



CONFERENCE



Scotland Conference

Building a Net Zero Scotland. Are we on track?



Type of event

Face to face



CPD Hours

5.5
Formal

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Stay on top of market trends, legislation and technical guidance as the RICS Scotland conference returns for 2024 with a focus on sustainability and the challenges and opportunities that the journey towards net-zero will bring to the profession in Scotland.

The newly opened Edinburgh Futures Institute, itself a prime example of sustainable development, will provide the backdrop for the day where you will get the inside track on how you can respond and adapt your practice to help decarbonise the built environment and tackle the climate emergency.

The conference will explore whether we are on track to meet our net-zero goals and our panel of industry experts will take a close look at energy transition and how we can deliver greener, more affordable energy and the practicalities of meeting those demands.

A second panel session on retrofitting traditional buildings will bring together the expertise of specialists who have worked on some of the most iconic historical buildings in Scotland, including the EFI, to give their unique perspectives on how they tackled these demanding projects.

There will also be a range of break out options, allowing you to tailor the conference to your specific development needs with workshops on the first RICS residential retrofitting standard, a look at the ground-breaking Aberdeen City Vision project and essential information on the latest Red Book updates.

Scotland Conference Programme

08:30	Registration and refreshments
09:30	Welcome and Chair's opening remarks Sandra Cummings MRICS, Chair, RICS in Scotland Board
09:35	Keynote Address: Regenerating Aberdeen City Centre – No money, no authority, and no plan Identifying what needs to be done Deciding what can be achieved Securing support Bob Keiller CBE
10:20	Edinburgh Futures Institute: Urban renewal in action Gary Jebb FRICS, Director of Place, The University of Edinburgh
10:50	Networking and refreshment break
11:20	Net Zero are we on track? Scotland has an ambitious target of achieving net-zero emissions by 2045. With the built environment responsible for around 40% of global carbon emissions, this session will give an insight into the progress that has been made and what still needs to be done. Roger Esson MRICS, Chair of RICS Professional Group Panel - Construction
11:50	Energy Transition for a more sustainable Scotland – Panel discussion During this period of unprecedented uncertainty in global and national energy markets, now more than ever we need to look at ways of delivering greener, more affordable and secure energy. This panel session will give an overview of the practicalities of transforming the energy sector to meet these demands. Moderated by Professor Norman K. McLennan, FRICS, Robert Gordon University Aberdeen & Member of RICS Scotland Board
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Retrofitting and energy efficiency in traditional buildings – Panel discussion This session will look at the important role that retrofitting has in fulfilling our climate obligations, with a focus on how our panel of experts have approached these challenges within some of the most important historical buildings in Scotland.
14:20	Artificial Intelligence and the built environment Speaker to be confirmed

14:50	Networking and refreshment break
Break-out sessions	
Delegates select which session to attend from 2 breakouts. For example, at 15:15 please select 1A or 1B	
15:15	<p>1A – Site Waste Management As the construction industry looks to cut both waste and carbon, this session will look at the latest developments in site waste management.</p> <p>Professor Billy Hare, Deputy Director BREAM Research Centre, Glasgow Caledonian University</p>
15:15	<p>1B – Red Book Update This session will give an overview of the newly launched Red Book supplement with updates on evolving areas including ESG and technology</p>
Transfer to next breakout session	
16:00	<p>2A – Residential Retrofitting With growing demand from homeowners for retrofit services from chartered surveyors, get ahead of the curve with an overview of the mandatory and recommended requirements contained in the first RICS residential retrofit standard which will come into effect from 31 October 2024.</p> <p>Jonathan Bourke, Director of Retrofit, Harvey Donaldson & Gibson</p>
16:00	<p>2B – National Hub Programme Critical Initiatives & Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Placemaking: Supporting Service Transformation & Maximising Economic Investment Outcomes ○ Net Zero Transition: Regional Coordination & Investment ○ Housing: National Approaches & Funding ○ Programme Delivery: Examples from each Hubco. <p>Impact Analysis: Social Value & Community Wealth Building Impact Assessment.</p> <p>Richard Park MRICS, CEO Hub North Scotland</p>
16:45	End of conference

Delivering confidence

We are RICS. Everything we do is designed to effect positive change in the built and natural environments. Through our respected global standards, leading professional progression and our trusted data and insight, we promote and enforce the highest professional standards in the development and management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. Our work with others provides a foundation for confident markets, pioneers better places to live and work and is a force for positive social impact.

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