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Scotland & the Modern World: Human Rights and Sustainable Development

A conference for S5 and S6 students and teachers
Monday 17 December 2012

Venue: The Charles Wilson Building, University of Glasgow
Booking: FREE (includes lunch)

To reserve spaces for your school please email: eamonn.butler@glasgow.ac.uk

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- How does the UK deal with Refugees and Asylum Seekers?
- Does Scotland need a Human Rights Action Plan?
- Why should we acknowledge threats to the global environment?
- How can Scotland contribute to global sustainable development?

This conference aims provoke debate and discussion among its student participants with regard to why and how Scotland and its citizens should play an active role in addressing human rights and sustainable development at a global, regional and local levels.

Who should come?

The conference is open and free to any S5 and S6 students and their teachers who have an interest in politics, global affairs, modern studies, sociology, law, history, geography or philosophy.

Students planning to go to University are particularly welcome.

PROGRAMME

09.30-10.00	Arrival, Registration and Welcome
10.00-11.00	Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration Network (GRAMnet) Rebecca Kay, Anna Beesley and Claire Bynner <i>Asylum Seekers & Refugees in the UK – What is Home?</i>
11.00-11.15	Break
11.15-11.45	Scottish Human Rights Commission Jemma Neville <i>Scotland's National Action Plan for Human Rights</i>
11.45-12.15	Student workshop on Human Rights
12.15-12.45	Feedback, questions and answers session with Panel
12.45-13.30	Lunch (provided)
13.30-14.00	Glasgow Global Security Network & CRCEES Dr Eamonn Butler <i>Environmental Security: International and Regional Challenges</i>
14.00-14.30	Keep Scotland Beautiful (Eco-Schools Scotland) Kirsten Leask <i>Sustainable development: engaging and empowering young people</i>
14.30-15.00	Student Workshop on Sustainable Development
15.00-15.30	Feedback Plenary Session and close of conference

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About this Conference

The Europe-Atlantic Movement (TEAM) is a UK based independent educational foundation that seeks to promote an understanding and discussion of world affairs, thus empowering young people to be active global citizens and to aspire to leadership roles within their communities. TEAM has a long history of organising conferences for Schools that speak to many international matters. Working in partnership with the Stevenson Trust for Citizenship, the University of Glasgow's School of Social and Political Sciences and CRCEES, this conference aims to provide a unique one-day learning experience for Scottish based schools and their students on issues that are central to furthering knowledge and understanding of two major global concerns - human rights and sustainable development. These issues represent two fundamental research and teaching concerns in Universities across the UK and they are embedded within Scotland's own Curriculum for Excellence framework. Although the conference is aimed primarily at Scottish schools, it is open to schools from across the UK.

The conference hopes to provide young people with additional knowledge and insight into the two central conference themes. In doing so it will encourage students to think about how they can contribute, as Scottish, UK and 'global' citizens, to raising awareness, participating in international debate and informing policy development with regard to both issues.

The conference will be divided into two sections and have expert speakers that bridge both the academic and practitioner worlds.

Part 1:

The first half of the conference will address human rights issues with a close examination of how international human rights are impacted by strict rules on asylum and refugee status as imposed by the UK Border Agency. The case of Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre, the only detention centre to be based in Scotland, will be covered and the reasons for migration and asylum seeking to the UK and Europe will be examined. This information will be located within a discussion about place and 'home' and participants will be asked to consider how 'home' can be conceived and reconceived. Conference participants will also hear from the Scottish Human Rights Commission about the development of a Scottish Human Rights Action Plan which will include a section on the matter of asylum and detention. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in a small scale workshop exercise which will potentially enable them to feed directly into the SHRC's 'Getting it Right: Human Rights in Scotland' consultation process which will in turn inform the Action Plan itself which is due for publication in late 2013.

Part 2:

The second half of the conference will look at environmental matters, including environmental security, global climate change and sustainable development. Looking forth to the 2013 Year of Natural Scotland and the final few years of UNESCO's (2005-

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2014) Decade of Education for Sustainable Development this section of the conference will encourage participants to consider the environment in light of ethical concerns linked to global interdependence, social justice and health and well being. This section will also include speakers from academia and practitioner organisations. Conference participants will have an opportunity to consider the realities posed by contemporary environmental matters and how they are addressed at international, regional and local levels. We will encourage participants, as young people living in an environmentally sensitive age, to think about how they can actively engage and be empowered to help make changes and inform public and government policy and action on sustainability. This is important because Scotland has immense natural resources and it can play a leading role within the international community in the years to come with regard to meeting targets for increasing renewable energy, reducing greenhouse gases and improving energy efficiency. As citizens we all have a role to play in helping achieve this.

