



# FEBRUARY 2025

## Scottish Women's Convention Monthly Newsletter

Dear Reader,

It is with great sadness that the SWC announces the sudden passing of valued Board Member, Margaret Lance. A passionate advocate for women's rights, Margaret's positivity and dedication, inspired hope for a more equitable future. Her tireless work, particularly in support of the African community, underscored a deep commitment to true equality in Scottish society.

Margaret's loss is deeply felt by all of us, and she will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

Best Wishes  
Agnes Tolmie, Chair SWC

## SWC Events 2025



Limited Childcare  
Spaces Available  
0141 339 4797

### Your Maternity Journey, Your Voice

SATURDAY 10th MAY  
11am-3pm, Glasgow

[www.scottishwomensconvention.org/events](http://www.scottishwomensconvention.org/events)

**Your Maternity Journey, Your Voice:  
Women's Experiences in Scotland**  
Glasgow Conference  
Saturday 10th of May 2025  
11am-3pm

Join the SWC for an insightful and empowering conference, 'Your Maternity Journey, Your Voice: Women's Experiences in Scotland'. This event is dedicated to exploring and amplifying the diverse maternity experiences of women in Scotland.

During the event, attendees will hear from a range of speakers who will provide their expertise on various aspects of maternity care. This will be followed by a Q&A, where attendees will have the opportunity to ask any relevant questions. Following a free buffet lunch, attendees will also be asked to take part in roundtables, fostering a supportive and collaborative environment.

We hope to create a welcoming and safe space for all attendees and are aware that topics covered during the day may cause distress. Therefore, there will be listeners on hand throughout our event to provide support. Additionally, our event is **only open to women** to attend.

### Limited Childcare Spaces Available (Ages 0-14)

*Creche supplied by Big Voices Childcare Service*

Booking is on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 0141 339 4797 to reserve a spot.

[Event Register](#)



**A Blether on... Autism**  
Tuesday 1st of April

**WOMEN'S  
VOICES, YOUR  
PRIORITIES**  
**LARGS ROADSHOW**

**Largs & Millport Roadshow**

12.30pm-2.00pm  
Online Zoom

This date marks the beginning of Autism Acceptance Month, which aims to raise awareness of autism and celebrate the contributions of autistic people across society. Autism Scotland estimate that more than 1 in 100 people in Scotland are autistic, representing a large proportion of the population. The aim of our event is to understand women in Scotland's experiences of autism.

We aim to ensure that all women can attend this event, so please get in touch via the contact information below if have any accessibility requirements.

[Register Here](#)

Our roadshows are held across the length and breadth of Scotland, aiming to gather the lived experience of women.

Following each event, a report is produced which details the priorities of local women and is then distributed to the relevant decision-makers and attendees.

**Largs**  
**Thursday 3rd of April**  
**Brisbane House Hotel**  
12.30pm-2pm  
6.30pm-8pm

**Millport**  
**Friday 4th of April**  
**Glass Room, The Garrison House**  
12.45pm-2.45pm

Keep an eye out for events in Perth, Lewis, Harris and Edinburgh later this year.

[Register Here](#)

## Publications



[Views Conference Report](#)

[Views Results Here](#)

### Equality and Human Rights Mainstreaming Strategy

Scottish Government

[Consultation Response](#)

### Financial Consideration When Leaving an Abusive Relationship

Scottish Parliament - Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

[Consultation Response](#)

## International Women's Day 2025



Our International Women's Day event is almost here, and we can't wait to celebrate with you!

We have fantastic speakers lined up:

**Kate Forbes** MSP, Deputy First Minister  
Baroness **Harriet Harman** KC  
Our Lady High School Pupils  
**Susan Morrison**, Writer & Comedian  
plus a **cross party panel**.

If you can't attend in person, you can still join us live on Scottish Parliament TV from 2:00PM—just click the links below to tune in.

[SPTV Link](#)

[BSL Link](#)

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