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**CONFERENCE**  
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## **Itinerary**

11:00 Arrival and Check-in

11:15 Keynote Speech – Kaukab Stewart MSP

12:15 Break

12:45 Discussion on outcome of previous resolutions

13:15 Resolutions Session 1

13:45 Break

14:00 Resolutions Session 2

14:30 Break

14:45 Discussion about Governance Review

15:30 Close

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## **Speaking At Conference**

The proposer and seconder of each Resolution or Amendment will have the right to speak. The proposer will have 5 minutes and the seconder, and all further speakers will have 3 minutes.

To speak on a resolution, you will need to submit a speaking card, these can be collected from the front of the room and should be handed to the National Secretary.

If you would like to speak on more than one resolution, please submit a card for each.

Please note that submitting a card does not guarantee that you will be able to speak on a given resolution. If more cards are submitted than we have time to call, we will not be able to take everyone. Speakers who have specific insight into a given topic will be given priority in such cases.

## **Voting At Conference**

A vote will be taken on resolution where there have been speakers both for and against, or if conference makes clear to the Chair that they are not happy to pass a resolution by acclaim.

Votes can be cast digitally by scanning the QR code below. All responses will be cleared prior to each vote so please do not cast your vote until the Chair indicates voting is open.

Please remember that while all SNP members are entitled to attend OFI Conference, only those who identify as LGBTQ+ are entitled to vote. If you are attending as an ally please do not cast a vote.



## **Resolution 1.**

## **LGBT Older People**

*Proposer: Erin Lux*

Conference welcomes the publication of LGBT Health and Wellbeing's 2023 report 'Fit for Purpose: inclusive housing and social care for older LGBTQ+ people'.

Conference acknowledges its findings that LGBTQ+ older people are at significant risk of loneliness and social exclusion, and that many live in fear of being forced back into the closet if entering care settings becomes necessary, as well as being concerned about attitudes of carers who come into their homes.

Conference recognises the results of Compassion in Care's report, 'Stripped of all Pride', that LGBTQ+ older people in care settings frequently experience homophobic and transphobic abuse from care home staff.

Conference, therefore, calls on the Scottish National Party to ensure that policy pertaining to older people takes into account the unique needs of LGBTQ+ older people, that the National Care Service is delivered in an inclusive manner, and to give consideration to LGBTQ+ focused care services.

## **Resolution 2**

## **Hate Crime**

*Proposer: Erin Lux*

Conference congratulates the Scottish Government for successfully implementing the new Hate Crime Act in April of this year. Conference recognises that the Hate Crime Act is a step forward for protecting the rights and safety of all marginalised people in Scotland, and especially extends further protections to LGBTQ+ people.

Conference notes, however, that many people from marginalised communities, including the LGBTQ+ community which continues to live with the legacy of criminalisation, are hesitant to report hate crimes to the police.

Conference, therefore, affirms the importance of Third Party Reporting Centres, which allow people to report hate crime confidentially in safe community spaces and calls on the Scottish National Party to develop stronger policies to promote, safeguard, and support these essential services.

## Resolution 3

## Human Rights Bill

*Proposer: Erin Lux*

Conference commends the Scottish National Party on its commitment to incorporating four UN Human Rights Treaties, in addition to the Right to a Healthy Environment into Scots Law, and the SNP Scottish Government for taking the first steps by putting forward a consultation on these proposals in autumn of last year.

Conference affirms that incorporating human rights into domestic law is essential for ensuring that rights can be realised and that there are domestic legal consequences for violating them.

Conference notes that in the current environment, where the UK Government continually violates human rights, threatens to leave the ECHR, and repeal the Human Rights Act, it is imperative that Scotland enact its own laws to protect human rights.

Conference therefore calls on the Scottish National Party to ensure that the proposed Human Rights Act is progressed as quickly as possible so that the people of Scotland can have their rights realised and protected.

## Resolution 4

## LGBTQ+ People & Homelessness Statistics

*Proposer: Declan Blench*

Conference notes the progress of the Housing (Scotland) Bill. Conference supports its aims of improving rights for tenants in both the private and public sector. Conference further notes that LGBTQ+ people are more likely than the general population to rent their homes.

Conference recognises that while the Housing Bill contains commitments to preventing homelessness in line with the *Ending Homelessness Together* strategy and *Housing to 2040*, none of these strategies take LGBTQ+ people's housing needs into account, despite community-based research suggesting disproportionate rates of homelessness in the LGBTQ+ community, especially LGBTQ+ young people.

Conference notes that research indicates that homelessness support organisations and councils are not routinely tracking data on sexual orientation and gender identity, despite this recognised need, nor is this data available in the demographics sections of the annual Homelessness in Scotland reports.

Conference therefore calls on the Scottish National Party to adopt a policy of improving data collection in homelessness services in order to formally establish the scale and causes of LGBTQ+ homelessness, and therefore improve services and prevention.

## **Resolution 5**

## **Conversion Practices**

*Proposer: Michael Gibbons*

Conference commends the Scottish National Party for its 2021 manifesto commitment to ending conversion practices, and applauds the hard work of our previous first ministers, Nicola Sturgeon and Humza Yousaf, in progressing the proposed bill to consultation stage.

Conference welcomes our new party leader and First Minister John Swinney MSP, and is thankful for his quick action to re-affirm the party and Scottish Government's commitment to ending conversion practices wherever they take place in Scotland.

Conference affirms that conversion practices are abuse, that they cannot be consented to, and that it is unacceptable to engage in conversion practices regardless of the age of the victim. Conference affirms that conversion practices are unacceptable whether committed on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Conference recognises that the legislation to create a criminal ban on conversion practices, as well as civil protection orders and a statutory aggravation relating to conversion practices, is only the first step in ending this abuse, and that education, engagement, and support for survivors will be essential to ensuring these practices are ended and not merely banned.

Conference therefore calls on the Scottish National Party and SNP Scottish Government to continue to progress this legislation and ensure that a complete, inclusive, and watertight ban on conversion practices is passed within this parliament and that non-legislative measures to both educate the public and support survivors are put in place as quickly as possible.

## **Resolution 6**

## **Informed Consent Model for Adult Transition Care**

*Proposer: Emily Cheung*

Conference recognises that the ICD-11 has removed Gender Dysphoria from its list of mental health conditions, and the move away from pathologizing trans identity this represents. Conference also recognises the extreme waiting times and significant distress that needing to seek this outdated diagnosis imposes on trans people trying to access Gender Affirming Care.

Given that cis (non-trans) adults can already access HRT and surgeries for a range of medical conditions without additional need for a psychiatric diagnosis, Conference calls for Gender Affirming Care to be brought in line with all other models of healthcare for adults, and operate off of an informed consent model.

Conference further calls for additional training and support to be given to GPs and other healthcare practitioners to assist them with supporting their trans patients.

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