To Participate:

Schools that would like to participate in this one off event should initially contact the conference organiser Dr Eamonn Butler (eamonn.butler@glasgow.ac.uk) to confirm their interest. We require final numbers of attendees for catering purposes no later than Wednesday 12th December 2012.

We have up to 200 places for this event so it would be useful to have an idea of numbers early on so we can confirm the number of places left to other interested schools.

We will send additional details of the different sessions along with background information to each school in advance of the event.

Lunch:

A sandwich lunch will be provided free of charge to all participants.

Conference Venue:

The conference will take place in the Charles Wilson Building, University of Glasgow, 1 University Avenue, G12 8QQ. Disabled access is available via Gibson Street.

For location of the building please see building E15 on this map over the page or download the map from: http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_1887_en.pdf

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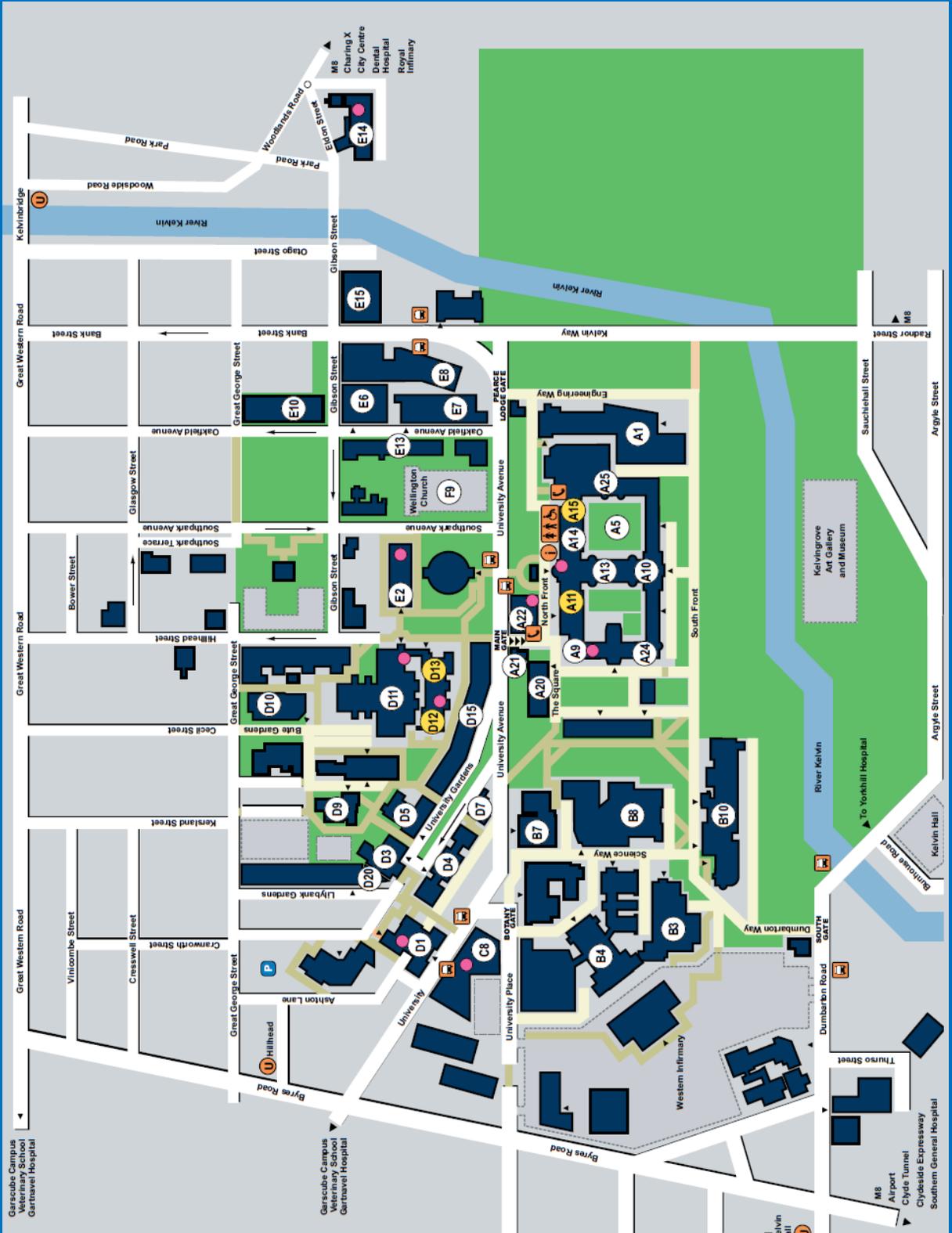


