Business breakfast for SMEs to debate Independence

As the referendum debate gains increasing momentum, one organisation representing over 150 Scottish SMEs has called upon MSPs from both campaigns to present their cases and debate the future of Scotland. WeDO Scotland, a leading collaboration and support organisation for entrepreneurs is hosting a Referendum Debate breakfast in Edinburgh, specifically aimed at the SME community.

The organisation believes that the majority of engagement to date has been with business leaders of Scotland's largest companies, so WeDO has invited Fergus Ewing MSP and Minister for Energy, Enterprise & Tourism from the Yes campaign and Iain Gray MSP and former leader of the Scottish Labour Party from the No campaign to be on the panel at their debate. The event is taking place on 1 May 2014 at The Assembly Rooms and will be chaired by Bill Jamieson, founder of Scot-Buzz and former Executive Editor of The Scotsman.

Belinda Roberts, founder of WeDO commented:

"The issues which face large companies in Scotland, for the most part, are different from those of the SME community. With the ongoing growth of SMEs, their contribution to the Scottish economy is becoming increasingly important. Many quite simply don't feel well enough informed to make a decision regarding independence.

By hosting this breakfast, we will help arm SME business leaders with the facts to make informed choices by understanding the key points from both sides of the fence. We are delighted that both MSPs are showing their support." she added.

Tickets for the event are available on the WeDO Scotland

website http://www.wedoscotland.com or by calling 08708-759593.

Event booking page: <u>http://www.scottishreferendumdebatebreakfast.eventbrite.co.uk</u>

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