



Scottish Charity Number SC038638

Community Development Alliance Scotland  
**Annual National Conference 2024**

# What Works?

**Wednesday 25th September**  
**The Barracks, Stirling**  
**10.00am - 3.30pm**

*A celebration of the collective impact of “what works” and why it works in community development.*

Our Conference will explore “what works” sharing, learning and networking with our membership organisations and valuing lived experience in order to influence change and impact on the improvement agenda for Scotland and beyond.

*To share and impart knowledge is a great gift and legacy for future generations.*

## Draft Conference Plan

Our conference will explore the cross-cutting impact of community development, highlighting examples of good practice in Scotland and internationally.

*Let's celebrate what works, why it works and share with and from each other.*

By involving our membership organisations, we will be showcasing what works and why it works, sharing and learning with and from each other, highlighting lived experience and overcoming challenges.

With an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience, our members wish to share their lived experience of how community development impacts health, sustainability, economics, democracy, equality, human rights, learning & education and lots more!!

History shapes the present and future - celebrating the history, achievements and learning lessons of our members and wider partners.

### Overview of conference outputs/aims:

- ❖ Increase/Improve networking opportunities for CDAS members/subscribers and wider stakeholders.
- ❖ Improve knowledge and understanding in good practice in community development.
- ❖ Create opportunities to map and collate impact of members and wider stakeholders.
- ❖ Increase understanding in participation and decision-making process.
- ❖ Provide opportunity to share knowledge, experience and expertise in community development policy and practice.
- ❖ Raise the profile of community development nationally and internationally

## Theme:

We are highlighting and showcasing the ***theme of how lived, learned experience plays an integral role in positive outcomes for our communities***. We want to celebrate the achievements of our membership organisations and our collective practice and impact as well as discussing and deliberating current challenges.

## Who is our audience?

CDAS membership is made up from community, public, private, faith and third sector organisations and impacts on a broad range of disciplines including democratic participation, health, regeneration, environment and sustainability, education, and economic development. Our conference will involve a broad range of membership organisations, local charities, policy makers and students.

## Participative Panels:

Attendees will register to participate in 2 panel sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, prior to conference date. They will also have submitted questions to pose to panel members. (similar format to “question time”). Registration details are on our website and registering for panels/ submitting questions will go live on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July when full details will be in our July bulletin. All submitted questions will be circulated to panel members one week prior to conference date.

Descriptors of all panel members will be uploaded onto our website and participants will be signposted to ensure they are aware of all panel members and their areas of expertise.

## Panels, speakers and participation on themes including:

- \* Influencing Decision-Making & Empowerment
- \* Democratic Participation \* Health and Wellbeing \* Wealth & Economic Regeneration \* Learning & Education
- \* Equality & Human Rights \* Poverty and Cost of Living

### Keynote Speakers:

**Mr. Ivan McKee,**  
Minister for Public Finance  
Scottish Government



**Mr. Neil McInroy**  
The Democracy Collaborative



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## Conference Programme

<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Registration &amp; coffee with music</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Jewels Lang, Chairperson, Community Development Alliance Scotland</p> <p>Jim McCormick, CEO The Robertson Trust</p>
<b>10.50am</b>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker</b></p> <p>Mr. Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, The Scottish Government</p>
<b>11.10am</b>	<p><b>Discuss- Debate-Deliberate Panel Session</b> (similar to “Question Time” format)</p> <p>Participants will have registered on our website to participate in one of the panels:</p>
<b>Main Hall (back)</b>	<p><b>A. Community Development: Impact on Wealth and Economic Regeneration</b></p>
	<p><b>Panel members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Wood, Culture Garden (Chair)</li> <li>• Derek Rankine, Scottish Regeneration Forum (SURF)</li> <li>• Douglas Guest, The Circle</li> <li>• David McDonald, Creative Lives Scotland</li> <li>• David Bryan, Social Enterprise Academy</li> <li>• Therese Marsili, Stirling Council (scribe/ capturing bullet points)</li> </ul>
<b>Main Hall (front)</b>	<p><b>B. Community Development: Impact on Health Improvement</b></p>
	<p><b>Panel members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tracey Groom, Marie Curie (Chair)</li> <li>• Brendan Rooney, Suicide Prevention Scotland</li> <li>• Colette McGarva, Community Development Alliance Scotland</li> <li>• Alison Clyde, Generations Working Together</li> <li>• Catriona McDougall, Scottish Recovery Network</li> <li>• Mere Greta, Making Rights Real (scribe/ capturing bullet points)</li> </ul>
<b>McNeil Room</b>	<p><b>C. Community Development: Democracy Matters</b></p>
	<p><b>Panel members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Woodness, CLDMS (Chair)</li> <li>• Clare MacGillivray, Making Rights Real</li> <li>• Cameron Mellows, Scottish Government</li> <li>• Jewels Lang, Scottish Refugee Council</li> <li>• Neil McInroy, The Democracy Collaborative</li> <li>• Dumie Matsebanane, Scottish Refugee Council (scribe/ capturing bullet points)</li> </ul>

<p><b>McPhail Room</b></p>	<p><b>D. Community Development: Impact on Poverty and Cost of Living</b></p> <p><b>Panel members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vikki Carpenter CLD Standards Council (Chair)</li> <li>• Sarah Latto, Volunteer Scotland</li> <li>• Ian Shaw, Media education</li> <li>• Heather Kay, STAR Project</li> <li>• Gordon McLean, Corra Foundation</li> <li>• Margaret Starkie, Volunteer Scotland (scribe/ capturing bullet points)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stevenson Room</b></p>	<p><b>E. Community Development: Impact on Learning and Education</b></p> <p><b>Panel members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andie Reynolds, Universities Scotland (Chair)</li> <li>• Dr Marion Alison, CLD Standards Council</li> <li>• Anna Clarke, International Association for Community Development</li> <li>• Sarah McEwan, Dundee University</li> <li>• Nicola Sykes Education Scotland</li> <li>• Ciara Shanahan, All Ireland Endorsement Body for Community Work Education (scribe/ capturing bullet points)</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:10pm</b></p>	<p><b>Feedback from panels</b></p>
<p><b>12.45pm</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch, Networking and Stalls</b></p>
<p><b>1.45pm</b></p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker</b> Mr. Neil McInroy, The Democracy Collaborative</p>
<p><b>2.05pm</b></p>	<p><b>Discuss, Debate, Deliberate Panel Session</b> Participants will have registered to participate in one of the panels above</p>
<p><b>3.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Feedback, Findings &amp; The Way Forward</b></p>
<p><b>3.25pm</b></p>	<p><b>Closing remarks from Chairperson</b></p>
<p><b>3.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Participants are welcome to stay on for informal networking until 4pm.</b></p>