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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT!

If you are interested in politics or making your views heard, I  
organise these trips which are mostly free to travel to and attend.

**Speak Up for Rural Scotland**  
**Scottish Government Consultation 4<sup>th</sup> October, Corran Halls Oban**  
**7pm – 9pm**

**Conference for Older Women (Highlands and Islands) 16th October,**  
**Park Hotel, Dunoon, 10am, Scottish Women's Convention**

**Improving Women's Lives Making The Policy Connections**  
**Friday 5 November 2010, 11.00-16.00 Victoria Quay, Edinburgh**

**Women's Dinner, Scottish Parliament 15<sup>th</sup> December plus visit to**  
**the Scottish Parliament 16<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Details of each below and application form**

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**Speak Up for Rural Scotland**  
**Scottish Government Consultation 4<sup>th</sup> October, Corran Halls Oban**  
**7pm – 9pm**

This consultation paper contains proposals by the Rural Development Council to Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment, Richard Lochhead, on how rural Scotland can best contribute to the nation's sustainable economic growth.

The Scottish Government is seeking your responses to these proposals by 25th October, 2010 and will use them to shape future policy.

**Scottish Women's Convention; Conference for Older Women**  
**(Highlands and Islands)**  
**16th October, Park Hotel, Dunoon, 10am.**

This conference is being held to give older women in Scotland the opportunity to focus on and discuss issues of relevance to them. For further information / to register please email [mary@scottishwomensconvention.org](mailto:mary@scottishwomensconvention.org) or telephone the SWC on 0141 248 8186

**Improving Women's Lives Making The Policy Connections**  
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**Victoria Quay, Edinburgh**

UK Government will be reporting to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Status of Women (CSW) next year.

The Scottish Government is holding an event to share understanding of action and policy to improve women's lives at International, UK Government and Scottish Government levels and of the role that non-government organisations (NGOs) and individual women have in the process.

Scottish Government will lead the session before lunch. UK Government colleagues will arrive in time to network over lunch and lead the afternoon session. I can take one or two women to this.

**Women's Dinner, Scottish Parliament**  
**15<sup>th</sup> December plus visit to the Scottish Parliament 16<sup>th</sup> December**

A two day trip to Edinburgh to take part in the Dinner held regularly for women at the Scottish Parliament. This is a social occasion where you can meet women MSPs and other women who are interested in politics. Overnight stay in Edinburgh and a visit to the Scottish Parliament the next morning to see it in operation and to learn more about how you can be part of its work. I can take 4 women to this.



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### **Personal details**

**Which event do you want to attend?**

**Name**

**Organisation if any**

**Address**

**Email**

**Tel No**

**Is there anything you need me to do to make your participation easier?**

**Can we keep your personal details on a database so we can contact you about training courses and other events we might put on?**

**Signature..**

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