



 Scotland's Colleges

Programme

**The Governance Conference**

Tuesday 6 October 2009

**Radisson SAS Hotel Edinburgh**

## **Background**

This conference is designed for college board members and will focus on evaluating the board, risk and opportunity, public value and the importance of the non-executive role. There will also be an opportunity to discuss current and future development for board members. Keynote speakers include Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Schools and Skills, Scottish Government and John McClelland CBE, Chairman, Scottish Funding Council (SFC).

Please note that maximum numbers are limited to 90.

## **Overnight Accommodation**

To book overnight accommodation for Monday 5 October or Tuesday 6 October, please contact Melanie Surtees at Conference Care on 02476 369720 or email [melanies@conferencecare.com](mailto:melanies@conferencecare.com)

## **Aim of Event**

This conference aims to provide an opportunity for college board members to consider key areas of interest and development. Specifically the aims are to:

- provide updates on key activity in the sector related to college governance
- provide an opportunity for board members to discuss and develop their roles
- develop knowledge through workshops and discussion sessions
- offer a networking opportunity.

## **Target Audience**

All college board members.

## **After this event you should be able to...**

- have a better understanding of self evaluation for the board
- consider the the role of public value in colleges in Scotland
- identify options for the consideration of risk and opportunity
- discuss with colleagues the role of the non-executive in colleges.

**Cost**

This is a free event.

**Event Organiser**

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**Conference Code**

C3302

## Programme

09:30	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>	
10:00	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Brian Keegan, Chair of the Governance Development Programme Steering Group and Chair, Langside College	Brian will welcome delegates to the conference, setting context and providing an update on the Governance Development Programme.
10:30	<b>Risk and Opportunity</b> Martin Fairbairn, Senior Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, SFC	Martin will discuss the area of risk and opportunity management providing some examples for board members to consider.
11:00	<b>Coffee</b>	
11:20	<b>Risk, Opportunity and the Role of the Board Member</b>  Jan Polley, Consultant, Institute of Directors	This workshop session is designed for delegates to have open discussion on their role on the board specifically looking at the area of risk and opportunity management.
12:20	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:20	<b>The Value of Scotland's Colleges</b> Ray Harris, Interim Chief Executive, Scotland's Colleges and Malcolm Hutchinson, Director, Viable Futures	Ray and Malcolm will introduce delegates to the project and offer an opportunity for questions and discussion.
13:45	<b>Governance and Accountability</b> John McClelland CBE, Chairman, SFC	John will discuss key developments related to governance and accountability from a SFC perspective.
14:15	<b>Evaluation for Boards</b>  Jan Polley, Consultant, Institute of Directors	This workshop session will focus on evaluation for college boards of management and will provide opportunities for detailed discussion with fellow board members.

Tea and coffee will be available during this session.

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| 15:15 | <b>Governance and Accountability</b><br>Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Skills and Schools, Scottish Government                       | The Minister will consider the area of governance and accountability in colleges in Scotland. |
| 15:45 | <b>Plenary Discussion</b><br>Brian Keegan, Chair of the Governance Development Programme Steering Group and Chair, Langside College | Brian will facilitate a discussion session.   |
| 16:00 | <b>Close of Conference</b>  | The Chairs' Congress will follow this event.  |