



## How a Scottish Minister Changed the Financial Landscape Henry Duncan Bicentenary Conference

In 1810, Rev Henry Duncan, a parish minister near Dumfries, founded a savings bank in his church hall as a way of addressing the poverty of his parishioners; as the idea caught on, he was recognised as the father of the Savings Bank movement. As we celebrate the bicentenary, banking is in some turmoil, and very much in the public eye. Two day conferences will mark the anniversary – one, in the General Assembly Hall on 9 June, is hosted by the Church of Scotland, the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Scotland, and Edinburgh University; on the following day, the European

Savings Bank Group will host a conference in the Sheraton Hotel.

The first of these events is designed for a diverse range of participants, from Scotland and beyond (from banking, micro-finance, credit unions, the churches, anti-poverty campaigners, academics, students, etc). The programme sets Henry Duncan in context, debates the values he embodied in the savings bank movement and explores modern models of how banking and finance can serve the needs of people struggling today.

### Programme - 9 June

**09.30am** Registration

**10.00am** Welcome - Alex Neil, MSP,  
Minister for Communities, TBC.

#### Session Theme

#### "A Very Noble Banker" Henry Duncan in Context

**10.15am** Historical context within Scotland and its Kirk -  
Prof Stewart J Brown, Edinburgh University

**10.45am** Historical Context within Banking - Prof Charles Munn

**11.15am** Questions

**11.30am** Coffee Break

**11.45am** "Doing God's Work?" (A dialogue between a theologian  
and a banker around Henry Duncan's key values and  
theology)

**12.45pm** Lunch

#### Session Theme

#### "Banking on the Poor"

**1.30pm** "Banking Today and Tomorrow" - A leading European  
banker, TBC.

**2.10pm** A Panel consisting of a banker, a theologian and a  
financial inclusion champion will hear a series of ten  
minute presentations of alternative financial models,  
and interrogate the presenters.

The presentations will include micro-credit, micro  
finance, credit unions, and new horizons for "main  
stream" banks

Each presentation would be followed by questions  
from the panel, followed by open discussion and a  
brief response from the panel members at the end.

**3.45pm** Closing speech "Beyond 2010" - Lady Susan Rice

**4.15pm** Close

### Participation is free

For further information, please contact: Graham Blount,  
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To register online, please go to

<http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/cpd/courses/divinity?Course=K1844>

### You can also register by post:

Henry Duncan Bicentenary Conference,  
General Assembly Hall, Edinburgh,  
9 June 2010

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The Assembly Hall is located between the Lawnmarket and the  
Mound in Edinburgh, Scotland; entry is through the archway from  
Mound Place:

<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps/ms?f=q&geocode=&ie=UTF8&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=109245583557029108837.000459753f2a4ec335bc&ll=55.94962,-3.195369&spn=0.005551,0.013797&z=16>

For details of the complementary conference on 10 June, please go to  
<http://www.savings-banks.com/PortalHome.aspx> or contact Graham  
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