

The Oxfam Humankind Index for Scotland: What's it all about?

Despite decades of economic growth prior to the recession and a doubling of living standards since the 1970s, reported life satisfaction did not increase, nor did other important areas like trust in our community, work-life balance or the state of the environment. The Oxfam Humankind Index www.oxfam.org.uk/humankindindex is about valuing the things that really matter to the people of Scotland. This might include their social relations, their health and skills, their physical environment and natural context, and their financial assets.

Full public and body politic participation in creation of the Humankind Index is absolutely central. It means that the Index will be based on the values of an inclusive society, rather merely measuring GDP. This will, in turn, enable government to focus on what really matters, and to take more informed decisions about where society wants to go. It is about remembering that the economy should serve the people, not the other way around.

Scotland's Futures Forum has linked with Oxfam to give **YOU A SAY** in developing the Index; what should be in and what should be out. The event format will be a conversation café type approach.

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- Venue:** The Scottish Parliament, Holyrood, Edinburgh
Date: Friday 10 June 2011
Time: 11.00am – 1.00pm (registration from 10.30am)
Catering: A sandwich lunch will be provided at 1.00pm for those who wish to stay & continue the conversation
Cost: Free of Charge
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Programme of the Day

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| 11.00 – 11.10am | Welcome and Introduction, Donald Jarvie, Head of Business, Scotland's Futures Forum |
| 11.10 – 11.25am | Seeded café contribution, Humankind Index – Judith Robertson, Head of Oxfam, Scotland |
| 11.25 – 12.00pm | Roundtable discussions and plenary feedback |
| 12.00 – 12.15pm | Seeded café contribution, Perry Walker, Fellow, New Economics Foundation |
| 12.15 – 12.50pm | Roundtable discussions and plenary feedback |
| 12.50 – 1.00pm | Next steps and final remarks, Stewart Murdoch, Chair Scottish Community Development Board and member of the Carnegie Experts Group |
| 1.00 – 1.45pm | Sandwich lunch and networking |
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Who should come?

MSPs, Policy Makers, Researchers, Scotland's Futures Forum members, interested organisations and individuals.

If you wish to attend please contact: humankindindex@oxfam.org.uk