

Closing the Gap: Making Health Inequalities Everyone's Business

Voluntary Health Scotland's Annual Conference

Wednesday 11th November, Hilton Grosvenor Hotel, Haymarket, Edinburgh

Strategic Partner
and Sponsor:



Conference Agenda

9:00-9:50 **Our Business:** to register, have some refreshments and view exhibition

9:50-11:20

Session One: Health Inequalities - Whose business is it anyway?

Trisha McAuley OBE, McAuley Policy and Management

My Business is to chair the conference and keep our focus on health inequalities

Claire Stevens, Chief Officer, Voluntary Health Scotland

My Business is to highlight the role of the third sector in tackling health inequalities

Alex Neil MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities & Pensioners' Rights

My Business is a Fairer Scotland

Our Business: to ask the Cabinet Secretary questions

Anne Jarvie CBE, Commissioner, Commission on Housing and Wellbeing

My Business is the effect that housing has on wellbeing

Hilda Campbell, Chief Executive Officer, COPE Scotland

My Business is the lived reality of health inequalities

Our Business: to ask questions

11:20-11:40 **Our Business:** to get some refreshments and view exhibition

11:40-12:20

Session Two: Making Health Inequalities our business

Our Business: to discuss and generate ideas in groups at our tables which will be led by a facilitator.

12:20-13:30

Lunch and VHS AGM

VHS Members Business: to attend the Voluntary Health Scotland AGM

This will take place in the main suite from 12:20-12:50

(Lunch will be available for those not attending AGM)

Conference Agenda contd:

13:30-14:20

Session Three: Making Health Inequalities Politicians' business

My Business: is Political

A Political Hustings: Ahead of the 2016 Scottish Parliament Elections we ask MSPs to tell us their ambitions to close the inequalities gap.

Session Chair,

David Robertson, Head of Public Relations EMEA, Illumina and Former Broadcaster

Jim Eadie MSP, Jim Hume MSP, Jenny Marra MSP, Nanette Milne OBE MSP

Our Business: to ask the politicians questions

14:20-15:20

Session Four: The business of collaboration and working in partnership

Our Business: to discuss and generate ideas in groups at our tables which will be led by a facilitator

Professor Carol Tannahill,

Director, Glasgow Centre for Population Health

My Business: is the health of the population

Conference Chair's closing remarks

Everyone's Business: is to close the gap

15:20-15:30

Our Business: to have afternoon refreshments and exhibition viewing

15:30-16:15

Fringe Event: NHS Health Scotland

Third sector staff development needs assessment workshop

NHS Health Scotland has been working with key partners in the third sector to conduct a staff development needs assessment with specific focus on health inequalities for the sector. This 45 minutes workshop will provide an opportunity to:

- > share the main findings from the needs assessment
- > have a discussion on the main findings
- > explore the most effective ways to meet the recommendations.



Our Business: to participate and help shape this work



We welcome new members from all sectors – join us now.

www.vhscotland.org.uk/get-involved

Voluntary Health Scotland, Mansfield Traquair Centre

15 Mansfield Place Edinburgh EH3 6BB t.0131 474 6189

mail@vhscotland.org.uk www.vhscotland.org.uk Twitter: @VHSComms