



# Third Sector in Parliament Conference 2023



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Agenda

**09.00 – Registration opens**

**09.30 – Tea/Coffee available in Holyrood room**

**10.00 – Opening Plenary**

**Speakers:** **Gillian Baxendine** – Head of Participation and Communities Team

**Alison Johnstone MSP** – Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament

**10.45 – Workshop sessions (morning)**

- **Workshop 1:** How can the Scottish Parliament ensure that diverse voices and communities from all parts of Scotland influence our work?
- **Workshop 2:** Influencing Committee Work Programmes & How Committee work leads to policy change
- **Workshop 3:** The Basics – Engagement-focussed Parliamentary Awareness Session
- **Workshop 4:** The role of the Voluntary sector in the Economy
- **Workshop 5:** Women Influencing Decision-Making

**12.00 – Lunchtime Networking**

Attendees are invited to visit our networking space in Committee Room 5 with Parliament staff, including Committee Clerks, SPICe researchers, Parliament Communications Office, Events & Exhibitions Team, to learn about their work and how you can engage with them.

**13.15 – Workshop sessions (afternoon)**

- A repeat of the morning breakout sessions

**14.30 – Closing Plenary**

Gillian Baxendine will facilitate a panel session on the sustainability of the voluntary sector and how current challenges may impact on the ability of organisations to engage with institutions like the Scottish Parliament.

**Panellists:** **Anna Fowlie** – Chief Executive, Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations

**Bridie Ashrowan** – Chief Executive, Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council

**Matt Baker** – Orchestrator, The Stove Network

**15.30 - Close**