# FESTIVAL OF POLITICS







THURSDAY 10 -SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

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Mar a bha riamh, tha an Fhèis Phoilitigs am-bliadhna ag amas air a bhith a' piobrachadh, a' brosnachadh agus a' toirt fiosrachadh don luchd-èisteachd smaoineachail, eadar-mheasgte aca.

Tha e iomchaidh, agus Pàrlamaid na h-Alba a' comharrachadh 20 ceannbliadhna, coimhead air ais ann an eachdraidh cho math ri bhith a' coimhead air adhart le prògram a tha a' rannsachadh cinn-bliadhna poilitigeach is sòisealta eile; bho fhoillseachadh aithisg Mhic a' Phearsain air gràin-cinnidh institiuideach, gu aimhreit Stonewall agus daoine a' ruigsinn na gealaich ann an 1969.

Tha deasbadan an latha an-diugh air gràin-Ioslamach, Brexit, seanaidhean shaoranach, riochdachadh co-ionann ann am poilitigs, agus fuasglaidhean radaigeach airson cion dachaigh uile a' faighinn àite, còmhla ri gnìomh ciùin, suimeil ann am bùth-obrach air iomairt tro obair-ciùird. Gheibh iad uile fàilte aig an Fhèis.

Tha sinn cuideachd air leth toilichte fàilte a chur air an Dr Rangan Chatterjee a bhios againn air Latha Slàinte-inntinn an t-Saoghail air 10 Dàmhair a bhruidhinn air fuasglaidhean airson uallach-inntinn; bidh panail eile ann air slàinte inntinn fhireannach. Bidh a' Bhana-mhorair Helena Kennedy QC againn cuideachd, a' bruidhinn air a beatha-obrach chliùiteach thar ceathrad bliadhna san lagh, agus air iomairt air ath-leasachadh lagh do bhoireannaich.

Cuiridh Café Bàr na Fèis fàilte oirbh le prògram beothail de cheòl, mòr-chriunneachadh chòisirean agus dannsa. Tha e cinnteach gum bi an taisbeanadh phortraidean brosnachail Women in Science in Scotland agus an taisbeanadh The Art of Intelligent Ageing de phortraidean muinntir Bhuidheann Breith Lodainn (Lothian Birth Cohort) a' togail ùidh an luchd-coimhid.

Tha sinn a' dèanamh fiughair ri fàilte a chur air luchd-èisteachd na Fèis uile airson trì làithean de dheasbad spreigeach is còmhraidhean inntinneach.

Am Fìor Urr. Coinneach Mac an Tòisich BPA Oifigear Riaghlaidh



The Festival of Politics aims to provoke, inspire and inform its various and highly engaged audiences - and this year is no different.

As the Scottish Parliament celebrates its 20th birthday, it is appropriate to look back at its history as well as its future in a programme that explores a series of similar significant political and social anniversaries, from the publication of the Macpherson Report on institutionalised racism, to the Stonewall riot and the moon landing in 1969.

Current debates on Islamophobia, Brexit, citizens' assemblies and equal representation in politics, and radical solutions to homelessness are all given a platform, together with the quietly respectful activism of a craftivism workshop. All find a home within the Festival.

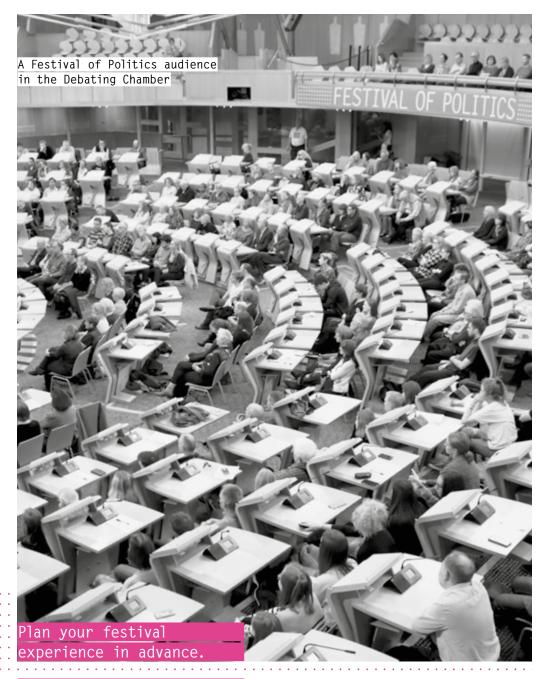
Similarly, we are delighted to welcome Dr Rangan Chatterjee on what will be World Mental Health Day on 10 October to discuss solutions to stress; there will be a separate panel on male mental health. Baroness Helena Kennedy QC will be in conversation discussing her distinguished 40-year legal career and campaign on law reform for women.

