

Public Policy Seminar Series

Questioning the Future



In partnership with the Strategy Unit in The Scottish Government and Skills Development Scotland, Scotland's Futures Forum has launched a futures seminar series for 2009/2010, entitled **Questioning the Future**. The Series will explore key questions Scotland's policy makers may face in the future.

These seminars are a good opportunity for colleagues to look to the horizon and engage in a lively network of policy makers.

The first two seminars will take place before summer as follows:

- May 11** **How to re-perceive our understanding of 'Rural Scotland' in the 21st Century**, with **William Roe**, Chair, Skills Development Scotland and Highlands and Islands Enterprise
- June 1** **What should a Scottish 'learning society' look like?**, with **Professor Tom Shuller**, Head of Centre for Educational Research and Innovation and OECD.

The monthly seminars will take place each month at Holyrood, 1pm – 3pm and are open and free of charge to anyone who wishes to attend. The Forum will produce a series of discussion papers arising from the seminars and will undertake follow-up workshops and discussions with key stakeholders, as required.

Other questions being considered in the latter half of 2009 in the series, include

- September 7** **What might a Scottish Welfare System look like in 2020** with **Professor Joakim Palme**, Director of the Institute for Futures Studies, Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University
- October 5** **Who are the Scottish Leaders of the Future?**
- November 2** **How can Scotland exploit its richness in wind and water?**
- December 7** **How can Scotland be less reliant on oil in the future?**

If you would like to register to attend any of the seminars, please contact event@scotlandfutureforum.org