

Cross-Party Group on Wellbeing Economy

Friday, 6th of September 2024, 11:00-12:30, online

Meeting topic: Building a Wellbeing Economy fit for the future

Meeting will be held online on Zoom.

Please register [here](#) if you would like to attend the meeting or contact Lukas at lukas@scotland.weall.org.

Agenda

1 Welcome

Welcome from co-convener Emma Harper MSP

2 AGM

This part of the meeting constitutes the formal part of our annual general meeting. This includes:

- Approval of last meeting's minutes
- Appointment of MSP office bearers
- Appointment of Secretariat

3 Panel discussion: Building a Wellbeing Economy fit for the Future

The main part of the meeting will consist of a panel discussion with expert speakers on the topic, chaired by Emma Harper MSP. Each speaker will introduce their perspective in a short presentation which will be followed by a Q&A session with questions from the chair and the audience. The speakers are:

Sarah Boyack MSP is a Member of the Scottish Parliament for the Lothian Region. She was first elected to the Scottish Parliament in 1999 and served in the first Scottish Cabinet as Minister for Transport and the Environment. She currently is Scottish Labour's Spokesperson on Energy, Just Transition and Net Zero. Outside of parliament, Sarah has experience working in the housing sector and academia.

Aileen McLeod is the Director of the Wellbeing Economy Alliance Scotland. She has spent many years in public policy advocating for and advising on the Wellbeing Economy agenda both in Scotland and at the EU and international level. She has served in the Scottish Government as a Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; in the Scottish Parliament as MSP for South Scotland; and in the European Parliament as an MEP representing Scotland.

Matthew Hannon works as Professor of Sustainable Energy Business and Policy at the Hunter Centre within Strathclyde Business School and Director of the Strathclyde Institute for Sustainable Communities. His research examines the business models, policies and technologies necessary to accelerate a net-zero transition that empowers and enriches communities. He sat on Labour's *Local Power Plan* working group to inform their manifesto and is a member of BSI/Defra's advisory group for [Nature Investment Standards](#). He was a member of Scottish Power Energy Networks' [Customer Engagement Group](#) to inform their five-year business plan to Ofgem and sits on [USwitch's Green Tariff Accreditation Panel](#). Finally, he is a council member of the [British Institute of Energy Economics](#), chair and trustee of the community environmental charity [South Seeds](#) and host of the award winning [Local Zero podcast](#) that champions local climate action

Sophie Howe has been described by The Guardian as 'the World's First Minister for the Unborn' and by The New Statesman as leading a Welsh plot to save the world. She was the first Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, the only role of its kind in the world. She held Government to account on how their decisions affect future generations and has influenced other countries to follow suit including the UN. Named as one of the UK's Top 100 Changemakers and at number 5 in the BBC Women's Power List, she is not afraid to call out the madness of short term decision making and is known for being a straight talking and inspirational advocate for those yet to be born.

5 Next steps and close of the meeting

Closing remarks by the chair Emma Harper MSP.