



Hosted by City of Edinburgh Council's Advice Shop

Friday 13 September 2019

City of Edinburgh Council
City Chambers
249 High Street
Edinburgh
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#NawraEdinburgh2019

AGENDA

- 9:30 Registration and refreshments sponsored by Advice Pro
- 10:00 Welcome
- 10:15 Keynote speaker
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People
- 11:00 Guest speaker
Dr Jim McCormick - Edinburgh Poverty Commission
- 11:45 Workshops - session one (see 'workshop options' on following page)
- 12:45 Lunch (not provided at the venue)
- 13:45 Guest speaker
Irene Tortajada - Poverty Alliance "Challenge Poverty Week starting 7th October 2019"
- 14:05 Guest speaker
Ben Thurman - Carnegie UK Trust "The Practice of Kindness"
- 14:30 Workshops - session two (see 'workshop options' on following page)
- 15.30 Information exchange
- 16:00 Close

WORKSHOP OPTIONS

Each workshop lasts an hour and runs twice (once at 11.45am and again at 2.30pm). Please choose **two** from the following options.

If you'd like to run a workshop at a future NAWRA meeting, please contact kelly@nawra.org.uk

NAWRA workshop levels:

Introductory	Assumes little or no prior knowledge of the topic or a refresher session
Intermediate	Assumes a reasonable working knowledge of welfare benefits work or some knowledge of the specific topic under discussion
Advanced	Assumes a good working knowledge of welfare benefits work or detailed knowledge of the topic under discussion

Practical	Focusing on developing good practice or offering some 'hints and tips'
Theoretical	Focusing on policy debates or discussion of emerging theory
Strategic	Focusing on planning and putting practical knowledge, and/or theory in to practice

A. **Where welfare rights and social research meet!**

Mandela Room

A chance to learn more about social research methods applicable to advisers in their planning.

Dr Janice Blenkinsopp, Heriot Watt University

Workshop level: Intermediate/Strategic

B. **Scottish Government social security powers update**

Main Council Chamber

An opportunity to explore how the new social security powers being devolved to Scotland will be structured and what opportunities there may be for Universal Credit options, Child Support payments and Disability Assistance to challenge poverty among children, people of working age and older people.

Martin Lindsay, Scottish Government Working Age Benefits policy lead

Workshop level: Introductory/Strategic

C. **Basic Income**

Dunedin Room

A chance to learn more about developments in Basic Income.

Jamie Cooke, Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce

Workshop level: Advanced/Practical

D. **The next UK White Paper on Social Security (welfare benefits)**

Diamond Jubilee Room

Trust for London is funding a new commission which aims to produce a White Paper setting out a better way of delivering Social Security across UK. Recently, Michael has travelled across UK providing workshops and this session will allow a round-up of his findings and future plans.

The UK social security system is failing too many people, but there is little agreement about how the system could be improved.

The [Commission on Social Security led by Experts by Experience](#) is a project which aims to find out how the government could make the welfare benefits system better.

The Commission aims to produce a White Paper style document which will set out ways in which the system could be improved and builds consensus.

Michael Orton, Warwick University

Workshop level: Intermediate/Practical

SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP

[Shirley-Anne Somerville](#) was appointed Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People in June 2018 and previously has worked as a parliamentary researcher, a Policy and Public Affairs Officer at the Chartered Institute of Housing, and as a Media and Campaigns Officer at the Royal College of Nursing.

The Cabinet Secretary was educated at Kirkcaldy High School, she then graduated from the University of Strathclyde with a BA (Hons) in Economics and Politics (1996), followed by a Diploma in Housing Studies at the University of Stirling and a Diploma in Public Relations from Queen Margaret University College.

Shirley-Anne lives in North Queensferry with her husband and two young children.

Twitter @S_A_Somerville

Dr Jim McCormick

Jim is chair of the independent [Disability and Carers Benefits Expert Advisory Group](#), a member of the [Social Security Advisory Committee](#) and Associate Director Scotland for [Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#).

Jim is also a [Churchill Fellow](#) whereby he travelled to North America and New Zealand where he explored effective youth mentoring programmes from the perspective of young people, and mentors, programme providers and funders too. His findings can be seen at [Mentoring Miles 2018](#).

Jim now independently chairs [Edinburgh Poverty Commission](#) which has 12 members with a range of experience across society from citizens, housing, unions and councillors.

In his free time Jim can be seen loyally following Greenock Morton and listening to his favourite group Stereophonics.

Twitter @JimMcCormick16

Dr Janice Blenkinsopp

Janice previously worked as a Welfare Rights Officer at The Advice Shop when they were based at 85 South Bridge, Edinburgh. Janice gained her PhD from Heriot Watt University in 2017 and has been working as research associate with the I-SPHERE team since 2014, contributing to many significant research projects including *Destitution in the UK*.

The [Institute for Social Policy, Housing, Equalities Research \(I-SPHERE\)](#) was established with a mission to use world-class research to help drive change for people affected by extreme disadvantage. NAWRA

members may remember our contributions and workshops on conditionality with Professor Sarah Johnsen and Dr Sharon Wright.

