



Knowledge Exchange on Public Policy
Dimensions of persistent inequality in Scotland

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Venue: Park Inn Hotel, 2 Port Dundas Place Glasgow G2 3LD

Date: Thursday, 15th January, 10.00 – 4.00

The Equalities Review, published by the Cabinet Office in 2007, was regarded as helpful in delineating some of the features of persistent inequality in Britain, and in considering what an ‘equality scorecard’ for monitoring change might look like. However, it was criticised in Scotland for relying too much on English data and in failing to appreciate the different dimensions of inequality north of the Border. For example, the composition of minority ethnic groups in Scotland and England is very different, and sectarianism is perceived as more of a problem in Scotland. Furthermore, the definitions and categories which apply to particular equality strands may differ north and south of the Border. If we are going to tackle inequality and disadvantage then we must identify the patterns of persistent inequality in Scotland and the part which public sector organisations may play in interrupting the transmission of inequality across generations. This think-tank includes presentations from organisations representing different equality strands with the aim of identifying the way in which enduring inequalities impact on daily lives and experiences.

Programme

10.00-10.30 **Registration and coffee**

10.30-10.35 **Welcome**

Nick Watson, Strathclyde Centre for Disability Research

10.35-11.30 **Persistent Inequality: Perspectives from the Voluntary Sector
Part 1**
(Chair:)

Calum Irving, Director, Stonewall Scotland

Lindsay Scott Communications Officer, Help the Aged
Scotland

Maureen Sier, Faith Awareness

Followed by questions from the floor

11.30-11.45 **Coffee**

11.45-12.45 **Persistent Inequality: Perspectives from the Voluntary Sector
Part 2**
(Chair:)

Marsha Scott, Convener, Engender

Etienne d'Aboville, Chief Executive, Glasgow Centre for
Independent Living

Rami Ousta, Chief Executive Officer, BEMIS

Followed by questions from the floor

12.45-1.30 **Lunch**

1.30-2.15 **Discussion:** What are we lacking in terms of knowledge and data and how can we collect this data? What are the issues around inter-sectional disadvantage and how can we move forward?

2.15-2.30 **Coffee**

2.30-3.15 **Discussion:** What are the practical implications of current policy?

3.15-4.00 **Reflection and implications for policy and practice**
Discussant: Morag Patrick, EHRC
Concluding Remarks

**If you would like to reserve a place, please complete the Booking Form
and e-mail to Joanna Ferrie:**

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