**Improving Gender Balance in Scotland Conference**

COSLA Conference Centre, 19 Haymarket Yards, Edinburgh EH12 5BH

Thursday 7 June 2018

**Programme**

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| 9.45 – 10.15 | Registration & coffee |
| 10.15 – 10.25 | **Welcome and overview**  Katie Hutton, Director of National Training Programmes, Skills Development Scotland |
| 10.25 – 10.35 | **Promoting gender balance: a key ambition of Scotland’s STEM Education and Training Strategy**  Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science |
| 10.35 – 11.30 | **The Improving Gender Balance Programme**  Round table discussions with schools, centres and partners involved in the Improving Gender Balance Pilot Programme |
|  | Coffee break |
| 11.45 – 12.05 | **A cluster approach to improving gender balance**  Chris Deaves, Auchmuty High School, Fife  Irene Johnston, Thornton Primary, Fife |
| 12.05 – 12.40 | **What have we learned? What was the impact?**  Ian Menzies, Education Scotland  Heather Earnshaw, Institute of Physics  Debbie Pavia, Skills Development Scotland |
| 12:40 – 12:50 | **Presentations to participating schools and centres** |
| 12.50 – 13.35 | Lunch |
| 13.35 – 13.45 | **Meeting the ambitions of the national STEM strategy**  Ian Menzies, Education Scotland |
| 13.45 – 13.55 | **Promoting gender balanced schools and centres**  Beth Bramley, Institute of Physics |
| 13.55 – 14.30 | **Planning for action: Discussion task 1**  An opportunity for delegates to shape plans for reaching every school cluster in Scotland by 2022. |
| 14.30 – 15.05 | **Working together: Discussion task 2**  Focussed discussions to determine how the Improving Gender Balance programme can connect to other educational priorities and complement the work of other gender balance initiatives. |
| 15.05 – 15.20 | Plenary and close |

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