Our Festival Cafe Bar will welcome you with a vibrant programme of music, massed choirs and dance. The inspiring Women in Science in Scotland exhibition of portraits and The Art of Intelligent Ageing exhibition of portraits of members of the Lothian Birth Cohort are both guaranteed to provoke conversation.

We look forward to welcoming all our Festival audiences for three days of spirited debate and engaging conversations.



Rt Hon Ken Macintosh MSP **Presiding Officer** 



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In Conversation with Dr Rangan Chatterjee 18.00 - 19.30 £6.00/£4.00

**Dr Rangan Chatterjee** is best known for his *Doctor in the House* television show and as the resident doctor on BBC One's *Breakfast*. Yet the practising GP is also on a mission to inspire people to transform their health and happiness through making small, sustainable changes to their lifestyles.

On World Mental Health Day, join Dr Chatterjee in conversation with **Annie Wells MSP**, Deputy Convener, Cross Party Group on Mental Health, to discuss solutions to stress and how we can all lead calmer, happier, healthier lives as outlined in Dr Chatterjee's book, *The Stress Solution*, and his #1 podcast, *Feel Better, Live More.* 



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## FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER

Craftivism 12.00 - 13.30 £6.00/£4.00

If you want your activism to be beautiful, kind and fair and prefer reflection and respectful conversation to aggression and division, then this is the workshop for you. Join award-winning campaigner **Sarah Corbett** in the art of 'gentle protest' and change the world through quiet, thoughtful, handmade actions. Limited spaces. No craft skills needed, just an open mind and open heart. All craft resources provided. *For ages 14+* 



20 Years of Reporting on Parliament 12.30 - 14.00 Debating Chamber £8.00/£6.00

Hear the inside story from the journalists who have been reporting on the Scottish Parliament since it all began 20 years ago, from the big scoops to the political scandals, the larger than life characters and the lighter moments. Join the **Presiding Officer** and panellists **Katrine Bussey**, Press Association; **Colin Mackay**, STV; **Brian Taylor**, BBC; and **Elizabeth Quigley**, BBC, to discover the challenges of working in this high-pressure political environment.

#### FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER

The Macpherson Report at 20 13.15 - 14.45 £6.00/£4.00

In partnership with the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights for Black History Month 2019

Twenty years have passed since the publication of the Macpherson Report. But how much has Britain changed in both acknowledging and tackling racism in those years? Join chair **John Finnie MSP** and panellists **Jatin Haria**,
Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights; **Dr Katy Sian**, University of York; and **Professor Nasar Meer**, University of Edinburgh, to debate whether the UK and its public institutions have created a fairer society for all since 1999.



Citizens' Assemblies 13.30 - 15.00 £6.00/£4.00

Following the success of the citizens' assembly in Ireland and around the world, Scotland plans to follow suit with a citizens' assembly held in 2020, bringing together the public and experts to shape recommendations on Scotland's future. How do they work and why are they suddenly so popular with governments and movements? Join chair Shelagh Wright, Compass, and panellists including Dr Oliver Escobar, University of Edinburgh; Jamie Kelsey-Fry, Extinction Rebellion; and Dr Jane Suiter, Dublin City University, to debate the pros and cons.

Film Screening
Mariam (uncertified)
14.00 - 15.15
£5.00

This award-winning gem explores faith versus education in the story of a French teenager who must decide whether to wear her hijab or be expelled from school. Following the screening there will be a question and answer session on the themes raised within the film.

