Scottish Women’s Convention
International Women’s Day 2016
‘Women’s Votes, Women’s Voices’

“Today the SWC launched its manifesto for the Scottish Parliament elections. I encourage you to read this document. It was produced using your voices – what women have told us the length and breadth of the country.

Use this document to question candidates – locally and nationally – to get the answers to the tough issues you need information about.

Women’s Votes / Women’s Voices. We need to be heard. There are women throughout the world who do not enjoy this right. We owe it to them, as well as ourselves and our families, to vote.”

Agnes Tolmie
Chair, Scottish Women’s Convention
Elaine Smith MSP, Deputy Presiding Officer

“It is right that we celebrate what women can do and what women have done. There are more women decision makers than ever before but we remain under-represented in too many areas.

The Scottish Parliament is proud to host this International Women’s Day celebration which every year allows us to bear witness to an exchange of inspirational stories of women’s achievements.”

Nicola Sturgeon MSP
First Minister of Scotland

Her Excellency Teresita Vicente
Cuban Ambassador to the UK
Despite a number of positive efforts across the political spectrum, women continue to face barriers and discrimination. Issues that confront women on a daily basis cannot be tackled unless policy and decision makers listen to and take into account women’s views, experiences and ideas. The SWC facilitates events which bring women together throughout Scotland, to discuss issues such as childcare, education, employment, health, transport, and taxation. Women want to see change, have their voices heard and politicians to act.”
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