



'Having Your Voice in Europe'

.....a dialogue with **Catherine Stihler MEP**

Friday 11th March 2011

Teacher Building, 14 St Enoch Square, Glasgow G1 4DB

The European Parliament Information Office in Edinburgh and Engender, a partner in the EU-funded Women Into Public Life project, invite you to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day along with Catherine Stihler MEP.

With female representation at Holyrood set to drop significantly following the Scottish election in May, it is a timely moment to consider the role that Scottish women have played and can play in future in Scottish political life at all levels.

Catherine Stihler has been a Labour Member of the European Parliament representing Scotland since 1999. Drawing on topical examples such as the current proposed revision of EU legislation on parental leave, she will cover:

- what drew her into politics in general and European politics in particular;
- examples of how the EU impacts on women in Scotland;
- how Scottish women can use of their MEPs to make their voice heard.

Catherine will also hold a conversation with Kath Davies of Engender's International Group before widening that conversation to include all those at the event in informal discussion groups over lunch.

The seminar is free to attend and is designed to be interactive. For this reason, spaces will be limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis. It will take place from **11.00-15.00 on Friday 11th March 2011 at the Teacher Building, 14 St Enoch Square, Glasgow G1 4DB.**

To register, please:

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Program

- 11.00 Registration & Coffee**
- 11.30 Welcome and Introduction - Lorna Ahlquist, Women Into Public Life, Engender**
- 11.40 Pregnant Pause
- an MEP view of the Maternity Leave Bill,
Catherine Stihler MEP**
- 12.10 Making Europe work for us
- a conversation Catherine Stihler MEP and Kath
Davies, Engender**
- 12.45 Lunch & discussion groups
Topic 1: From Pregnant Pause to the birth - can we
be the midwives?
Topic 2: From Europe with Love - strengthening
ties in Scotland
Topic 3: Women's representation – moving at a
snail's pace?**
- 14.00 Feedback from discussions - Lorna Ahlquist**
- 14.20 Why aren't there more of me?
Getting Elected and Selected - Catherine Stihler**
- 14.50 Concluding remarks - Lorna Ahlquist**
- 15.00 Close**



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