

**Annual Conference 2019**

**Community Development and Tackling Inequalities?**

**The community empowerment agenda is intended to reduce inequality and promote social justice – but what does this mean in practice? How does community development practice tackle inequalities in our communities?**

**Tuesday 10th September**

**10.30am-3.30pm**

**Edinburgh Training and Conference Venue**

The theme of our conference is Community Development and Tackling Inequalities. The Conference will explore both the challenges and opportunities in tackling inequalities and promoting social justice through empowering communities. There will be exploration of community development responses including community action, community-led project delivery, and collaborative action across sectors which addresses the root causes of inequality and barriers to community participation.

As a national network of national and regional organisations which support community development, our conference will provide an opportunity for our alliance members to come together to learn, share and develop together as well as showcasing the impact our members are making in relation to tackling inequalities in Scotland.

 **Programme**

10-10.30am   **Registration and coffee/tea**

10.30am **Welcome**

 Dave Allan, Chair, Community Development Alliance Scotland

10.45am **Keynote Speaker**

 Aileen Campbell, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government

11-11.15am **Questions and Answers**

11.15am **Workshops/roundtable discussions**

What is the reality and what are the challenges faced by organisations working at a local/regional level? Discussion will be led by a range of organisations involved in CD and inequalities work at local/regional level.

12.30pm **Networking Lunch, Stalls and Chat**

1.30pm **Reverse panel session**

Contributors from various national perspectives will present key challenges to the audience for roundtable discussions and responses.

2.30pm **Tea/Coffee Break**

2.45pm **Feedback Session**

Responses from panel to the feedback from discussion groups

3.20pm **Closing Remarks**

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