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Dear Colleagues

Please find enclosed information about a number of forthcoming STUC events.

In most cases, registration will be taken through your own union, so contact your branch secretary or trade union office for more details of support offered for members to attend.

As part of the STUC Women's Committee education and training programme, we are running a special session on 'Women and the Economy' on Saturday 21st May. Details are enclosed. There is no limit on attendance for this, so do please encourage colleagues and friends to register to come along.

The STUC Women's Committee is working on the priorities set by our 2010 Conference, and the policies adopted at the recent STUC Congress. If you would like to know more on any specific areas of work, please do contact me at the STUC. We are developing an STUC Women's Committee page on the STUC website, so more information will also be available at [www.stuc.org.uk/women](http://www.stuc.org.uk/women)

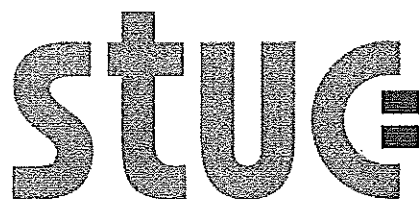
Best wishes

Yours sincerely



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Assistant Secretary and Secretary  
to the STUC Women's Committee





Women's Committee

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
at the STUC, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow G3 6NG

Registration and coffee from 09.30 am  
Sandwich lunch also included.

Women and the Economy

Presentation and discussion with Professor Ailsa Mackay, Glasgow Caledonian  
University

Ailsa Mackay spoke at the STUC 2010 Women's Conference, and we are delighted to  
have an opportunity to discuss her contribution in more detail. This is an  
introduction to feminist economics, so do come along - ask questions, join in, and  
learn.

All welcome.

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Women and the Economy – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May

I/we would like to attend

Name

Union

Address/telephone/email contact details

Any special dietary or other requirements

I enclose the Registration Fee – £20. Cheque payable to 'STUC'.

A reduced rate will be possible for low incomes, please contact Secretary to STUC  
Women's Committee, Ann Henderson direct ([ahenderson@stuc.org.uk](mailto:ahenderson@stuc.org.uk)) or tel. 0141  
337 8100 or mobile 07875 208 167.

Return this form and cheque to Helen Carson, STUC, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow  
G3 6NG.



# Tell us your views!!

The Scottish Women's Convention Roadshows

Issues Affecting Women Across Scotland

Do you live in any of these areas?

We need YOUR voice!

Ayr	May 12th
Mull + Oban Roadshows	Mull, June 7 <sup>th</sup> - Oban June 8th
Perth + Pitlochry Roadshows	June / July
Wick/Thurso Roadshow	August
Fife Roadshow	Sept / Oct
Arran Roadshow	Sept / Oct

For more information visit:

[www.scottishwomensconvention.org](http://www.scottishwomensconvention.org)

or Email:

[Deborah.Ruddy@scottishwomensconvention.org](mailto:Deborah.Ruddy@scottishwomensconvention.org)

CONFERENCE OF TRADES UNIONS  
AND TRADES UNION COUNCILS  
IN THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

TOWN HOUSE, INVERNESS

SATURDAY, 11 JUNE, 2011  
FROM 10.00 AM TO APPROXIMATELY 4.15 PM.

This year the Conference will focus on the STUC's *There is a Better Way* campaign and how it relates to the current economic situation in the Highlands and Islands. It is anticipated that the conference will be addressed by a Minister from the new Scottish Government as well as a number of other prominent speakers chosen to enhance the debate around the conference theme. A number of workshops, including a workshop run by the STUC Women's Committee, and a question and answer panel session with MSPs will also take place.

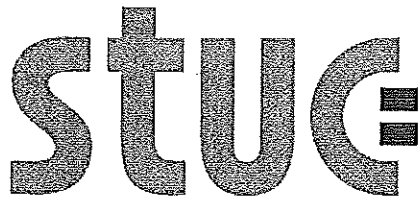
The delegate fee to attend is £32.00 + vat and will include a buffet lunch.

If you are interested in attending this conference please apply through your union to register.

An application form can be obtained by contacting Julie McIntosh on 0141 337 8100 or email Julie at [jmcintosh@stuc.org.uk](mailto:jmcintosh@stuc.org.uk). Forms should be returned no later than **Friday, 20 May 2011**.

Please note the Scottish Union Learning, Highlands and Islands Conference will take place on Friday, 10 June 2011 at the Eden Court Theatre, Inverness. The theme for this year's Conference will be 'Union Learning, Shaping a Better Way' which will link trade union learning to the STUC's 'There is a Better Way' campaign.

