

# FREE interactive session with William Ury and his daughter Gabi

The Scottish Parliament is offering a unique opportunity to attend a FREE interactive session with world-renowned negotiator William Ury and his daughter Gabi.

Over the past 35 years, William Ury has served as a mediator in a range of conflicts across the globe. His book on the power of negotiation, *Getting To Yes*, has sold 15 million copies. Gabi Ury, who was born with VATER syndrome which affects her spine, limbs and internal organs, has overcome a series of major surgeries to become an inspiring public speaker, and currently holds the world record for the longest abdominal plank.

Together, this father/daughter team are offering a rare but unmissable session aimed at young people. Learn how to become a better listener, ask questions, and pick up key life skills from two incredible communicators.

Book your free place by emailing [visit@parliament.scot](mailto:visit@parliament.scot) or phoning 0131 348 5200 (freephone 0800 092 7600).

Listen to Gabi Ury's TEDx talk – [“What's wrong with me? Absolutely nothing”](#).

The International Academy of Mediators annual conference will be held in Edinburgh for the first time from 10 -12 May 2018.

The keynote speech on Saturday 12 May will take place in the Scottish Parliament's Debating Chamber at 10:15am. The keynote speech is **free** and open to the public.

Deputy Presiding Officer [Christine Grahame MSP](#), who will host the conference in

**the Scottish Parliament's Debating Chamber, said:** "It's a privilege to welcome hundreds of the world's leading experts in mediation and conflict resolution to the Scottish Parliament as part of this year's International Academy of Mediators conference.

"I am a great believer in the power of mediation and had the pleasure of seeing top negotiators in action when I visited a mediation network in Maryland. I was impressed to see how effective communication can really change people's lives for the better.

"This is an incredibly rare opportunity to get an insight into what usually goes on behind closed doors. It's a chance to understand what happens within crucial peace-making discussions and high-stakes negotiations, and what it takes to be a successful mediator in the modern world."

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[Find out more about Dr William Ury.](#)