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# Scotland Conference

Collaborating for future success - working together to better the built environment



### Type of event

Face to face



### CPD Hours

5.5  
Formal

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Market trends, legislation and technical guidance, all in one place. The RICS Scotland conference returns for 2025 with the iconic University of Glasgow as its backdrop, focusing on collaboration – working together for the betterment of the built environment.

In 2025, as economic uncertainties continue to impact project delivery at every stage, come together with industry leaders for clarity on the subject areas that matter most to you. After a morning of essential updates, a range of break-out options in the afternoon will tailor the conference to your specific development needs. Sessions will ask:

- What are the best strategies for avoiding supply-chain stalls?
- How can emerging and mature industries learn from each other in the creation of green energies and attainment of net zero targets?
- How are planners and developers looking to deliver safe homes in times of housing shortage?
- How are leaders re-thinking finance models and modes of public-private collaboration for public infrastructure?
- How can we best protect our wellbeing and create a workforce prepared for future challenges?

Don't miss the opportunity to connect with experts over these central questions, and to discuss so many of the challenges and opportunities presented by the current market.

# Progamme

## Time zone:

BST

08:30

### Registration

9:00

### Introductory remarks

Speakers: **Professor Norman K. McLennan FRICS**, Chair of RICS Scotland, and **Nick Maclean OBE RD FRICS**, Acting President, RICS.

9:20

### Welcome to the University of Glasgow

A representative from the University of Glasgow welcomes delegates to campus.

9:25

### Opening Keynote: Reflecting on a campus transformation

The University of Glasgow has a unique approach to campus development. Join this session to hear about management and delivery of the university's Campus Development programme. What are the obligations of an estate director at a major university? What is unique about Glasgow's approach to cooperation in the development of its estate? Nicola will also lead a discussion on the Masterplan for Glasgow's future estates development.

Speakers: **Peter Haggarty FRICS**, Executive Director of Estates at the University of Glasgow & **Nicola Cameron MRICS**, Director of Property Joint Ventures, University of Glasgow.

9:50

### Address: Actionable frameworks for collaboration

Examine the Institute of Collaborative Working's new standard for collaborative working – ISO 4401, in the context of key case studies for collaborative projects. The foundations needed for successful collaborations are often sacrificed to demanding schedules. Trends, such as a reduction in the number of interfaces in client work, are shaping the way we work. Join Professor Lynch as she takes us through the touchstones for effective communication.

Speaker: **Jane Lynch**, Professor of Procurement at Cardiff University

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### **Panel Session: Streamlining processes up, down and across supply chains**

Supply chains in Scotland face many challenges and the number of corporate insolvencies in Scotland remain high by recent historical standards. This panel session will give an insight into how to avoid supply-chain stalls, highlighting case studies for successful project completion.

Speaker: **Alan Paul MRICS**, Head of Property Services, Fife Council

10:55

### **Break**

Visit our exhibitors, and explore the site on a guided tour.

11:30

### **Panel Session: Offshore wind and Net Zero – collaborative thinking across emerging and mature industries**

Our panellists will discuss how to minimise risks in the developments of new energies, considering the wide-ranging implications of green technological developments for Scottish marine life, and what can be learned from mature energy firms in terms of company structure collaborations. How can we attract and retain talent in sustainable industries?

Speaker: **Celestia Godbehere**, Consents & Environment Programme Manager (co-lead), RenewableUK

12:10

### **Panel Session: Practical collaboration - overcoming the barriers to sustainable retrofit:**

Following Glasgow's Retrofit Summit in February, as well as the RICS Residential Retrofit Standard released in October 2024, this session will examine methods for the effective planning and executive of energy-efficient retrofit. What are the emerging priorities in this area, and how has the landscape around solutions evolved in the past year?

Speakers: **Jonathan Bourke**, Associate Director of Retrofit, Keegans; **Caitriona Jordan**, Head of Retrofit, National Retrofit Centre, BE-ST

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### **Innovative funding models - collaboration between public and private sector funds**

Collaborative funding models in Scotland are moving away from more 'traditional' PFI and PPIE structures. How can refreshed modes of funding can be a regenerative tool and incentivise the development of public infrastructure? Join Peter Reekie to discuss how the Growth Accelerator Scheme facilitates collaboration between public and private funding sources.

Speaker: **Peter Reekie**, Chief Executive, Scottish Futures Trust

13:10

Lunch

***After lunch, return for breakout sessions:  
Please choose between 1A and 1B, and then either 2A and 2B.***

# Breakout sessions

## Time zone:

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14:10

### **1A: P&D update - delivering safe homes for Scotland**

**Planning:** Join this session to discuss updates on the planning process in Scotland, addressing an ongoing, government-recognised housing shortage. How can Scotland boost local planning authority capacity, and encourage the development of small and medium-sized enterprises in the housing sector?

**Building safety:** Hear updates on supporting cladding remediation work, and what compliance might look like as Scotland moves to deliver more homes.

*Or*

14:10

### **1B: Technological transformations for meaningful change - closing the skills gap and recruiting for the future**

The profession sees an ever-increasing convergence between the built environment and technology sectors, and yet 45% of construction firms are using manual methods to deliver their projects. Educational and professional programmes must remain dynamic by providing starters with the skills needed for an increasingly technological future. How can the profession best advertise itself to new starters and support the exploration of new technologies?

15:00

### **Break**

After the break, return to Room A or Room B for your second breakout.

15:30

### **2A: Panel session -potential pitfalls and promoting collaboration - the cost of conflict and value of early intervention**

A rare opportunity to hear the legal, client and contractor perspectives on the delivery of project successes. Join this panel for a dynamic discussion on the pitfalls that can undermine effectiveness in delivery.

Speakers: **Caroline McDermott FCIInstCES FRICS FCIArb**, Associate Director, Turner & Townsend.

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### **2B: Valuation - sustainability and green initiatives**

The shift toward sustainable practices and green building standards is impacting property valuations, and this trend is expected to continue as environmental concerns gain traction. Join our panel to see how developers and valuers are responding to changing market priorities.

16:10

**Short Break** - all return to the main room for our final session.

16:25

### **Lionheart & DEI showcase: Supporting the profession, working together for wellbeing and inclusion in the built environment**

Familiarise yourself with the work of the RICS DEI team and the initiatives being taken to support a changing profession. In 2025, pressures in the construction industry range from long working hours, to managing complex budgets and the rising costs of supplies. How can we maintain wellbeing amongst economic uncertainty?

Speakers: **Phil Sparke**, CEO, Lionheart; **Sybil Taunton**, Head of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, RICS

16:50

### **Closing remarks**

**Professor Norman K. McLennan FRICS**, Chair of RICS Scotland

## 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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