Janice's output includes [Destitution in UK 2018](#), [Temporary Accommodation in Scotland](#) and most recently [Homelessness Monitor 2019](#).

Twitter @Jb200Janice

Jamie Cooke - RSA

Jamie leads on the development of the RSA's activity in Scotland, through innovative partnerships, projects and programmes of activity. The mission of the RSA ([Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce](#)) is to enrich society through ideas and action.

He works with Fellows to strengthen RSA Scotland's impact, and to open up new ways to develop opportunities in Scotland which contribute to the RSA's strategic objectives. Particular areas of interest include basic income, inclusive growth, the role of cities and Scotland's relationship with the rest of the world. He works closely with colleagues across the global Fellowship, especially the US and Australia.

RSA believe that all human beings have creative capacities that, when understood and supported, can be mobilised to deliver a 21st century enlightenment. Supported by 29,000 Fellows, RSA share powerful ideas, carry out cutting-edge research and build networks and opportunities for people to collaborate, helping to create fulfilling lives and a flourishing society.

Twitter @JamieACooke

Dr Michael Orton - Institute for Employment Research (IER) at University of Warwick

Michael joined the [Institute for Employment Research](#) in 2002. Prior to that he worked for over 15 years in the voluntary sector and local government. This included Citizens Advice Bureau (from being a volunteer through to Bureau Manager), an anti-poverty policy role in a local authority Finance Department, and being an Investigator for the Local Government Ombudsman - with the latter including a year working for the New South Wales Ombudsman, Sydney.

While Michael's current work focuses on social security, other research areas have included active labour market policy, personal debt, taxation/fiscal welfare, public attitudes to economic inequality and Sen's Capabilities Approach. Developed by Indian philosopher and economist Amartya Sen, who is a faculty member at Harvard law school, Capability Approach is defined by its choice of focus upon the moral significance of individuals' capability of achieving the kind of lives they have reason to value.

Michael's work has been published widely in journal articles, research reports and book chapters. He has appeared as an expert witness before a Parliamentary Committee Inquiry, and his work has featured in Parliamentary Questions and attracted a variety of media coverage.

Twitter @MichaelOrton9

Irene Tortajada - Poverty Alliance

Irene joined the [Poverty Alliance](#) in 2019. She looks after their campaigns, particularly [Challenge Poverty Week](#). She engages with organisations and individuals and builds support for solving poverty.

Prior to joining Poverty Alliance, Irene worked in engagement and relationship management in Sustrans, Skills Development Scotland and the Centre for Effective Altruism. She has an MA in Philosophy from the University of Glasgow. In her spare time she enjoys cooking, films and learning new languages.

NAWRA has supported CPW in recent years and this year Challenge Poverty Week starts on 7th October 2019 and Irene will be letting us know how we can make a positive difference.

Irene.Tortajada@povertyalliance.org

Ben Thurman - Carnegie Trust

At NAWRA we referenced Julia Unwin's paper on kindness in public policy when we made our submission on Disability Assistance and Ben, along with Zoe Ferguson and Jennifer Wallace, have subsequently published more papers and findings so we are delighted Ben will be providing an opportunity to discuss and learn about kindness in people, policy and place.

Ben joined [Carnegie UK Trust](#) in June 2018 and has a background in policy and research in the voluntary sector. In his previous role at Mentor UK, Ben led research and advocacy projects on kinship care, youth justice and evidence-based substance use prevention. Prior to this, he spent two years in India, working in rural development and education.

Ben has a MA (Hons) in History from University of Edinburgh. He is also a trustee of Edinburgh Garden Partners.

Ben lives in Edinburgh and in his free time is most likely to be found pottering about in his shared garden, playing cricket, or hiking and running about Scotland's hills.

Twitter @Ben-CarnegieUK

LOCATION AND TRANSPORT

The meeting will take place in the main Council Chamber of the City Chambers, 249 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ and workshops in rooms nearby.

See the [city centre street map](#).

By rail:

Edinburgh Waverley train station is on the main London, Birmingham, Inverness, Perth and Aberdeen lines. The station is on Market Street in the city centre. As you exit walk to the right then left up Cockburn Street then turn right at the top onto the High Street. The City Chambers are 300 metres up the High Street. It's a steep walk that takes less than 10 minutes.

By bus:

Buses come into the city centre from all over the UK as well as local services.

From the bus station walk south through St. Andrews Square, turn left onto Princes Street then right onto North Bridge. At the first junction turn right onto the High Street. The City Chambers are 400 metres up the High Street. It's a moderate walk that takes 15 minutes.

By bicycle:

Edinburgh is on [National Cycle Route 1](#) Local cycle map is [here](#)

By car:

Edinburgh city centre can be accessed from the M8 or M9 to the west, the A1 or A68 to the east, the A7 or A702 from the south and the A823(M) from the north.

Although there is only very limited metered parking around the High Street, there are a number of public pay car parks within walking distance.

Of these, the Greenside and St. James Centres car parks, on Leith Street, or Castle Terrace car park just off Lothian Road are the closest.

General parking spaces are indicated on the [Edinburgh parking map](#).