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In Conversation with Baroness Helena Kennedy QC 15.00 - 16.30 Debating Chamber £8.00/£6.00

Baroness Helena Kennedy QC is one of the UK's most distinguished lawyers, with more than 40 years' experience. She has championed law reform for women, especially in relation to sexual and domestic violence, and her campaigning has brought about significant change on equal opportunities within the legal profession. Join Baroness Kennedy in conversation with the Deputy Presiding Officer Linda Fabiani MSP as they discuss Eve Was Shamed: How British Justice Is Failing Women, her vital exposé demonstrating legal discrimination against women. From the lack of female judges to the scandal of female prisons and the double discrimination facing black, Asian and minority ethnic women, this event will enrage and inspire in equal measure.



### FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER

Brexit: Where now? 15.30 - 17.00 £6.00/£4.00

Join our panel of Brexit experts who have the unenviable task of analysing the latest challenges, soundbites and back-stop negotiations to tell us where the UK and Scotland go next on the Brexit road-map. Join panellists **Professor Anand Menon**, Director of the UK in a Changing Europe Initiative; **Alex Massie**, *The Times/The Spectator*; **Dr Kirsty Hughes**, Director of the Scottish Centre on European Relations; and **Tim Martin**, chairman, JD Wetherspoon plc, to bring clarity to Brexit.



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Islamophobia Does it Exist?
15.30 - 17.00
£6.00/£4.00

How should we define Islamophobia and does it exist? Join our panel to discuss the issues surrounding blurred lines on religion, race and freedom of speech and the issue of Islamophobia in the UK today. Chaired by **Anas Sarwar MSP**, the panel includes **Dr Katy Sian**, University of York; **Mohammed Amin MBE**, former Chairman of the Conservative Muslim Forum; **Safia Ali**, Chief Executive Officer, Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre; and **Dr Khadijah Elshayyal**, University of Edinburgh.

Film Screening
In the name of peace:
John Hume in America (12A)
16.45 - 18.45
£5.00

This documentary explores the decadeslong campaign by Nobel Prize winner John Hume to secure peace in Northern Ireland. Featuring interviews with Bono, President Bill Clinton and Sir John Major. Following the screening there will be a question and answer session with director **Maurice Fitzpatrick** on the themes within the film. 12

### FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER

Can Finland Solve Homelessness? 17.15 - 18.45 £6.00/£4.00

Finland is the only country in the EU where homelessness is falling. Now its radical approach is about to be piloted in parts of the UK. Join chair the **Presiding Officer** and panellists **Sanna Vesikansa**, Deputy Mayor of Helsinki; **Ewan Aitken**, Cyrenians; **Kate Farrell**, Liverpool City Region; and **Mark Johnson**, former rough sleeper and User Voice founder, to discuss whether Finland's solution will work in the UK and how we address this modern plight.

America: The Presidential Contenders 17.30 - 19.00 £6.00/£4.00

Ahead of next year's primaries, the race is on to see who will win the American Presidential election of 2020. Will President Trump steamroller any noises of Republican discontent and do the Democrats have strong enough candidates to take on the current White House incumbent? Join chair Kenny Farquharson, The Times, and panellists Dr Clodagh Harrington, De Montfort University; Professor Robert Singh, Birkbeck University of London; Jason Boxt, US pollster; and Dr Mark McLay, University of Glasgow, for a ringside seat.







The Power of Speech 19.15 - 20.45 £6.00/£4.00

In partnership with the Scottish Parliament Journalists Association

A rousing political speech can change lives. From Martin Luther King to Greta Thunberg's recent Davos speech, the greatest speeches echo through history. Join chair **Michael Blackley**, SPJA Secretary, and panellists **David Clegg**, *The Daily Record*; **Kezia Dugdale**, John Smith Centre for Public Service; **Dr Julia Peetz**, University of Warwick; and **Dr Andrew Crines**, University of Liverpool, to dissect the components of a great political speech and whether orators are born or made.





20 Years of Devolving Power in the UK 11.15 - 12.45 £6.00/£4.00

What would life look like in 2019 if the Scottish and Welsh electorates had voted 'no' in the 1997 referendums, or if the Good Friday agreement had not been reached? Join chair Sir Paul Grice, Clerk/Chief Executive of The Scottish Parliament, and panellists Professor Laura McAllister, Cardiff University; Esther Roberton, Senior Governor at the University of Aberdeen and former Coordinator of the Scottish Constitutional Convention; and Professor James Mitchell, University of Edinburgh, to re-imagine a life without devolution.

