

The Scottish Constitutional Futures Forum, Human Rights Consortium Scotland,
Glasgow Human Rights Network, and Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration
Network

**The Human Rights Question: What sort of Scotland, and what sort of
constitutional future?**

**1st May 2013, 10am-4pm
City Chambers, Glasgow**

This second seminar will examine how those involved in civil society groups are working to promote and protect rights, and consider the extent to which the referendum context affects this work. The seminar will consider questions such as: whether groups conceive of, and articulate their work in human rights terms, or in other terms? To what extent are human rights issues seen as important to the constitutional debate? Are human rights particularly served by one constitutional future or another? How might human rights be useful to articulating a vision of the future that might inform constitutional development in Scotland, whether through an on-going development of devolution, or an alternative constitutional future?

Outline draft programme

- 09.45-10.00 **Welcome and coffee**
- 10.00-10.15 **City Chambers welcome and reply**
Dr Kurt Mills, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of
Glasgow
- 10.15-10.30 **Reflections on Seminar one**
Professor Christine Bell, School of Law, University of Edinburgh
- 10.30-11.45 Plenary Session: Constitutional futures and human rights in
Scotland**
Chair: Dr Kurt Mills, School of Social and Political Sciences,
University of Glasgow
- Humza Yousaf MSP; Scottish National Party
Annabel Goldie MSP, Scottish Conservative Party
Patrick Harvie MSP, Scottish Green Party
(plus further speaker TBC)
- 11.45- 12.15 Breakout Session: In what sense does the independence debate
present opportunities or obstacles for change?**
- 12.15-1.00 Lunch
- 1.00- 2.00 Plenary Session: The existing human rights framework: Gaps and
potential**
Chair: Sarah Craig, School of Law, University of Glasgow

Professor Tom Mullen, School of Law, University of Glasgow
Carole Ewart, Human Rights Consortium Scotland
Professor James Mitchell, University of Edinburgh

2.00-2.45 Breakout Session: Discussing the agenda for change

2.45 -3.00 Break

3.00- 3.50 Plenary Session: Closing plenary: Realising human rights in Scotland: Challenges and next steps

Chair: Dr Elaine Webster, Centre for the Study of Human Rights Law,
University of Strathclyde

Tam Baillie, Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People
Chris Oswald, Equality and Human Rights Commission
Scottish Human Rights Commission
Twimukye Mushaka, Poverty Alliance

3.50-4.00 Thanks and close

Dr Elaine Webster, Centre for the Study of Human Rights Law,
University of Strathclyde

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