

Friday 20 June

Clive Myrie and Prof Danny Dorling to appear at the 2025 Festival of Politics

The Scottish Parliament's Festival of Politics returns this August with a threeday programme of over 30 events, taking place in Holyrood, the home of Scottish politics between Wednesday 20 to Friday 22 August 2025.

BBC journalist Clive Myrie will appear as part of the line-up this year, in conversation with the Deputy Presiding Officer Liam McArthur MSP where he will discuss his incredible 30-year broadcasting career.

Professor Danny Dorling, renowned social geographer, will explore the impact of politics on the UK's housing, education, poverty and inequality levels, and will offer robust solutions on how to address these challenges of our age.

In addition, our Festival programme features leading experts from the worlds of politics, the arts, business, the media and the third sector. With events on topics tackling some of the big issues facing Scotland, the UK and the world such as the use of AI, peace in the Middle East, how we tackle misogyny and our use of technology.

The Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament the Rt Hon Alison Johnstone MSP said:

"This year's Festival promises lively debates, thought-provoking panels and inspiring voices tackling some of the most pressing social, political and environmental issues of our time."

In addition, there is a lively free programme of entertainment, exhibitions and even a robot in the Festival Café Bar.

Tickets can be booked now on our website: www.festivalofpolitics.scot

Most events will be available to view on our YouTube channel after the Festival has finished for those unable to attend in-person.

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