

# **International Women's Day – speaking to Councillor Lesley Hinds**



Convener of  
Transport &  
Environment –  
Lesley Hinds

**What are you doing to celebrate International Women's Day?**

I will be attending an International Women's day event:  
Womankind Fundraiser at St Columba's- by-the-Castle

**What is your job?**

Councillor for Inverleith and Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee on City of Edinburgh Council.

**Would you give us a quick version of your career path?**

Primary School Teacher: Councillor including Leader, Lord  
Provost and Convener of the Police Board but the most  
challenging and rewarding being a mother of three children!

**If you had been given career advice on leaving school (knowing  
what you know now!) what would it have been?**

Go for what you want to do and do not listen to anyone else!

**Do you use any formal networking organisations? If you do  
which ones do you find useful?**

Labour Party Women's Forum

**Do you think there are enough women in important positions in**

**private and public organisations in Edinburgh?**

No

**Who is your inspirational female figure and why?**

All women who have achieved change in their own way.

**AND anything else you would like to add?**

If we want to change private businesses and public elected bodies to achieve better representation of women we need positive action and quotas. Nothing else works!