arrangements and will be checking Conference Passes and membership cards on entry to each Conference location.

Please follow these simple security guidelines:

- Co-operate with our security staff, allowing your credentials to be examined at entry points to each location
- Take all belongings with you and do not leave bags unattended at any time
- Report anything suspicious to the nearest steward or member of staff

Remember that Stewards will also ask delegates to show accreditation and membership cards to gain access to the auditorium. Please have them on display on the lanyard provided to make sure there are no issues.

**HEADQUARTERS DESK**

The SNP Headquarters desk will be situated in the Foyer for any questions or enquiries regarding the Conference.
**SHUTTLE BUSES**

Courtesy of Visit**Aberdeen**shire and the **AECC**, buses will run free of charge between the AECC and the city-centre as follows:

- **Friday**
  - 07:30 – 10:30
    - Starting from the front of the Jurys Inn Hotel, Guild Street, AB11 5RG
  - 17:00 – 20:00
    - Starting from the AECC

- **Saturday**
  - 07:30 – 10:30
    - Starting from the front of the Jurys Inn Hotel, Guild Street, AB11 5RG
  - 16:00 – 19:00
    - Starting from the AECC

Buses will pick-up/drop-off at the front of the Jurys Inn Hotel adjacent to Aberdeen railway station and at the front door of the AECC.

**CAR PARKS**

Complimentary Car Parking is available for conference attendees at the AECC on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 June. Overnight parking in caravans and campers is strictly prohibited.

**HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

- Central Taxis 01224 890089
- Rainbow City Taxis 01224 878787
- Rail Enquiries 03457 484950
- Traveline Scotland 0871 200 2233
FOOD AND DRINK
There are café facilities and seating available in the Gordon Suite on the first floor in Block B. There is also a Costa Coffee available in the main concourse foyer area and a coffee unit located just outside the main door of the AECC.

TOPICAL AND EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
All topical and emergency resolutions must be submitted to the National Secretary, by email/in writing/or deposited at the Headquarters desk prior to the Standing Orders and Agenda Committee meeting at 09h00 on Friday and Saturday morning.

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