

The Queen will open the fifth session of the Scottish Parliament

✘ Her Majesty The Queen is to address the new session of the Scottish Parliament on Saturday 2nd July, it has been announced.

The Fifth Session of the Scottish Parliament (2016-2021) will be marked on 2 July in a ceremony and day of events that will continue the Scottish tradition of bringing together the people, the Parliament and Her Majesty The Queen.

The day will commence with a procession of the Crown of Scotland down the Royal Mile to Holyrood.

An address by her Majesty The Queen to Members of the Scottish Parliament and invited guests will follow in the Debating Chamber.

And a 'riding' down the Royal Mile to Holyrood will take place, continuing the centuries-old Scots tradition of the people processing to the Parliament. The Session Five Riding will involve around 2,000 people, selected to highlight achievements across every constituency and region in Scotland.

In the afternoon the Scottish Parliament will open its doors to guests and members of the public with an open afternoon of Scottish culture, music, dance and drama.

Presiding Officer the [Rt Hon Tricia Marwick](#) said:

"As we look beyond the coming election to the start of the Fifth Session of the Scottish Parliament, it is right that, once again, the people of Scotland are placed at the heart our events.

“For a young, modern parliament we are fortunate to have centuries of culture and tradition to draw upon as we bring together the people, the Parliament and Her Majesty The Queen.”

– See more at:
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/97735.aspx#sthash.oix7vBkf.dpuf>