

The Scottish Constitutional Futures Forum, Human Rights Consortium Scotland,  
Glasgow Human Rights Network, and Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration  
Network

**The Human Rights Question: What sort of Scotland, and what sort of  
constitutional future?**

**1<sup>st</sup> May 2013, 10am-4pm  
City Chambers, Glasgow**

This second seminar will examine how those involved in civil society groups are working to promote and protect rights, and consider the extent to which the referendum context affects this work. The seminar will consider questions such as: whether groups conceive of, and articulate their work in human rights terms, or in other terms? To what extent are human rights issues seen as important to the constitutional debate? Are human rights particularly served by one constitutional future or another? How might human rights be useful to articulating a vision of the future that might inform constitutional development in Scotland, whether through an on-going development of devolution, or an alternative constitutional future?

**Outline draft programme**

- 09.45-10.00 **Welcome and coffee**
- 10.00-10.15 **City Chambers welcome and reply**  
Dr Kurt Mills, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of  
Glasgow
- 10.15-10.30 **Reflections on Seminar one**  
Professor Christine Bell, School of Law, University of Edinburgh
- 10.30-11.45 Plenary Session: Constitutional futures and human rights in  
Scotland**  
Chair: Dr Kurt Mills, School of Social and Political Sciences,  
University of Glasgow
- Humza Yousaf MSP; Scottish National Party  
Annabel Goldie MSP, Scottish Conservative Party  
Patrick Harvie MSP, Scottish Green Party  
(plus further speaker TBC)
- 11.45- 12.15 Breakout Session: In what sense does the independence debate  
present opportunities or obstacles for change?**
- 12.15-1.00 Lunch
- 1.00- 2.00 Plenary Session: The existing human rights framework: Gaps and  
potential**  
Chair: Sarah Craig, School of Law, University of Glasgow

Professor Tom Mullen, School of Law, University of Glasgow  
Carole Ewart, Human Rights Consortium Scotland  
Professor James Mitchell, University of Edinburgh

**2.00-2.45 Breakout Session: Discussing the agenda for change**

2.45 -3.00 Break

**3.00- 3.50 Plenary Session: Closing plenary: Realising human rights in Scotland: Challenges and next steps**

Chair: Dr Elaine Webster, Centre for the Study of Human Rights Law,  
University of Strathclyde

Tam Baillie, Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People  
Chris Oswald, Equality and Human Rights Commission  
Professor Alan Miller, Scottish Human Rights Commission  
Twimukye Mushaka, Poverty Alliance

**3.50-4.00 Thanks and close**

Dr Elaine Webster, Centre for the Study of Human Rights Law,  
University of Strathclyde

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