Brain expert to speak at the Royal College of Physicians

World renowned neuroscientist, Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore, is the speaker at this year's Angus Miller lecture which will be held at the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh on 5 April 2017.

Professor Blakemore will be exploring her work in the field of adolescent brain development, and its implications for education and policy.

Professor Blakemore has an interest in the links between neuroscience and education. She sat on the Royal Society BrainWaves working group for neuroscience, education, and lifelong learning and the Royal Society Vision Committee for Science and Mathematics Education.

The lecture will take place on Wednesday 5 April from 6pm-8pm at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. To book a free place or for more information, visit this <u>website</u>. The event will be also livestreamed on the evening.

Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore, said: "Youth brain development is a topic I'm extremely passionate about and I look forward to presenting my research during this lecture to the Royal College of Physicians. I'm delighted that Young Scot and RSA Scotland have taken such an interest in my work — it would be great to see lots of young people in the audience!"

➤ Louise Macdonald, Chief Executive of Young Scot, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for us to gain valuable insight into the work of Professor Blakemore and we're excited to hear the results of her research. "

Jamie Cooke, head of RSA Scotland, said: "We are delighted to be in partnership with Young Scot for this year's Angus Millar Lecture, and working together to explore the recommendations of Professor Blakemore further and help support further research into adolescent neuroscience."

Young Scot will work with RSA Scotland to develop themes and ideas identified by Professor Blakemore. Following the lecture, Young Scot and RSA Scotland will host a policy session to put the insight from Professor Blakemore's research and lecture into policy practice.

The event is supported through the Angus Millar Legacy and the ongoing support of the Millar family for this important part of the annual RSA Scotland programme.