

A LIFE AND DEBT SITUATION

Designing Financial Security



**Wednesday
5th October**
10am-4.45pm

The Barracks
Conference Centre
Stirling

Live stream via
Zoom Webinar

Blue symbol denotes in-person attendees only (not available to online attendees)



9.30am
Coffee and pastries



10.00am
Welcome from **Jim McCormick**, in conversation with **Caroline Kennedy**



10.15am
Roundup of the Facts
Russell Gunson, The Robertson Trust and
Mubin Haq, abrdn Financial Fairness Trust



10.30am
Panel discussion: What do we need to do now to address the cost of living crisis?

Discussion chaired by **Professor Morag Treanor**, Heriot-Watt University focusing on what we need to do immediately and in the short term to address the cost of living crisis to reduce essential costs, maximise incomes, strengthen the social security safety net and begin to move from crisis to security. Panelists include **Capital City Partnership**, **Aberlour** and **YouthLink**.

11.45am-2.45pm Break for online participants



11.45am
Workshops – Part 1: What Now? Listening, talking and thinking

Three discussion sessions with prompts from a range of speakers

Social Security:
One Parent Families Scotland, Stirling CAB

Lowering Costs:
LIFT – Low Income Families Together, Broke Not Broken, REAP Scotland

Crisis to Security:
Simon Community Scotland, The Cottage Family Centre, Homeless Network Scotland

Getting to the Barracks

The Conference Centre is located a five-minute walk from Stirling railway station which makes it easily accessible for most by public transport.

For those accessing The Barracks by car, a public car park is adjacent to the venue and costs around £2.50 per day.

We have accessible entrances, toilets on both levels and a passenger lift. An acoustic loop is also available. Please contact us for full details, or to let us know how we can ensure your visit is as comfortable and accessible as possible.



12.45pm Lunch



1.30pm

Purple Poncho Players followed by **Tressa Burke**, Glasgow Disability Alliance



2.00pm

Workshops – Part 2: What Next? Solutions, Actions and Ambitions

Coming back to our three groups to work together, building on what we have learned so far, to develop solutions focused on actions needed now and ambitions for the longer term. Expert listeners will reflect on Part 1 and add their own perspectives.



2.45pm

Keynote speaker: **Kerry Hudson**

Kerry Hudson, novelist and author of *Lowborn: Growing Up, Getting Away and Returning to Britain's Poorest Towns* speaks about how to bring lived experience into discussions and decisions. Discussion chaired by **John Loughton**, Dare2Lead.



3.45pm

Panel discussion: How do we design a Scotland with financial security at its heart?

Discussion chaired by **Zoe Ferguson**, (The Robertson Trust) focusing on what we need to do to design financial security into our lives for the long term focusing on an economy that generates financial security first time, building public will to support change and creating social security that provides genuine safety. Panelists include **Jimmy Paul** (WEAll Scotland), **Sandy Macdonald** (Scottish Financial Enterprise), **Russell Gunson** (The Robertson Trust), Representatives from **YouthLink**.



4.30pm

Closing reflections, **Jim McCormick** and **Caroline Kennedy**

4.45pm Close