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Scotland Conference

Building a Net Zero Scotland. Are we on track?





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Stay on top of market trends, legislation and technical guidance as the RICS Scotland conference returns for 2024 with a focus on sustainability and the challenges and opportunities that the journey towards net-zero will bring to the profession in Scotland.

The newly opened Edinburgh Futures Institute, itself a prime example of sustainable development, will provide the backdrop for the day where you will get the inside track on how you can respond and adapt your practice to help decarbonise the built environment and tackle the climate emergency.

The conference will explore whether we are on track to meet our net-zero goals and our panel of industry experts will take a close look at energy transition and how we can deliver greener, more affordable energy and the practicalities of meeting those demands.

A second panel session on retrofitting traditional buildings will bring together the expertise of specialists who have worked on some of the most iconic historical buildings in Scotland, including the EFI, to give their unique perspectives on how they tackled these demanding projects.

There will also be a range of break out options, allowing you to tailor the conference to your specific development needs.

Scotland Conference Programme

08:30	Registration and refreshments
09:15	RICS Chair's - Conference Opening Welcome Sandra Cummings MRICS, Chair, RICS in Scotland Board
09:20	<p>Opening Address:</p> <p>Edinburgh Futures Institute: Urban renewal in action</p> <p>Gary Jebb FRICS, Director of Place, The University of Edinburgh</p> <p>Providing the backdrop for our conference, the Edinburgh Futures Institute (EFI) is a leading example of how an iconic, historic, Grade-A listed building can be transformed into a world-leading space for data-led innovation, education and partnership.</p> <p>Gary Jebb, a leading figure within the Higher Education Estates Sector was at the helm on this significant project and is uniquely placed to give the inside-track on the challenges leading on a major capital development programme - turning the University of Edinburgh's academic vision into reality.</p> <p>Gary's presentation will be followed by an expert panel discussion featuring some of the key team that worked on the project – giving you a valuable insight into how some of the complex technical challenges were overcome with both practical and innovative approaches.</p> <p>Chair: Nick Rowan, Balfour Beatty Panel: Gary Jebb, Director of Place, University of Edinburgh Jane Johnston, Director of Estate Development, University of Edinburgh Kirsty Whitfield, Regional Managing Director, AtkinsRéalis Iain Tinsdale, Associate, Bennetts Associates</p>
10:20	<p>Keynote Address:</p> <p>Regenerating Aberdeen City Centre – Novel Complementary Approaches</p> <p>Bob Keiller CBE, FREng, FIET, CEng, MEng</p> <p>Bob Keiller is an award-winning entrepreneur, business leader and former CEO of the Wood Group. Passionate about leadership, culture, values and communication, Bob is a natural story-teller and devotes much of his time, unpaid, in helping large and small companies in the private, public and third sector realise their ambitions.</p> <p>One of his current projects is Our Union Street, a community-led organisation which is re-energising Aberdeen's Union Street. Join us as Bob talks to us about his experience of helping to transform the 'Granite Mile' into a high street fit for the 21st Century.</p>
11:00	Networking and refreshment break
11:20	Net Zero are we on track?

	<p>Roger Esson has over 28 years of industry experience including prominent leadership positions in several high-profile commercial, academic and public sector organisations. This includes his pivotal role at the Net Zero Energy Centre (NZTC) where he was responsible for working with over 200 project partners to collaboratively develop and deploy new technology for a future industry workforce.</p> <p>With the built environment responsible for around 40% of global carbon emissions, Roger will highlight the progress that has been made and discuss the challenge as to what still needs to be done to deliver net zero. He will share valuable insights into how the surveying profession can help lead the way – maximising opportunities in energy transition and new technology.</p> <p>Roger Esson MRICS, Chair of RICS Professional Group Panel - Construction</p>
11:50	<p>Energy Transition for a more sustainable Scotland – Panel discussion</p> <p>During this period of unprecedented uncertainty in global and national energy markets, now more than ever we need to look at ways of delivering greener, more affordable and secure energy. This panel session will give an overview of the practicalities of transforming the energy sector to meet these demands.</p> <p>Moderator: Professor Norman K. McLennan FRICS, Robert Gordon University Aberdeen & Member of RICS Scotland Board</p> <p>Panel: Bob Keiller CBE Sarah Bateman, CEO Unify Energy Roger Esson MRICS</p>
12:30	Lunch
13:30	<p>Retrofitting & Energy Efficiency in Traditional Buildings</p> <p>Expert Insight:</p> <p>Patrick Brown, Head of Sustainable Construction Delivery, City of Edinburgh Council Partick leads the delivery of the design and project management services for CEC's (non-housing) operational Estate. He and his team are leading the way in the implementation of solutions that look to close the 'performance energy gap' to drive Net Zero – including the case for Passivhaus and EnerPHit standards. Patrick will share his expertise and insights into some of the key considerations for us all when looking to maximise sustainable outcomes and drive building energy efficiency in practice.</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>This session will look at the important role that retrofitting has in fulfilling our climate obligations, with a focus on how our panel of experts have approached these challenges within some of the largest estates and most important historical buildings in Scotland.</p> <p>Moderator: Ian McKee FRICS, Managing Director, GLM</p> <p>Panel: Patrick Brown, Head of Sustainable Construction Delivery, City of Edinburgh Council Lynsey Paterson MRICS, Building Surveyor, Projects & Conservation, Estates Directorate, University of Glasgow</p>
14:20	<p>Artificial Intelligence and the built environment</p> <p>The rapid advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) are reshaping most, if not all industries - especially the built environment. This session will focus on the latest innovations that will shape the future of the industry from one of the industry's leading experts</p>

	David Moore, Director of Emerging Technologies, Balfour Beatty
14:50	Networking and refreshment break
Break-out sessions	
Delegates select which session to attend from 2 breakouts. For example, at 15:15 please select 1A or 1B	
15:15	<p>1A – Site Waste Management As the construction industry looks to cut both waste and carbon, this session will look at the latest developments in site waste management.</p> <p>Professor Billy Hare, Deputy Director BREAM Research Centre, Glasgow Caledonian University Siobhan Morrison, Lecturer, Department of Construction and Surveying, Glasgow Caledonian University</p>
15:15	<p>1B – Red Book Update This session will give an overview of the newly launched Red Book supplement with updates on evolving areas including ESG and technology and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the implementation of recommendations from the independent valuation review including introducing valuer rotation provisions and encouraging further use of Discounted Cash Flows by valuers. • A summary of the key changes introduced by the UK National Supplement to the Red Book effective from 1st May 2024. • An update on the current ongoing Red Book Global update exercise. <p>Jonathan Fothergill, Senior Specialist, Valuation & Investment Advisory, RICS</p>
Transfer to next breakout session	
16:00	<p>2A – Residential Retrofitting With growing demand from homeowners for retrofit services from chartered surveyors, get ahead of the curve with an overview of the mandatory and recommended requirements contained in the first RICS residential retrofit standard which will come into effect from 31 October 2024.</p> <p>Jonathan Annan MRICS, Director, Harvey Donaldson & Gibson</p>
16:00	<p>2B – New Housing Delivery – Opportunities and Challenges Delivering more homes, more ways - The Opportunity</p> <p>This session will explore key opportunities to deliver much needed affordable housing across Scotland and how SFT is approaching these. It will consider the importance of Place, how we build our homes and how we can grow the funding and financing 'toolbox'.</p> <p>Diarmaid Lawlor, Associate Director, Scottish Futures Trust Ryan Cossar, Associate Director, Scottish Futures Trust Neil Rutherford, Associate Director, Scottish Futures Trust</p>
16:45	End of conference

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