



08.30 **Registration**

09.30 **Welcome from the Chair**
Professor Douglas Robertson, Stirling University

09.40 **Opening address**
Graeme Brown, Director, Shelter Scotland

10.00 **The private landlord perspective**
John Blackwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Association of Landlords

10.15 **Ministerial keynote:**
Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Housing and Local
Government

10.35 **Questions and discussion**

10.45 **Refreshments**

11.00 **Letting agents with a social ethos – what’s the difference?**
Anna Evans, Anna Evans Housing Consultancy, Mike Campbell, Belvoir, Nareen Owens,
Clyde Valley Housing Association, Claire Turner, Landlord Letting Network

11.45 **Questions and discussion**

12.00 **Lunch**

13.00 Workshops

Working with private landlords to improve standards in the private rented sector

Laura Fairlie and Bryan Powell, Private Landlord Support Officers, Shelter Scotland,
Colin McCrae, Principal Housing Officer, Private Sector Services Unit, Dundee City
Council

The Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

Adrian Stalker, Advocate, Westwater Chambers

Universal credit and the private rented sector

Kenny MacArthur, Edinburgh City Jobcentreplus

Tackling poor practice through Trading Standards

Andrew Wylie, Trading Standards Officer, North Ayrshire Council, Emma Anderson,
Team Manager (Private Sector Housing), North Ayrshire Council

14.00 Refreshments

Improving services, conditions and tackling poverty in the private rented sector

14.30 Tackling poverty: what role does the PRS play?

Brian Robson, Policy & Research Programme Manager, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

14.50 Registered social landlords and the private rented sector

Mike Bruce, Chief Executive, Weslo Housing Management

15.10 Involving private tenants in policy change

Liz Ely, Living Rent

15.30 Questions and discussion

15.45 Closing comments from the chair

16.00 Close of conference