

Responsible Investment – Lessons from Denmark



Cllr Jim Orr will be hosting a discussion on “Responsible Investment – Lessons from Denmark” at 6:00pm on May 18th at the City Chambers in association with Nordic Horizons. The guest speakers will be Zaiga Strautmane, Head of ESG (Environment, Social Justice and Governance) at UniPension in Denmark and Marianne Harper Gow, Head of Corporate Governance at Baillie Gifford, who will provide a local perspective on what responsible investment means to Scottish pension firms and what more we could do.. The event will be chaired by Sarah Smart, an independent financial adviser.

Cllr Orr said “I’m looking forward to learning more about Unipension’s approach to responsible investment which I understand involves screening out businesses and sectors considered to be irresponsible or unethical and working with others to improve behaviour. So they are interested in much more than the bottom line. Here in Scotland, the ethics of our financial services industry are under scrutiny as never before and few of us want our pensions or investments to damage the environment, or support the production of weapons that hurt civilians, or even encourage smoking. This is a great opportunity to learn from our Scandinavian neighbours and I’m delighted that Nordic Horizons are supporting the event.”

UniPension operates pension schemes for three separate professions, investing funds of around £10 billion.

A Q&A session will follow and after the event participants will be welcome to go for drinks in Hemma, the Swedish bar on Holyrood Road: <http://www.bodabar.com/hemma/>

The event is free and registration can be done via Eventbrite here: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/responsible-investment-lessons-from-denmark-tickets-16454582098>