Our Future in Space 12.00 - 13.30 £6.00/£4.00

The moon landing in 1969 came against a background of Cold War rivalries. Fifty years on, dominance in space is back on the political agenda. From a predicted spacearms race, to space-tourism and space as an untapped resource, join chair Deputy Presiding Officer Christine Grahame MSP and panellists Sue Nelson, science journalist; Dr Bleddyn Bowen, University of Leicester; and Dr Stuart Eves, space satellite-system engineer, to debate whether the final frontier is an opportunity or a threat.

She's Running! How Women Can Stand and Succeed 13.30 - 15.00 £6.00/£4.00

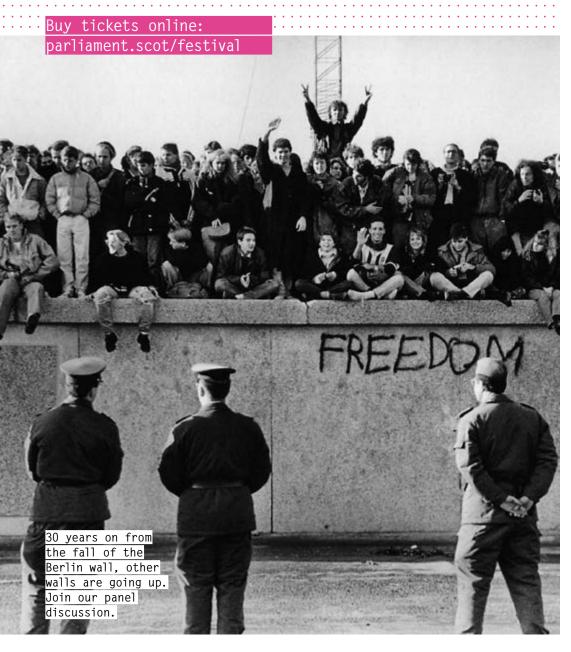
In partnership with the John Smith Centre for Public Service

The representation of women in British politics has improved in recent decades yet still fails to reflect a 50:50 balance at all levels of government. Join chair **Andrew Marr**, BBC, and panellists **Rt Hon Ruth Davidson MSP**; **Dr Meryl Kenny**, University of Edinburgh; **Danielle Rowley MP**; and **Talat Yaqoob**, Equate Scotland, to assess the political barriers, share personal experiences and discuss how inequalities can be overcome on individual and societal levels to redress the balance.



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### SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

Why is the World Building More Walls? 13.45 - 15.15 £6.00/£4.00

The 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall signalled that barriers between people and nations could be broken down. Thirty years later and more than 1,000km of new walls have been built in Europe, not forgetting President Trump's wish for a US-Mexican border wall. Join panellists **Professor Holger Nehring**, University of Stirling; **Jason Boxt**, US pollster; **Dr Nour Halabi**, University of Leeds: and **Professor Alison Phipps**, University of Glasgow, to discuss the political motivations behind the drive to build barriers.

Getting Your Head in the Game - Male Mental Health 14.00 - 15.30 £6.00/£4.00

Tackling the stigma around mental health remains one of the major public health challenges in Scotland, especially for men. In 2017, Scotland's male suicide rate was more than three times higher than its female equivalent. Join chair James Dornan MSP and panellists Wray Thomson, Man Chat; Stephen McAllister, The Samaritans Scotland; and Marilyn Edmond, film director, to discuss the support needed to sustain good mental health.

