



**SPICe Fact Sheet**  
**Duilleagan Fiosrachaidh SPICe**

**24 May 2023**

## Contributors to Time for Reflection: Session 6

This Fact Sheet lists all contributors to Time for Reflection from the beginning of Session 6. It is arranged by date with the most recent date first and includes the name and religious affiliation of the contributor, additional information about the contributor and a link to the Official Report.

Time for Reflection is normally the first item of business at a meeting of the Parliament each week, on a Tuesday afternoon. A speaker addresses the meeting for up to 4 minutes. Invitations to address the Parliament at Time for Reflection are issued by the Presiding Officer on advice from the Parliamentary Bureau. The pattern of speakers reflects the balance of beliefs in Scotland (based on the Census). In general, nominations for contributors are proposed to the Presiding Officer by MSPs or by the religions or faiths directly. There have been occasions when individuals have written to the Presiding Officer with nominations for contributors.

**23 May 2023**

[Pastor Joe Ochei](#) (Pentecostal)

Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastoral Team Ecumenical Officer, Jesus House, Aberdeen

**16 May 2023**

[Dr Kamyab Givaki](#) (Scottish Iranian Association)

**9 May 2023**

[Reverend Kenneth I. MacKenzie](#) (Church of Scotland)

Minister of the Parish of Braemar and Crathie, and Domestic Chaplain to His Majesty The King

**2 May 2023**

[Megan Laird](#) (Non-Faith)

National Deaf Children's Society Young Changemaker

**25 April 2023**

[Dr Lesley Morrison](#) (Quaker)

**18 April 2023**

[Reverend Drew Gebbie](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, Hamilton South and Quarter Parish Churches

**28 March 2023**

[The Rt Revd Dr Iain Greenshields](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

**21 March 2023**

[The Rev Heller Gonzalez](#) (Episcopal)  
Rector, St Augustine's Scottish Episcopal Church, Dumbarton, and Novice Brother of the Anglican Order of Cistercians

**14 March 2023**

[Rev Father Gregory Umunna](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Parish Priest, St Stephen's Church, Blairgowrie

**7 March 2023**

[Mollie Hughes](#) (Non-Faith)  
Mountaineer, adventurer and motivational speaker

**28 February 2023**

[Rev Mike Gargrave](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, Thornliebank Parish Church

**21 February 2023**

[Dr Rose Reilly MBE](#) (Non-Faith)

**7 February 2023**

[Carol Wilde](#) (Mormon)  
Communication Director Scotland, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**31 January 2023**

[Rev Fr Matthew Carlin](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Parish Priest of the St Francis of Assisi Church, Port Glasgow

**24 January 2023**

[Holly Cameron and Aidan Coleman](#) (Non-Faith)  
Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors

**17 January 2023**

[Rev Tom Kisitu](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, Church of Scotland

**10 January 2023**

[The Rev Susan Henderson](#) (United Reform Church)  
Minister, Inverclyde United Reform Churches

**20 December 2022**

[The Rev Dr Bruce Ritchie](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Church of Scotland Minister and Tutor in Scottish Church History, Highland Theological College, University of the Highlands and Islands

**13 December 2022**

[Rev Neil Gardner](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, Canongate Kirk

**6 December 2022**

[Gareth Edwards](#) (Christian)

Perth Gospel Hall

**29 November 2022**

[Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell](#) (Church of Scotland)

Minister of Humbie linked with Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church

**22 November 2022**

[Mgr. John A. Hughes](#) (Roman Catholic)

Parish Priest, St. Joseph's, Helensburgh and former Rector of the Pontifical Scots College, Rome

**15 November 2022**

[Lucy McKee](#) (Non-Faith)

Membership Ambassador for ENABLE

**8 November 2022**

[Dr Maureen Sier](#) (Interfaith)

Director, Interfaith Scotland

**1 November 2022**

[Sophie Reid](#) (Non-Faith)

Member and Chair, Scottish Youth Parliament

**25 October 2022**

[Rev David J Nixon](#) (Christian)

Associate Pastor, Carrubers Christian Centre

**4 October 2022**

[Dr Mary Njoki](#) (Non-Faith)

Research Fellow, University of Stirling

**27 September 2022**

[Chris Jewell](#) (Christian)

Chief Executive Officer, Ascension Trust (Scotland)

**20 September 2022**

[The Rev Neil Gardner](#) (Church of Scotland)

Minister, Canongate Kirk

**6 September 2022**

[The Rev. Andrew Agnew](#) (Christian)

Pastor, The Livingroom Church

**28 June 2022**

[Theo Ogbhemhe](#) (Non-Faith)

Teacher of Religious Moral and Philosophical Studies at Kirkwall Grammar School

**21 June 2022**

[Angela Johnson](#) (Humanist)

Celebrant of the Humanist Society Scotland

**14 June 2022**

[Elaine Duncan](#) (Christian)

Chief Executive of Scottish Bible Society

**7 June 2022**

[John Loughton BEM](#) (Non-Faith)

CEO of Dare2Lead and Founder of Scrان Academy

**31 May 2022**

[Mike Pilavachi MBE](#) (Church of England)  
Senior Pastor, Soul Survivor, Watford Church

