



Third Sector in Parliament Conference 2023



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Workshops

Workshop 1: How can the Scottish Parliament ensure that diverse voices and communities from all parts of Scotland influence our work?

The Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee are about to report on the findings of its inquiry into public participation at the Scottish Parliament. After a over a year of consideration of evidence, supported by a Citizens' Panel, the inquiry recommendations aim to ensure that diverse voices and marginalized communities are heard in the work of Parliament.

This workshop will provide the opportunity to learn about the findings of the inquiry from parliamentary staff and enable participants to provide feedback and suggestions on how the Parliament can implement the recommendations in order to strengthen the connection between Scotland's parliamentary proceedings and the communities it represents, taking further steps towards a more inclusive and involved democracy.

Workshop 2: Influencing Committee Work Programmes & How Committee work leads to policy change

How do parliamentary committees consider the experiences, issues and views of people and communities across Scotland in their scrutiny role and what are the opportunities to influence policy and legislation? This workshop will be led by the Participation and Communities Team and clerks from the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee and the Health Social Care and Sport Committee.

Workshop 3: The Basics – Engagement-focussed Parliamentary Awareness Session

A chance for attendees to learn the fundamentals of how the Scottish Parliament scrutinises Government policy and how you can help inform that scrutiny by engaging with Committees.

Workshop 4: The role of the Voluntary sector in the Economy

To present and discuss the role of the voluntary sector as an economic actor focussing on 1 or 2 key themes to emerge from a recent SCVO-commissioned SPICe research paper – speakers from SCVO, Cyrenians, SPICe and more TBC

Workshop 5: Women Influencing Decision-Making

This workshop will open a discussion around organisational decision making and best practices to ensure women's interests are reflected, and discuss some of the problems the third sector faces when trying to represent the intersectional barriers women face.