

Minister to be keynote speaker at EVOC AGM

The Minister for Communities and Local Government Aileen Campbell will be the keynote speaker at the Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council's conference and AGM.

EVOC is celebrating its 150th year and will use the occasion on 6 November to celebrate its long history of supporting Edinburgh's charity and voluntary organisations and the city's communities.

They will look to the future of civic action and the Third Sector and discuss what still needs to be done in working towards more inclusive and fairer communities.

Ian Brooke, Deputy Chief Executive of EVOC, said: "We are very excited to welcome Aileen Campbell MSP to our conference. In her role as Cabinet Secretary, her remit includes: social justice, tackling inequality and community empowerment which perfectly reflects EVOC's history, the wider work that EVOC does and the themes of this year's conference.

"This will be a great opportunity for delegates to hear directly from a member of the Scottish Cabinet with such important responsibilities to the Third Sector and one of the country's highest level elected representatives."

There will also be a series of interactive workshops taking place on the day. A range of organisations will deliver workshops around: Organising, Tackling Inequality, Protest and Campaigning and Working Together which form the themes of the EVOC 150 project.



The 'Third Sector Marketplace' offers an opportunity to a selection of Edinburgh's charitable organisations to provide information about their services.

Organisations confirmed for the marketplace are: EVOC 150, Volunteer Edinburgh, Edinburgh Social Enterprise, The Yard, Saheliya, Four Square, Media Education, Life Care, Big Hearts and Scottish Mediation Network, with more to be confirmed.

EVOC's Conference and AGM, 'Never Afraid to Challenge' will take place on 6 November, 09:30am-4:30pm at John McIntyre Conference Centre, Pollock Halls, Edinburgh.

It is free to attend and open to all. Tickets are available via [Eventbrite](#).