

## **‘Women in Public Life – Have They Closed the Gender Gap?’**

Public lecture by Professor Alice Brown, CBE, FRSE, FRSA, AcSS, Cipfa.  
Emeritus Professor, University of Edinburgh.

With more young women entering higher education and pursuing careers in previously male dominated fields such as law and medicine, can we assume that women now have an equal share of power and influence on policy making in modern society? Professor Alice Brown will reflect on the changing landscape of power and decision-making in twenty-first century Scotland.

Professor Brown has had a distinguished career as Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (2002-2009), and as Professor of Politics, Vice-Principal, and Co-Director of the Institute of Governance at the University of Edinburgh. She has written widely on women in politics, Scottish politics, and constitutional change. She has held many public appointments, and was awarded a CBE in 2009.

The lecture is sponsored by the Vice-Principal for Equality, Professor Lorraine Waterhouse, by the School of History, Classics and Archaeology, the School of Political and Social Science, the Gender Equality Research Group, and the Institute of Governance.

The lecture will be chaired by Brian Taylor, BBC Scotland.

The lecture will take place at 6 p.m., Wednesday, 6 October, in Faculty Room South, David Hume Tower (ground floor), University of Edinburgh, George Square, Edinburgh.

Following the lecture there will be a wine reception and book launch for ‘Women and Citizenship in Britain and Ireland in the Twentieth Century’, edited by Esther Breitenbach and Pat Thane, published by Continuum.

The reception and book launch will commence at 7.15 p.m. and will be held in the foyer area outside Faculty Room South, David Hume Tower. The reception is open to all those attending the lecture.

NB: Please note that the lecture is a ticketed (free) event. To reserve a ticket, click on the following link, and select the event: <http://edinburgh-university.eventbrite.com/>

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