“The theme of this year’s event is ‘The Centenary of our Vote’. It would have been utterly remiss of us not to recognise the selfless, dangerous and, in some cases, fatal campaigning by groups of committed women throughout the country. We stand on the shoulders of our sisters before us, we owe it not only to them, but to our future generations, to keep fighting the good fight.

Each piece of legislation, policy and practice which is created and implemented will have an impact on women, their families and their communities as a whole. The SWC hold a very privileged position – we are able to ensure that the stories, lived experiences and ideas for change of real women, from every area of Scotland, are input into the processes which make the policies at the earliest possible stage.”

Agnes Tolmie
Chair, Scottish Women’s Convention
Linda Fabiani MSP, 
Deputy Presiding Officer

“It was an honour to celebrate International Women’s Day with hundreds of inspirational women from across Scotland. It was particularly poignant this year since it marks one hundred years of some women being given the right to vote.

Events like these are crucial in recognising the role of women who have changed the world, as well as inspiring future generations both in Scotland and worldwide.”

Nicola Sturgeon MSP 
First Minister of Scotland

Sophi Tranchell 
CEO, Divine Chocolate

Talat Yaqoob 
Women 50:50

Christina McKelvie 
MSP 
Convenor, Equalities and Human Rights Committee
Agnes Tolmie  
Chair, Scottish Women’s Convention

“The SWC is such an important organisation. We exist to make sure that women’s voices are heard at all levels of decision making.

The significant work programme which we undertake each year is designed to make sure that we are reaching out to women, within their own communities, to hear what is important to them. To give them the confidence to speak out, whether that’s about issues like sexual harassment, or about employment, health or the economy.”

Voices of Women

What do you consider to be the biggest achievements for women over the last 100 years?

- Getting the right to vote
- Women in Medicine
- Contraception
- The opportunity to speak out!
- RESPECT.

No sexual harassment in the workplace.

Less sexualisation of women & girls in the media.

Over the next 100 years I want to see:

- An end to domestic abuse
- Gender equality
- Real change for women in society
- Women’s voices loud and clear
- More support for young girls
- An end to gender stereotypes
Celebrating International Women’s Day

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