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The Charles Wilson Building is located on the corner of Gibson Street and Kelvin Way/University Avenue (E15 on map). The nearest subway stations are Kelvin Bridge (Great Western Road) or Hillhead (Byres Road). Parking is limited in the vicinity of the university, although some parking may be found along Kelvin Way or University Avenue



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Organisations and speakers :

GRAMNet

Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration Network (GRAMNet) is an initiative of the University of Glasgow working internationally, across Scotland and the UK to build on the extensive expertise relating to migration, refugees and asylum, and with a particular interest in aspects of community cohesion. GRAMNet is a partnership with a range of community and public organisations working in the field and its research and activities are led by its members and participants who set the research agenda.

www.gla.ac.uk/gramnet

Professor Rebecca Kay (University of Glasgow – Co-convenor of GRAMnet):

Rebecca has worked for many years on questions of gender, identity, care and social security in urban and rural Russia. She is currently interested in the geopolitics of welfare and globalisation of care, and the complex, and often interdependent, relationship between material welfare and emotional care in producing social security at local, national and global scales. She currently runs a research project exploring “Experiences of social security and prospects for long-term settlement in Scotland amongst migrants from Central Eastern Europe and Former Soviet Union”. This project has been developed with a range of partners from local authorities, third sector and migrant organisations in the case study areas of Glasgow, Aberdeen, Angus and Aberdeenshire. The project prioritises a long-term and deep engagement with migrant communities and seeks to develop practical and policy outcomes and solutions through the use of participatory action research. This will involve working directly with migrants, migrant organisations, policy makers, service providers and employers to develop practical projects addressing particular issues.

Anna Beesly (Coordinator of Scottish Detainee Visitors):

Anna is the coordinator of Scottish Detainee Visitors, a group of volunteers who visit asylum seekers held at Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre in South Lanarkshire . Her work has seen her try to understand the system which keeps asylum and immigration detainees in Dungavel indefinitely.

Claire Bynner (University of Glasgow):

Claire is a researcher whose work investigates the idea of a new type of ‘problem’ neighbourhood in European countries where long-settled black minority ethnic and white communities live alongside new migrants escaping global terror and extreme poverty. This new form of ‘super-diversity’ is characterised by population instability and the proliferation of small, fragmented and diverse ethnic groups. Claire’s research explores the implications of super-diversity on public policy.

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Scottish Human Rights Commission (SHRC)

The Scottish Human Rights Commission was established by an Act of the Scottish Parliament and started work in 2008. The Commission is independent of the Scottish and UK Governments, and the Scottish and Westminster Parliaments. It seeks to promote and protect the human rights of everyone in Scotland by increasing awareness, recognition and respect for human rights, and make them more relevant and easier to apply in everyday life. The Commission is dedicated to helping everyone understand their rights and the shared responsibilities we all have to each other and to our community. The Commission has a vision of a modern, outward-looking and fairer Scotland, where human dignity, equality and participation are guaranteed for all.

www.scottishhumanrights.com

Jemma Neville (Outreach Coordinator for the SHRC):

Jemma works with civil society organisations to help people understand and claim human rights. She has a degree in law from the University of Edinburgh, a human rights masters from the European Inter-University Centre in Venice and has completed an internship at The United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. Before joining the Commission, Jemma worked for the Scottish Government Violence Reduction Campaign and project managed a network of health clinics between Scotland and Malawi. She was a member of the Human Rights Jury at the Venice International Film Festival 2006 and was shortlisted for The Guardian International Development Journalism Award 2008 for her reporting on the abuse of older women accused of witchcraft in Mozambique and Tanzania.