**24 May 2022**

[Lorraine McMahon](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Head of Community Outreach England, Scotland and Wales, Aid to the Church in Need

**17 May 2022**

[Rev Sarah Brown](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Saint Machar's Cathedral

**10 May 2022**

[Rev Alan Kimmitt](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at St Columba's Parish Church of Scotland, Glenrothes

**3 May 2022**

[Rev Canon Sarah Shaw](#) (Episcopal)  
Rector of Christ Church, Falkirk

**26 April 2022**

[Billy Kay](#) (Non-Faith)  
Writer and Broadcaster

**19 April 2022**

[The Rt Hon Lord Wallace of Tankerness QC](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

**29 March 2022**

[Rev Sheila Moir](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Dryburgh District Churches, Scottish Borders

**22 March 2022**

[Mr Antoni Pia](#) (Non-Faith)  
Youth Development Worker at Tulloch

**15 March 2022**

[Rev John Murdoch](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at St John's Kirk of Perth and St Leonard's in the Fields, Perth

**8 March 2022**

[Joanna Butterfield MBE](#) (Non-Faith)  
Parasport Athlete

**1 March 2022**

[Father Jim Duggan](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Parish Priest at St Charles Roman Catholic Church, Paisley

**22 February 2022**

[Pall Singh](#) (Non-Faith)  
Project Director of Building Bridges

**8 February 2022**

[Hazel Peters](#) (Non-Faith)  
College Student in Greenock

**1 February 2022**

[Rev Ronald Matandakufa](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Kirk of the Holy Rood, Grangemouth

**25 January 2022**

[Sarah Bateman and Andrei Martin](#) (Non-Faith)  
Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors

**18 January 2022**

[Josh Kennedy MSYP](#) (Non-Faith)  
Outgoing Chair of The Scottish Youth Parliament

**11 January 2022**

[Rev Mairi Perkins](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Ardoch linked with Blackford Parish Church, Perthshire

**21 December 2021**

[Rev David Burt](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Old Gourrock and Ashton Church

**14 December 2021**

[Canon Gerard Tartaglia](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Parish Priest at Our Holy Redeemer's and St Margaret's Church, Whitecrook,  
Clydebank

**7 December 2021**

[Lee Mclenan](#) (Mormon)  
President of the Aberdeen Scotland Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**30 November 2021**

[Sally Fraser](#) (Christian)  
Edinburgh City Centre Chaplain for Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland

**23 November 2021**

[Rev Raheel Arif](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Denny Old and Haggs Parishes, Falkirk

**16 November 2021**

[Rev Dr James Connolly](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Dundee West Parish Church of Scotland

**9 November 2021**

[Aparna Ramesh](#) (Interfaith)  
Interfaith Scotland Development Officer and Secretary of the Hindu Temple of Scotland, Rutherglen

**2 November 2021**

[Rev David Coleman](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Eco-Chaplain at Eco-Congregation Scotland

**26 October 2021**

[Rev Kipchumba Too](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Denny Westpark Church of Scotland

**5 October 2021**

[Ani Rinchen Khandro](#) (Buddhist)

Director of Kagyu Samye Dzong Edinburgh Meditation Centre and Honorary Buddhist Chaplain at the University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy Service

**28 September 2021**

[Rev Elsie Macrae](#) (Church of Scotland)

Minister of St Andrew's Parish Church (linked with Kirkpatrick Juxta and Wamphray Parish Churches), Moffat

**21 September 2021**

[Prof Sir Geoff Palmer](#) (Non-Faith)

Chancellor of Heriot-Watt University

**14 September 2021**

[Linda Britton](#) (Humanist)

Celebrant of the Humanist Society Scotland

**7 September 2021**

[Rev Hayley Cohen](#) (Church of Scotland)

Minister of Northesk Parish Church, Musselburgh

**31 August 2021**

[Morven Lyon](#) (Humanist)

Trustee of the Humanist Society Scotland

**22 June 2021**

[Rev Dr Jenny Wright](#) (Episcopal)

Convenor of the Church in Society Committee and Associate Priest of the Christ Church, Morningside

**15 June 2021**

[Rev Andy Philip](#) (Episcopal)

Chaplain of St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh

**8 June 2021**

[Rev Anna Rodwell](#) (Church of Scotland)

Minister of Kelso North and Ednam Parish Church, Scottish Borders

**1 June 2021**

[Rev Canon David Richards](#) (Episcopal)

Rector of St Paul's and St George's Church, Edinburgh

## Summary of contributors to Time for Reflection

Please note that there can be more than one contributor at Time for Reflection so the totals may not match.

Religion/Faith/Belief	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
Buddhist	1	0	0	1
Christian	1	5	0	6
Church of England	0	1	0	1
Church of Scotland	14	10	0	24
Episcopal	4	1	0	5
Humanist	2	1	0	3
Interfaith	1	1	0	2
Mormon	1	1	0	2
Non-Faith	8	9	1	18
Pentecostal	0	0	1	1
Religious Society of Friends	0	1	0	1
Roman Catholic	2	4	0	6
United Reform	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>71</b>

Gender	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
Female	15	15	0	30
Male	20	20	2	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>72</b>

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