

Cross-Party Group on Wellbeing Economy

Wednesday, 20th of September, 6:30-8:00 pm

Meeting topic: Redesigning our economy to tackle the climate emergency

Meeting will be held in Parliament with an option to join remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Please note that doors will open at 6:00 pm to give attendees an opportunity to catch up and socialise. The official meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

Please contact Lukas at lukas@scotland.weall.org if you would like to join the meeting.

Agenda

1 Welcome

Welcome from the conveners Maggie Chapman MSP and Emma Harper MSP

2 AGM

Appointment of office bearers

Appointment of secretariat

Approval of last meeting's minutes

3 Panel discussion on how to redesign our economy to tackle the climate emergency

We will be joined by a panel of expert speakers, chaired by Maggie Chapman, who will briefly introduce their thoughts on how we can redesign our economy to tackle the climate emergency and then answer questions from the audience.

Speakers on the panel are Ann Pettifor, Professor Keith Bell and Aileen McLeod.

Ann Pettifor is an economist and Director of Policy Research in Macroeconomics (PRIME) and currently sits on the Scottish Just Transition Commission. In 2008 she jointly co-authored the original The Green New Deal (New Economics Foundation) and has subsequently published books on The Case for the Green New Deal (Verso, 2019) and The Production of Money (Verso, 2017). In 2020 she accepted an invitation to chair the board of directors of A-Deus, an innovative, community-based clean energy company, based in Edinburgh.

Keith Bell, Professor for Electronic and Electrical Engineering at the University of Strathclyde, is a member of the Climate Change Committee and a co-director of the UK Energy Research Centre. He has been at the University of Strathclyde since 2005, was appointed to the Scottish Power Chair in Smart Grids in 2013 and has been involved in energy system research in collaboration with many academic and industrial partners.

Aileen McLeod is the interim director at 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.

5 Next steps and close of the meeting

We will discuss how we can use the lessons learned from the meeting to increase the momentum for economic system change and climate action in parliament and beyond.

Closing remarks by the Chair Maggie Chapman MSP.