

Renfrewshire Economic Development Conference 2018

Ensuring Inclusive Growth

Keynote address from Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills

Paisley Town Hall, Tuesday 20th November 2018

You are invited to join us at Paisley Town Hall for Renfrewshire's annual Economic Development Conference which focuses this year on "Ensuring Inclusive Growth".

Renfrewshire has a unique record of partnership working and this event normally attracts over 150 local staff involved in local economic development and employability. It's a great opportunity to hear what's going on in the area, to catch up on new developments and to network with local colleagues. And it's free!

Renfrewshire's economic position has improved significantly over the last 5 years: unemployment has continued to fall; local jobs have increased and our economy continues to grow. There are some exciting new developments in the pipeline which will further strengthen the economy and create additional local jobs.

Amidst all of this positive news we are absolutely determined to ensure that we have equality of access to these opportunities across all areas and all groups of people. We want Renfrewshire to allow every individual to participate to their full potential and we aim to impact positively across all of Renfrewshire's communities with our investments and services.

You can choose to book just for the morning session/ just the afternoon session or for the full day

The brief agenda is:

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| 08 45 – 09 15 | Registration |
| 09 15 – 10 45 | Overview of the Renfrewshire Economy, new developments, the opportunities and how we can support inclusive growth. |
| 09 45 – 11 15 | Break |
| 11 15 – 12 45 | Round table workshops and feedback on a range of topics that support "Growing our economy and tackling inequalities" |
| 12 45 – 13 30 | Lunch |
| 13 30 – 15 30 | Select a 2 hour workshop to support action planning for key themes for the future. |

Please join us and be part of the action that ensures Inclusive Growth in Renfrewshire

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AGENDA

09 20 Welcome and Introduction to the event

09 30 Our economy, key stats and what they tell us

09 45 New Developments and Opportunities

10 10 Keynote Address: Reducing Inequalities

Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills

10 25 Q&A with the panel

10.45 Break

GROUPS

11 15 Growing our economy and tackling inequalities (A series of short inputs and group discussions)

How do we create additional economic growth?

What are the local work prospects over the next few years?

Linking unemployed people to jobs.

Targeted approaches to reduce poverty.

LUNCH 12.45 – 13.30

13 30 – 15 30

Workshops: (ideas generation and future planning, each group develops key priority actions)

Workshops are stand-alone and people can come only for the workshops or for the whole day. The workshops should be led by those with a responsibility for that area of work and should result in an action plan to take forward key pieces of work.

1. Inclusion: Equality for disadvantaged groups and areas – where are the inequalities in Renfrewshire and how do we tackle them?

Lead Facilitator: (tbc)

Location: Main Hall, Paisley Town Hall

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2. A changing Labour Market: Planning for future work and understanding the routes to jobs.

Lead Facilitator: (tbc)

Location: Paisley Room, Paisley Town Hall

3. Regenerating Paisley Town Centre

Lead Facilitator: Alasdair Morrison, Head of Regeneration and Neil Watson, Cultural Infrastructure Projects Director Renfrewshire Council

Location: Loggia; Paisley Town Hall

4. Developing a Creative and Inclusive Economy

Lead facilitator: (tbc) Creative Industries, Creative Scotland and Stuart Macmillan, Regeneration Manager. Renfrewshire Council

Location: Alexander Wilson Suite, Paisley Town Hall