ACCOMMODATION

[Travelodge Edinburgh Central](#)

33 St. Mary's St, Edinburgh, EH1 1TA

Tel: 0871 984 6137

[Premier Inn Edinburgh Central](#)

82 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh, EH3 9DG

Tel: 0871 527 8366

Or search:

www.hotelscombined.com

www.visitscotland.com

SOCIAL EVENING

NAWRA members will be meeting for food and drinks at Pilgrim Bar, 3 Robertson's Close, Edinburgh EH1 1LY from 6pm on Thursday 12 September. Quote "NAWRAPILGRIM" for a 25% discount on food and 15% off drinks. [More information.](#)



We are inviting NAWRA members and friends to meet up for food and drinks from 6pm on Thursday 12 September 2019 at Pilgrim Bar, 3 Robertson's Close, Edinburgh EH1 1LY and we have kindly been offered a discount of 25% for food and 15% for drinks by quoting "NAWRAPILGRIM"

<http://pilgrimbar.22slides.com/food>

If you have any queries about the meeting, please contact Craig Samuel, NAWRA's Scotland representative at craig@nawra.org.uk or on 07503 791 692.



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PILGRIM FOOD MENU

SIMPLE, NO FUSS FOOD, SERVED 7 DAYS A WEEK TILL LATE- JUST ORDER AT THE BAR

NIBBLES & THINGS

MOZZARELLA STICKS (v) 4.95 A collection of five sticks of melted mozzarella heaven, covered with a light bread crumb mixture	WINGS (6) 4.95 (12) 8.95 Bucket of chicken wings served with your choice of sauce. Pick from Jack Daniels BBQ sauce, buffalo or Sriracha	JALAPEÑO FLAMERS 4.95 Fancy something cheesy with a little kick. BINGO!
ONION RINGS 3.65 A portion of six golden battered onion rings	HAGGIS BITES 4.95 Mini fried triangles of Scotland's national dish!	SPRING ROLLS 4.95 Six vegetable spring rolls. No more description needed!
MAC 'n' CHEESE BITES 4.95 Little parcels of happiness filled with mac 'n' cheese	CHICKEN STRIPS 4.95 Whats better than chicken? Chicken in strips!	GARLIC MUSHROOMS 4.95 Don't have 'much room' but fancy a nibble then these breaded mushrooms are perfect!

PICK 'n' MIX

Any combination of Nibbles & Things. Perfect to share or like us on our break a little bit of everything

3 - £13.95 6 - £23.95

NACHOS

CLASSIC 5.45 Spicy tortilla chips in melted cheese, served with salsa guacamole & sour cream on the side	CHILLI 6.45 Spicy tortilla chips in melted cheese smothered in Chilli with sour cream	PULLED PORK 7.45 Spicy tortilla chips in melted cheese covered in pulled pork with BBQ sauce	NAKED 3.45 Spicy tortilla chips minus the cheese, served with salsa, guacamole & sour cream on the side
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BURGERS

PILGRIM 5.95 Prime Scottish Beef burger topped with our very own burger sauce	CHEESE & BACON 6.95 Pilgrim burger but with you guessed it, melted cheese & topped with smoked bacon	BLUE CHEESE 6.95 Prime Scottish Beef burger topped with blue cheese. Choose your sauce: Mayo, Pilgrim Sauce or Jack Daniels BBQ Sauce	CALVIN HAGGIS 6.95 Prime Scottish Beef burger topped with haggis, cheese & Jack Daniels BBQ sauce	MEAT IS AWESOME 7.95 Beef burger, Bacon, Pulled pork topped with cheese	CHICKEN LICKEN 5.95 Lightly battered chicken burger with cheese. Choose your sauce: Mayo, Sweet Chilli or Jack Daniels BBQ sauce	MEAT IS MURDER 5.95 Linda McCartney veggie burger, topped with halloumi cheese. Choose your sauce: Mayo, Pilgrim Sauce or Jack Daniels BBQ
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DOGS

PILGRIM 4.95 Our classic dog served with all the sauce on the side	KILTIED PIG 5.95 Hot dog wrapped in bacon with melted cheese and smothered in Jack Daniels BBQ Sauce	CALVIN'S SAUSAGE 5.95 Classic dog topped with haggis, cheese & Jack Daniels BBQ sauce	CHILLI CHEESE 5.95 Chilli & cheese over the top of our classic dog	PULLED PORK 6.45 Pulled pork layered on top of our classic dog
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TOPPINGS

CHEESE 1.00	BACON 1.00	PULLED PORK 2.95	CHILLI 2.45	HAGGIS 2.45
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FRIES

FRIES 3.65	FRIES 'n' CHEESE 4.45	BACON CHEESE 4.95	CURLY FRIES 3.55	SWEET POTATO 4.95
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WE  **STUDENTS 15% OFF ALL FOOD**

Allergy warning: While every care is taken, please note that all dishes served may contain traces of nuts, celery, mustard, seeds, grains, dairy, gluten, fish, shell fish and everything else you may be allergic to

The meeting is free to attend but open to NAWRA members only. [Find out more about joining.](#)

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