

Cross-Party Group on Wellbeing Economy

Wednesday, 7th of June, 6:30-8:00 pm

Meeting topic: Building a global feminist Wellbeing Economy

Meeting will be held in Parliament in Committee Room 3, with an option to join remotely via Microsoft Teams.

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

Agenda

1 Welcome and CPG business

Welcome from the conveners Maggie Chapman MSP and Emma Harper MSP

Approval of last meeting's minutes

Appointment of new conveners and deputy conveners

2 Presentation by Jessica Mandanda

Jessica Mandanda, Feminist Macro-economic Alliance Malawi, will talk about the movement towards a feminist Wellbeing Economy in Malawi.

Jessica Mandanda is an Advocacy Communications Specialist with expertise in economic justice and rights. Her experience includes analysing the gendered impact of austerity on public services, and campaigning for an economy that works for women, regionally and internationally. Jessica is an alumnus of the Feminist Economics Summer School, African Macroeconomics Academy Malawi and a member of FEAM Malawi.

4 Contribution by the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, will join the meeting via video link for this part of the meeting. He will talk about on how Scotland can contribute to building a feminist Wellbeing Economy, both in Scotland and abroad, followed by a short session of Q&A (subject to time).

4 Panel discussion

Jessica Mandanda will be joined by a panel of speakers, who will briefly introduce their proposals for building a global, feminist Wellbeing Economy and then answer questions from the audience.

Speakers on the panel are Jessica Mandanda, Heather Williams and Dr Gemma Bone Dodds,

Heather Williams is the training lead of the Scottish Women's Budget Group and has been delivering training on gender budgeting to Government and council officials, Councillors and civil society organisations as part of the SWBG programme to raise awareness and understanding of gender budgeting and its use across Scotland. Heather has worked in the violence against women sector for 20 years in a variety of roles including delivering support to women, children and young people, delivering training and awareness raising.

Dr Gemma Bone Dodds is a political economy and systems change specialist dedicated to transforming the economy to serve society and the environment. She is speaking in her capacity as a Trustee of the Wellbeing Economy Alliance Scotland. Gemma is also a Senior Fellow at the Financial Innovation Lab, has a PhD in diverse economies and has published on transforming banking and finance.

5 Close of the meeting

Closing remarks by the Conveners Maggie Chapman MSP and Emma Harper MSP