This workshop will explore progressive alternatives for the use of established and newly devolved powers for Scottish policymakers in the workplace, employment and social security policies. It will evaluate the distinctiveness of the ‘Scottish Approach’, identify elements of both diversion and continuity with the UK’s liberal welfare state model, and propose policy priorities for a more equal and inclusive Scotland. Three keynote sessions will explore radically progressive, yet pragmatic future visions for policy and governance. Each keynote session will bring together two leading academics with a leader from Scotland’s civil society. Each session will offer evidence-based lessons for policy on ‘what should be done’ to promote a more equal and inclusive Scotland.

Programme

0915-0950  Coffee and registration

0950-1000  Introduction to the workshop
Dr Vanesa Fuertes, University of the West of Scotland

1000-1130  Progressive futures on social security
Professor Adrian Sinfield, University of Edinburgh
Dr Ruth Patrick, University of Liverpool
Discussant: Peter Kelly, Director, The Poverty Alliance

1130-1145  Coffee break

1145-1315  Progressive futures for employment support
Dr Sharon Wright, University of Glasgow
Professor Christina Beatty, Sheffield Hallam University
Discussant: Jamie Rutherford, Head of Employability, ENABLE Scotland

1315-1400  Lunch

1400-1530  Progressive futures for fair work
Professor Patricia Findlay, University of Strathclyde
Professor Anne Green, University of Birmingham
Discussant: Grahame Smith, General Secretary, Scottish TUC

1530-1600  Getting it done – co-producing progressive futures
Discussion led by Dr Vanesa Fuertes, University of the West of Scotland and Dr Colin Lindsay, University of Strathclyde