

What are public inquiries meant to achieve and can we do it faster, cheaper and better?

Inquiries Event 1: Monday/Tuesday 30th-31st January 2017
Event 2 Monday/Tuesday 6th-7th March 2017

This is an invitation only event.

All participants, even if only attending one session, **must register** here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/public-inquiries-workshop-1-2-registration-27323804234>

General Information

Location

The seminar will be held in the Scottish Universities Insight Institute, Ground Floor, Collins Building, 22 Richmond Street, Glasgow G1 1XQ. The building is fully wheelchair accessible. Parking for blue badge holders is available opposite the entrance of the Collins Building.

Schedule

The workshop will start with coffee/tea and registration from 9:30 am with the first session scheduled for 9:45am. Each day will end by 4:30 pm.

Travel info

Travel costs will be refunded for participants from outside Glasgow. The Institute can book travel for participants travelling from outside Scotland. Please contact info@scottishinsight.ac.uk or Ann Logie /Nicola Duncan on +44 (0)141 548 4051/ 5930. Overseas participants should contact Ann or Nicola to discuss the most cost effective means of travel. In order to maximise the limited funding and enable us to cover the costs of as many participants as possible, we ask you to seek the most economically convenient means of travel and to book early.

The Insight Institute is located in the city centre of Glasgow, just a few minutes walk from Glasgow Queen Street Station. Click on the [Collins Building map](#) for the exact location. Access information on [how to get here](#).

The Institute is less than 5 minutes walk from the Premier Inn George Square.

Parking is available in the NCP car park on the corner of George Street and Montrose Street, opposite the Premier Inn. The programme is unable to refund parking costs.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be available for participants from outside the central belt of Scotland at the Premier Inn, George Square. This will be booked and paid for by the Institute. Participants are free to make alternative arrangements for accommodation but the programme cannot meet the cost of such arrangements. Please indicate your accommodation requirements on the registration form. Participants from outside Scotland should indicate whether they need accommodation for an additional night (31st January/7th March).

Meals

Lunch and refreshments will be provided in the Collins building throughout the events.

All participants are invited to meet for a meal at the Premier Inn at 7.30pm on the evenings of 29th January and 5th March 2017. Costs will be met by the programme. Participants who are staying over

in Glasgow on 30th January/6th March may claim reimbursement of the cost of an evening meal (up to £30). Participants whose travel arrangements necessitate staying on until 1st February/ 8th March may also claim reimbursement of an evening meal. Vegetarian options are available at every meal served at the Institute. For any other needs (vegan, non-dairy, gluten-free), please inform us in advance by using the appropriate box on the registration form.

Wifi

Wifi access is available in the Insight Institute both through the Cloud and Eduroam (for university staff). Details of how to log on will be available on the day.

Premier Inn provides both free and enhanced (£5 per 24 hours) wifi.

AV Equipment

The Institute is equipped with laptops and projectors for presentations. Please bring your presentation on a memory stick.

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Travel / Accommodation / Facilities: Please contact info@scottishinsight.ac.uk or Ann Logie /Nicola Duncan on +44 (0)141 548 4051/ 5930.

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There are a number of public inquiries into child abuse being undertaken in the British Isles. They are likely to take 3-10 years to conclude and with costs for each public inquiry running at between £8m-£20m per year. While public inquiries remain the standard governmental response in the UK to managing sensitive matters of public interest and public concern, the former Lord Chief Justice, recently questioned inquiries "sucking huge amounts of resources" out the system in a time of austerity and suggested it was time to consider a different approach.

This programme will bring together thinkers, professionals and experts from a range of disciplines and interests to consider whether the same or better results could be achieved by other means and what those means might look like and to identify any lessons / approaches which might assist current public inquiries in the UK. The sessions will have the wider aims of providing a range of materials to launch a public dialogue on how the purposes of inquiries might be otherwise achieved and informing an online resource for professionals commissioning and conducting inquiries.

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