

Scottish Older People's Assembly 2016

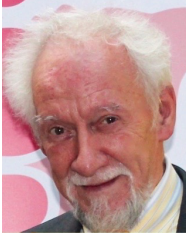
25th November – Programme



10.30 Registration, refreshments and exhibition stands



11.15 Rt Hon Ken Macintosh MSP, Presiding Officer and Assembly Chair



11.20 Tom Berney, Chair, SOPA - Campaign Issues



11.30 Neil Findlay MSP, Convener, Scottish Parliament Health & Sport Committee



11.40 Jeane Freeman OBE MSP, Minister for Social Security



11.50 John McCormick, Chair, Commission on Parliamentary Reform

12.00 Q & A

12.30 Key messages from various organisations

- Donald Macleod, Highland Senior Citizens Network
- Alison Clyde, Generations Working Together
- Helena Scott and Angela Dias, Scottish Mental Health Cooperative
- Kath Payne, U3A Scotland
- Eileen Wallace, Stirling Reference Group for Older People
- John Parkhill, Learning in Later Life Students' Association, Strathclyde University
- Diana Findlay, Scottish Borders Seniors Networking Forum and Age Scotland
- Alan Spinks, National Federation of Occupational Pensioners
- Rob Snodgrass, Grey Matters, Argyll and Bute
- Tom Berney, SOPA

13.05 Lunch and exhibition stands



14.00 Christina McKelvie MSP, Convener, Scottish Parliament Equalities and Human Rights Committee. Assembly Chair, Presentation, and Q & A

14.20 Scottish Parliament Health and Sport Committee. Interactive session. See below.

Scottish Parliament Health & Sport Committee

“In all our actions our overriding aim is to improve the health of the people of Scotland.”

One of the Committee’s strategic objectives is the reduction of ill-health and health inequalities by encouraging preventative actions. What could help to achieve this?

For example:

How to prevent or postpone chronic illness, disease and admission to hospital

How to anticipate such problems and offer practical information and help at an early stage

How to prevent and alleviate isolation and improve services uptake through more

personalised and attractive support. Give examples of preventative actions you know of.

2015/16 SOPA Campaign Issues

Scottish Older People’s Assembly 2015 raised the following campaign issues for action

- Funeral poverty reduction through funded developments and promotion of social enterprise funeral arrangements
- Awareness-raising of negative impacts of changes to the State Pension
- Promotion of the need for funded programmes to encourage active citizenship in later life, including participation in communication technology
- Older representatives on all Integration Joint Boards and improved quality of life for people cared for in a home and at home through links to the community.
- Respect, excellent training and decent pay for care workers
- No discrimination concerning psychological and therapeutic services for people 65 plus.

15:00 – 15.15 Christina McKelvie MSP and Tom Berney Chair SOPA close the Assembly

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