



Scotland' s and Europe's Women Working Together

Engender hosted an event in the European Parliament office in Edinburgh to celebrate the links between the women of Scotland and Europe on Friday 15th February.

The speakers were Engenders convener, Dr Marsha Scott and Elspeth Attwooll MEP.

Marsha Scott said "It is very clear to me that the work done by women in Scotland has been very valuable to women in Europe. The challenge is how we bring newer, younger women in. Undoubtedly the work with accession countries appears to have captured their young women's enthusiasm and commitment – we must ensure Scottish women continue to see that debate at a European level, be it on equal pay, violence against women or caring issues will affect us all"

Elspeth Attwooll applauded the EUs commitment to anti-discrimination and equality between women and men. She said "The European Parliament is working to integrate men and women into all decisions taken through gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting."

NOTES TO EDITORS

Engender is a membership organisation that works in Scotland and Europe on an anti-sexist agenda to increase women's power and influence and make visible the impact of sexism on women, men and society. It provides information, analysis, training, advice and networking to those people, organisations and institutions who seek to achieve equality and justice.

Dr. Marsha Scott is a feminist activist, researcher and practitioner and the Convener of Engender. She is the UK board member on the European Women's Lobby and the UK Expert delegate to the EWL's European Observatory on Violence Against Women. She is the Head of Health Policy at West Lothian Council

Elspeth Attwooll MEP has been represented Scotland in the European parliament as an MEP since 1999, where she is one of the Vice Chairs of the Fisheries Committee, a member of the Regional Development Committee and a substitute member of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee. At home she has held a succession of positions in the Scottish Liberal Democrats and is currently the President of the Scottish Women Liberal Democrats.

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Photos of the event follow:



L to R: Elspeth Attwooll MEP, Lesley Sutherland (chair), Marsha Scott (Engender convener)



Questions were welcomed from the floor