

HOLYROOD MANIFESTO SERIES

Scotland's policy programme 2007 – 2011

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The **Holyrood Manifesto Series**, running from January to early March, will examine the crucial public policy issues facing Scotland before the Scottish Parliament elections in May 2007.

With nine distinct events discussing policy affecting children, families, older people, health, crime and justice, sustainability, economic development, Scotland's place in the world and the future for the Scottish Parliament itself, the series will scrutinise the evidence and identify the parties' answers to the key questions, including:

- What do we want our education system to deliver?
- When is it appropriate for the state to intervene in family life?
- Is free personal care sustainable?
- How can we address health inequalities across Scotland?
- Are community punishments a soft option, or can they be effective?
- Are Scotland's attitudes to energy, waste and transport sustainable?
- What is post-devolution Scotland's international profile?
- What steps must we take to ensure successful economic development in Scotland in the next term of the Parliament?
- Should we consider more powers for the Scottish Parliament?

Each event will feature questions and discussion with independent experts and senior party representatives.

Delegates will also have their say by using two technological tools – electronic polling will record delegates' views allowing them to **interact** with the opinion-formers and decision-makers during the events, and the bespoke *eDemocracy software* on the Holyrood Events website will allow delegates to **share views** with speakers and fellow delegates before and after each event.

Confirmed speakers for the series include:

- Sue Palmer, writer broadcaster and education consultant
- Kathleen Marshall, Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People
- Professor Michele Burman, Co-Director, Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research
- Maggie Mellon, Head of Children and Family Service, Children 1st
- Maddy Halliday, Co-ordinator, Parenting Across Scotland
- Mike Reid, Director, Family Mediation Scotland
- Dr Mary Taylor, Housing Policy and Practice Unit, University of Stirling
- Andrew Girvan, Head of Children's Services, NCH Scotland
- David Manion, Chief Executive, Age Concern Scotland
- John Wilson, Secretary, National Pensioners' Convention Scotland
- Professor Alan Gilloran, Centre for the Older Person's Agenda, Queen Margaret University College
- Campbell Gemmell, Chief Executive, SEPA
- Duncan McLaren, Chief Executive, Friends of the Earth Scotland
- Professor Andrew Coyle, Professor of Prison Studies, King's College, London
- Professor Alexander Cameron CBE, Chairman, Parole Board for Scotland
- George Reid MSP, Presiding Officer, The Scottish Parliament

The Holyrood Manifesto Series will set the agenda for the Scottish Parliament election campaign and Scotland's policy programme for the next four years. To be involved in this important series, or for more information, visit

www.holyrood.com/conference.asp or send us a message to one of the e-mail addresses below, and book the dates in your diary now.

The Kids Are Alright? – Children and Young People

Monday 22 January

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Keeping It In The Family

Wednesday 24 January

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Prime Time – Older People

Monday 29 January

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A Clean Bill Of Health?

Wednesday 31 January 2007

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Justice on Trial – Crime, Justice and Rights

Wednesday 7 February 2007

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A Sustainable Burden?

Wednesday 14 February 2007

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Global Players? – Scotland's Place In The World

Wednesday 21 February 2007

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Smart And Successful? – Economic Development

Monday 26 February 2007

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Democracy Coming Out Of The Cradle? – The Future For The Scottish Parliament

Thursday 1 March 2007

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