

# Who runs the world? Women's representation in public life



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WOMEN

50:50

**Welcome to the first women's conference focusing on radical action on women's representation in Scotland**

## **Agenda**

09.15 Registration

09.45 Welcome and summary of the campaign from Talat Yaqoob

10.00 Keynotes from Professor Drude Dahelrup, Stockholm University

10.30 Panel with women commentators and journalists;

“Damned if you do, Damned if you don’t”

11.30 Workshop session 1

12.30 – 13.15 Lunch

13.30 - 14.00 Keynotes from the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon MSP

14.00 Workshops session 2

15.00 Break

15.15 Panel with women politicians

“Their stories, your questions”

16.15 Ideas stations – opportunity to feed into the campaign's activities

17.00 Thanks and bye (but only for now!)

19.30 Comedy and Cupcakes – Women 5050 fundraiser and raffle (Three Sisters, Cowgate)\*

\*Limited spaces please purchase ticket in advance: [www.engender.org.uk](http://www.engender.org.uk)

## Workshops

Please choose one morning session and one afternoon session workshop. Choices need to be made in advance

### MORNING SESSION

**Workshop 1 – How quotas work and why they matter** with Prof. Fiona MacKay and Meryl Kenny

This workshop will explore the academic evidence behind quotas to increase women's participation as well as the impact of voluntary measures by political parties. You will leave with the knowledge to bust the myths around meritocracy and representation.

**Workshop 2 – An Intersectional Scotland** with Pam Duncan, Samina Ansari, Anna Crow

Women 5050 wants a parliament that reflects the society it is meant to represent and that goes beyond simply women. This workshop will tell us about the lived experiences of under-represented groups and how we can create a more inclusive and diverse public space.

**Workshop 3 – What does a board member actually do?** With Bonnie Clarke

We often talk about representation as elected office, but public boards make huge decisions about our services and our community – women must be an equal part. But what does a board member do? How do you become one and why should there be more women involved? Find out here.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

**Workshop 4 – Women and New Politics** with Katie Ghose, CEO of the Electoral Reform Society

Are there democratic innovations that might mean women have a greater say in decision making? Would changed institutions (parties, parliaments, policy making) combined with innovative processes such as those used in citizens' assemblies make equality more possible?

**Workshop 5 – Making the campaign local, national and everywhere!** With Talat Yaqoob

The Women 5050 campaign has only been so successful because of the supporters. We need to continue making noise until we win. This workshop will give you campaigning skills to create local groups and lobby your MSP/MP/Councillor. Take charge of the campaign locally!

**Workshop 6 – The life of a councillor** with Councillors Maggie Chapman and Monica Lennon  
With only 25% women councillors in Scotland, we need more women around the decision making table in local government. Hear about what being a councillor is about, how you can get involved and what impact local government can make to women's lives.