Dear Scottish Parliament 14.00 - 15.30 £6.00/£4.00

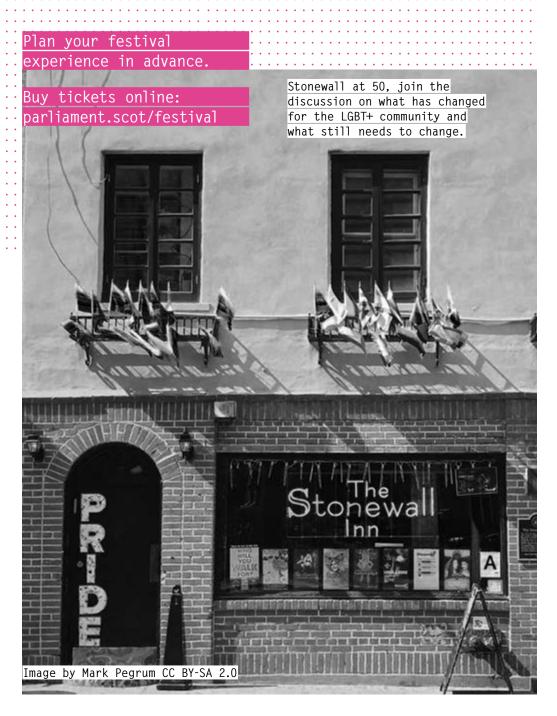
A new book *The Scottish Parliament* at *Twenty (Luath Press)*, sets out the challenges facing the Parliament with contributions from politicians, academics and young people.

Join chair **Sarah Quinn**, Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament, and panellists **Dr Jim Johnston**, book co-editor; **Allan Lindsay**, Young Scot; young people whose letters appear in the book, **Claire Hossack** and **Quinn Muirhead**; and **Peter McColl**, Snook Design Agency, to debate the Scottish Parliament at 20.

Women in Science 15.00 - 16.30 £6.00/£4.00

In partnership with the Royal Society of Edinburgh

A 2014 YouGov poll reported that most UK adults couldn't name a living female scientist. Join chair Deputy Presiding Officer Christine Grahame MSP and panellists Professor Niamh Nic Daeid, FRS, Professor of Forensic Science and Director of Research, University of Dundee and expert witness in the Grenfell Tower public inquiry; and Professor Joanna Wardlaw, Director of Brain Research Imaging Centre, University of Edinburgh, to debate whether efforts to change public knowledge are working and, crucially, whether young women are aware of the scientific role models leading the field.



Stonewall at 50 16.00 - 17.30 £6.00/£4.00

New York's Stonewall riot 50 years ago was a pivotal moment in the history of the LGBT+ community, but what of Scotland's evolution? From the debate around Section 28 to now being saluted as "the gayest parliament in the world" it has been a dramatic journey. Join chair Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP and panellists Sophie Bridger, Stonewall; Hazel Marzetti, LGBT Youth Scotland; Jo Clifford, writer/performer; and James Morton, Scottish Trans Alliance, to discuss what has changed and what still needs to change.

Nanny State or Saving Scottish Lives? 16.30 - 18.00 £6.00/£4.00

The Scottish Parliament has passed several laws aimed at improving public health, on issues from smoking to alcohol and now the debate around obesity. Supporters believe that these laws promote healthy living while critics believe they undermine freedom of choice. Join chair Emma Harper MSP and panellists Pennie Taylor, health journalist; Professor Linda Bauld, University of Edinburgh; Professor John Coggon, University of Bristol; and Dr lain Kennedy, British Medical Association Council, to discuss.



Film Screening
Before Stonewall (12)
18.00 - 20.00
£5.00

A screening of the award-winning documentary *Before Stonewall*, about the event that is considered the birth of the modern gay rights movement. Following the screening a question and answer session will be held on the themes within the film.



## EXHIBITIONS



#### Women in Science in Scotland

A selection of portraits from the Royal Society of Edinburgh's inspiring exhibition celebrating some of Scotland's finest female scientists.

Photography as part of the Royal Society of Edinburgh Women in Science in Scotland Exhibition.





The Art of Intelligent Ageing

A fascinating reflection on the process of ageing on the mind and body is captured by artist Fionna Carlisle in this selection of portraits of the personalities who comprise members of the renowned Lothian Birth Cohort.



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As part of your Festival experience, join us at the Festival café bar for a free programme of music and dance.

Featuring the Americana folk of Finfolk; the guid folk of The Cognac Twins; Festival favourites Folksville; and the exuberance of Edinburgh University's Jazz Orchestra and Castle Chorus.

Relax in our iconic Garden Lobby with a drink or see what is on offer at our food stalls.

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