For further information on this conference please contact Pam Urquhart on [purquhart@stuc.org.uk](mailto:purquhart@stuc.org.uk) or 01463 248 905.



Women's Committee

## **STUC - supporting Palestinian women**

Following on from a visit to the STUC in March 2010 by Hind el Arabi, UN Programmes Director for women in Gaza, the STUC Women's Committee has developed a link with women working in Gaza and in Bethlehem. This has been possible through Hadeel, an Edinburgh based craft shop, working with social enterprises in Gaza, West Bank and Bethlehem.

You are now able to buy coin purses and greetings cards, unique to the STUC, designed in consultation with the STUC Women's Committee. The goods have been made by Atfaluna in Gaza, and by the Bethlehem Arab Women's Union.

These goods have been on sale at the STUC Congress recently, and will be available at all STUC Women's Committee events. Alternatively you may take goods to sell at your own trade union events.

**Atfaluna** was founded in Gaza in 1992, providing an invaluable service for the hearing-impaired. It hosts a modern school, audiology, pathology and parenting services. Still recovering from severe damage to the school building during the Israeli assault in 2009, the Atfaluna income generation programme allows support and services to continue.

**The Bethlehem Arab Women's Union** was founded in 1947, providing work for 120 women, promoting Palestinian arts and crafts. The embroidery project has lost income as travel and the tourist market is severely restricted.

By purchasing these goods we can contribute directly to the communities, supporting women remaining in employment and providing vital local income.

Support the STUC Women's Committee, working with Palestinian women. For more information, contact Helen Carson or Ann Henderson ([hcarson@stuc.org.uk](mailto:hcarson@stuc.org.uk) or [ahenderson@stuc.org.uk](mailto:ahenderson@stuc.org.uk)) or telephone 0141 337 8100, or visit the websites: [www.hadeel.org](http://www.hadeel.org) or <http://www.stuc.org.uk/women>

## STUC – LIST OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2011

Scottish Union Learning, Highlands and Islands Conference - Friday 10 June 2011 at the Eden Court Theatre, Inverness. For further info contact Pam Urquhart ([purquhart@sdtuc.org.uk](mailto:purquhart@sdtuc.org.uk)) or telephone 01463 248 905.

STUC Conference of Trades Unions and Trades Union Councils in the Highlands & Islands - Saturday 11 June 2011, Town House, Inverness – VISITORS WELCOME. For further info contact Julie McIntosh at the STUC – email [jmcintosh@stuc.org.uk](mailto:jmcintosh@stuc.org.uk) Further details enclosed.

STUC Youth Conference – Saturday/Sunday 25/26 June 2011, STUC Centre, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow G3 6NG – VISITORS WELCOME. For further info contact Pauline Walker at the STUC – email [pwalker@stuc.org.uk](mailto:pwalker@stuc.org.uk)

STUC Women's Committee Weekend School, 17/18 September 2011, Novotel, Pitt Street, Glasgow – topic "Conference Skills" for further info contact Helen Carson at the STUC – email [hcarson@stuc.org.uk](mailto:hcarson@stuc.org.uk) Details enclosed, together with appropriate forms.

STUC Black Workers' Conference – Saturday/Sunday, 1-2 October 2011, STUC Centre, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow G3 6NG – for further info contact Sandra Walker at the STUC - email [swalker@stuc.org.uk](mailto:swalker@stuc.org.uk) - VISITORS WELCOME

Scottish Union Learning Annual Conference – Wednesday 9 November 2011 venue to be confirmed – for further info contact Ann Garscadden at Scottish Union Learning – email [agarscadden@stuc.org.uk](mailto:agarscadden@stuc.org.uk)

STUC Annual Women's Conference – Monday/Tuesday, 14/15 November 2011, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall - for further info contact Helen Carson at the STUC – email [hcarson@stuc.org.uk](mailto:hcarson@stuc.org.uk) – VISITORS WELCOME

STUC Annual Disabled Workers' Conference – Saturday/Sunday 19/20 November 2011, Apex Hotel, Dundee - for further info contact Shona Roberts at the STUC – email [sroberts@stuc.org.uk](mailto:sroberts@stuc.org.uk) – VISITORS WELCOME

St Andrew's Day March and Rally, Saturday, 26 November 2011, Glasgow – for further info contact Sandra Walker or Helen Carson at the STUC - email [swalker@stuc.org.uk](mailto:swalker@stuc.org.uk) or [hcarson@stuc.org.uk](mailto:hcarson@stuc.org.uk)