

IRRV Annual Scottish Conference & Exhibition 2019

The Crieff Hydro Hotel, Crieff, 4th – 5th September

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The Institute is delighted to announce details of its 2019 Scottish Conference. The Conference is – by popular demand – returning to the Crieff Hydro Hotel, where conference attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy the excellent recreational facilities set in beautiful surroundings.

The theme of this year's Conference – **"Engaging minds, Empowering success"** – highlights the emphasis on quality and improvements as themes that run through the delivery of Scottish public services and the subjects discussed and debated at Scottish Conference 2019.

Conference comes at an important time for Scotland and will look in-depth at the key issues facing the public services, with particular emphasis on valuation, benefits and revenues issues and wider public service reform issues.

There are many significant issues affecting revenues, valuation, benefits and welfare reform ahead and the IRRV Scottish Conference will again live up to its long-standing reputation of being at the forefront of debating key issues and solutions.

We are delighted to have invited Kate Forbes MSP, Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy, Scottish Government has been invited to give the Ministerial Address to conference this year. We have also invited Ruth Davidson MSP, Leader of the major opposition group in the Scottish Parliament to give an address on an alternative approach to local government finance reform.

In addition to delivering key updates on these big issues and encouraging debate about these, conference will also examine the improved delivery of Scottish public services in a time of financial challenge and will examine how to provide quality services, with an emphasis on continuing improvement into the future.



The Institute is again indebted to Scott and Co who are our Overall Conference Sponsor at Crieff 2019.

EXHIBITION AND AWARDS AREA

A key feature of any Conference is the exhibition, which in recent years has grown substantially in both number and range of stands, providing delegates with the opportunity to visit companies specialising in many areas of interest. We are pleased to announce that there will also again be a Scottish Awards Area, where Scottish organisations entered for the IRRV Performance Awards will have the opportunity to showcase their entries.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

This year's Conference programme is both wide-ranging and will be of great interest to all who have a role to play in local taxation, valuation, benefits and related fields.

The afternoon sessions are designed to appeal particularly to those at the 'sharp end' of service delivery. Special rates are available for those attending afternoon sessions only, when accompanied by a full or day delegate. The Institute is also pleased to advise that IRRV Students will again have their own Seminar at the Scottish Conference (on Thursday 5th September) and this will also enable them to attend several of the main Conference sessions. Details will be sent to students directly.

This conference and accompanying exhibition is a major event in the Scottish local government calendar and offers everyone with an interest in local government and related fields, the opportunity to debate key issues, listen to new ideas and make a contribution by expressing their opinions

EXCELLENT VALUE DELEGATE RATES

The IRRV Scottish Conference remains excellent value for money, making it one of the best value major events in the Scottish calendar. These are as follows:

Rate A – Full Residential Delegate

£479.00 (plus £95.80 VAT)

Rate B – Non-Residential Delegate

£395.00 (plus £79.00 VAT) (excludes Gala Dinner)

Rate C – Day Delegate (per day)

£255.00 (plus £51.00 VAT)

Note: IRRV members will receive a 10% Discount on Rates A & B

WHAT'S INCLUDED

The IRRV Scottish Conference offers outstanding value for money : two buffet lunches, the Conference Gala Dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation at the Crieff Hydro Hotel (subject to availability) including free use of parking and leisure facilities, coffee and tea at various times, all conference documentation including speakers' handouts, and free entrance to the conference exhibition – all for £479.00 (plus £95.80 VAT).

The Institute is again including excellent delegate offers to encourage attendance. Every fourth delegate (of the same Delegate Rate Type) from the same organisation comes entirely free of charge. Additionally, where an organisation has at least two full delegates (ie Rate A or B), it will be permitted to send up to 4 "half day" delegates to the afternoon sessions only on either day of the Conference for only £160 + £32.00 VAT.

ADDITIONAL NIGHT'S ACCOMMODATION

For residential delegates also wishing to stay on Tuesday 3rd September, we are able to arrange Bed and Breakfast accommodation at the Crieff Hydro Hotel for an additional £91.00 plus £18.20 VAT (subject to availability). Should you require this, please tick the appropriate box on the booking form.

GOLF COMPETITION

We are delighted to advise that there will be a golf competition as part of Scottish Conference again this year, now organised and sponsored by the IRRV Scottish Association. Please contact the IRRV Scotland Office on 01382 456029 – scotland@irrv.org.uk – for an application form and further details.

COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS

The Institute reserves the right to charge a supplementary fee of £250.00 plus £50.00 VAT per person to representatives of commercial organisations not exhibiting or supporting the Conference and wishing to register delegates.

PROGRAMME CHANGES

All speakers are subject to confirmation. The Institute reserves the right to alter the programme as necessary without notice.

HOW TO BOOK

All bookings must be made in writing using one of the following options:

FAX 01382 456029

E-MAIL scotland@irrv.org.uk

POST IRRV Scotland, 2a Argyle Street, DUNDEE DD4 7AL

All telephone enquiries should be made to Fraser Macpherson, IRRV Manager for Scotland and Northern Ireland, on Dundee (01382) 456029.

VAT RECEIPTS

On receipt of the registration form, the IRRV will issue a VAT invoice at the prevailing rate.

KEY CONFERENCE SESSIONS 2019

This year's Scottish Conference and Exhibition sees the **key issues** facing public services and our professions being fully explored. Conference sessions include:

- Ministerial Address : Kate Forbes MSP, Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy – invited
- Barclay Review – the implementation challenge
- Collection and recovery challenges in the environment of welfare reform
- Collaboration and shared services in practice
- Local government finance – an alternative approach
- Universal Credit Managed Migration – a progress report from DWP
- Local authority anti-poverty strategies – a case study
- Council Tax and Council Tax Reduction reform – the issues
- Changing culture and improving collection – a case study
- Delivering Scottish Social Security
- Alternatives to Council Tax – Looking at Land Value Tax
- Corporate Fraud Teams
- A paperless office – creating a modern digital workspace
- Achieving real organisational change – a case study
- Artificial intelligence – is there a real role for automation in service delivery?
- Manager or Leader? You decide! – An entertaining presentation on leadership

This year sees a comprehensive programme of sessions for valuation professionals, including:

- The future of the appeals process
- Private Practice Revaluation – Valuation Office Ireland
- Valuation of Hydro Electricity Generation Subjects
- Value of occupation for other than commercial gain
- Right First Time – Improved information flow
- Plant & Machinery rating review – next steps
- The Hypothetical Tenant – Mexford House Case
- Lessons to learn for experts appearing in Committee, Tribunals and the Courts



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BENEFITS AND REVENUES TRAINING COURSES – SCOTLAND

Glasgow, Falkirk and Grangemouth, September – December 2019

UK ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

Telford International Centre, 7th – 9th October 2019

MONEY ADVICE AND SOCIAL INCLUSION CONFERENCE

A joint event with Money Advice Scotland

Glasgow, November 2019

SCOTTISH BENEFITS AND WELFARE REFORM CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

Grangemouth, November 2019

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