INVITATION

Purpose and Measurement of Wellbeing

Monday 9 February, 4.00 – 6.00pm at the Craig Suite in the Sir Duncan Rice Library, Aberdeen University

This seminar will present a synthesis of the outputs of a wellbeing initiative in Scotland in 2014 and will invite discussion of the findings. Professor Sir Ian Diamond, Principal of Aberdeen University will introduce the early evening event. Contributions will be received from a number of organisations and a question and answer session will follow.

The quality of life is impacted by more than an exclusive focus on growth in GDP. The timing of this wellbeing initiative is particularly appropriate as legislation is currently going through the Scottish Parliament to make it a legal requirement for the Scottish Government to report on a range of measures and national outcomes the performance framework “Scotland Performs”.

This seminar builds on the recent lecture session in Aberdeen from Professor Enrico Giovannini on the measurement of wellbeing at the local and regional level.

You are invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

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Register
If you wish to attend this event, please contact info@scottishinsight.ac.uk are limited and will be given on a first come basis.
Scotland's Futures Forum (SFF)
Scotland’s Futures Forum was created by the Scottish Parliament to help its Members, along with the wider community of Scotland, look beyond immediate horizons, to some of the challenges and opportunities we will face in the future.

Scottish Universities Insight Institute (SUII)
The Scottish Universities Insight Institute supports programmes of knowledge exchange which address and provide insight on substantial issues that face Scotland and the wider world.

The David Hume Institute (DHI)
The David Hume Institute is a research organisation specialising in legal and economic aspects of public policy. The aims and objectives of the Institute are to promote discourse and research on economic and legal aspects of public policy questions.

The University of Aberdeen
Founded in 1495 by William Elphinstone, Bishop of Aberdeen and Chancellor of Scotland, the University of Aberdeen is Scotland’s third oldest and the UK’s fifth oldest university. It is a community of 120 nationalities, with 16,500 students and world leading quality of research.

Rethinking Wellbeing Initiative
For complex issues such as population health, multiple social deprivation, climate change and loss of biodiversity we need to consider the economy, society and environment holistically and in an inter-related manner. We need to break down silos in focus, design and measurement of effective public policies. In 2014/15 Scotland’s Futures Forum is taking this forward in a practical way.

Our main partner is the Scottish Universities Insight Institute. Six project teams were set up in early 2014 to look at different aspects of wellbeing. The SUII teams were guided by an umbrella strategy group which consisted of Scotland’s Futures Forum, The Scottish Parliament, The Scottish Government, Carnegie UK Trust, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, Audit Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, SCVO and Oxfam Scotland.

Programmes addressed key issues around social, environmental and economic wellbeing with the aim of making a contribution to the development of policy and practice in Scotland and elsewhere, including the development of Scotland’s National Performance Framework, ‘Scotland Performs’.

The initial findings were discussed at a Parliament seminar in November 2014 and is currently being critiqued. Summaries of each of the programme’s key insights can be found at http://www.scottishinsight.ac.uk/Programmes/Wellbeing2014.aspx