Keep Scotland Beautiful – Eco-Schools Scotland

Keep Scotland Beautiful is one of Scotland's leading environmental charities. Through its 'Eco-Schools' programme, Keep Scotland Beautiful "engages children and young people in key issues including the environment, sustainability, global citizenship and the value of a low carbon future".

www.ecoschoolsscotland.org

Kirsten Leask (Eco-Schools Scotland Coordinator):

Kirsten Leask manages the Eco-Schools Scotland project. Kirsten works with schools across Scotland and sees so much inspiration and commitment from young people about how to improve things for our sustainable future. She has a 'green dream' is that the politicians and decision makers listen to what these young people have to say.

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Glasgow Global Security Network (GGSN)

The Glasgow Global Security Network brings together a wide range of academics with an interest in security issues—very broadly defined. Based at Glasgow University the GGSN draws on expertise from across a wide range of subject areas including Politics, History, Economics, Business, Law, Sociology, Geography, European Studies. The GGSN's primary role is to facilitate the exchange of ideas which should lead to further cooperation in security issues. Its role is to act as a facilitator and originator of projects, and a vehicle for publicizing or coordinating events in the global security field.
www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/globalsecurity/

Dr Eamonn Butler

Eamonn is a lecturer in the School of Social and Political Sciences and researcher with CRCEES. He was a founding member of the GGSN and convenes Glasgow University's MSc in Global Security. His research currently focuses on energy security in the European Union with a special interest in energy supply security in Central and Eastern Europe.

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The Stevenson Trust for Citizenship

The Stevenson Trust was established in 1921 by a bequest to the University of Glasgow from Sir Daniel Macaulay Stevenson (1851 – 1944) a Glasgow-born engineer, politician and philanthropist, to fund a Lectureship in Citizenship. The purposes of the Stevenson Trust for Citizenship were set out to:

- to make provision in Glasgow for instruction in the rights, duties, and obligations of citizens in relation to the city, the state, and the commonwealth of nations
- to promote study, inquiry and research in subjects bearing on local government, national polity, and international community
- and thereby to emphasize the compatibility of civic or local with national patriotism, and of both with full and free international co-operation

The Stevenson Trust for Citizenship promotes a series of lectures and events on citizenship themes, held at the University of Glasgow which are open to academics, students and the general public. Speakers have included politicians, academics, political theorists, journalists, educators and cultural commentators. The Trust also supports a number of other activities concerned with citizenship, such as conferences and events for schools. Details of all these and the current and recent lecture programmes can be found on the trusts website:

www.gla.ac.uk/schools/socialpolitical/research/politics/stevensontrustforcitizenship/

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The Europe-Atlantic Movement (TEAM)

TEAM is an Independent Educational Foundation. TEAM's vision is to promote an understanding and discussion of world affairs, which empowers young people to be active global citizens and to aspire to leadership roles within their communities. TEAM was founded by John Sewell, OBE, in 1958. It is non-political and non-sectarian. It has earned the support and goodwill of representatives of universities, think tanks, embassies, the media, NATO, SHAPE, the UK House of Lords, MPs and MEPs over the years. Its activities include international seminars for adults, sixth form conferences for Schools, colleges and universities with support from expert speakers. It also organises study tours to Brussels, Washington and New York for sixth form teachers. TEAM is supported in its activities by the Financial Times. You can find out more about TEAM at its website:

www.european-atlantic.org.uk

University of Glasgow School of Social and Political Sciences

The School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Glasgow is a multi-disciplinary school that contains some of Scotland and the UK's top scholars at the forefront of academic and policy thinking. It aims to produce internationally significant research to enhance students' learning and contribute to the economy and society. It offers a wide range of programmes and degree at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.

www.gla.ac.uk/schools/socialpolitical

Centre for Russian, Central and East European Studies (CRCEES)

CRCEES is an inter-institutional Centre of Excellence in Russian, Central and East European Language-Based Area Studies. It is a consortium of UK universities led by University of Glasgow and composed of the Universities of: Aberdeen, Durham, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Nottingham, St. Andrews and Strathclyde. CRCEES also has a range of renowned international partner universities. Established in 2006, the Centre is funded by the UK's Arts and Humanities Research Council and the British Academy. CRCEES supports activities which demonstrate the impact and strategic importance of research in language based area studies, particularly in terms of building capacity and supporting knowledge exchange across the educational and non-academic sectors.

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