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The Scottish Security Dialogue.

A cross-party forum bringing politicians together with defence, security, industry, academic and diplomatic expertise. A new Scottish security debate, fit for the modern world.

REGENT PARK STRATEGIES

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL ON GLOBAL AFFAIRS

I. — *Scotland sits in a contested neighbourhood.*

The North Atlantic is no longer a quiet corner of Europe. Our airspace is probed. Our seabed cables and energy infrastructure sit on the front line of grey-zone competition. Much of Scotland's workforce, industry and geography is central to European security, and the pressures of a volatile world are increasingly questions for Holyrood to answer, with real consequences for Scottish communities, jobs and public life.

Yet at the political level, a serious conversation has been absent for too long.

II. *A forum fit for serious times.*

Many of today's security challenges have increasing overlap and interplay with devolved policy. The Scottish Security Dialogue brings MSPs into the room with defence and security leaders, academics, diplomats and practitioners to grapple with the questions Holyrood can no longer afford to look past. Defence skills, R&D, cyber, resilience, energy, economic security: each of them is a domestic challenge as much as a geopolitical one, and the Scottish Security Dialogue is the opportunity to shape how we respond.

It is cross-party by design and expert-led in content.

DIALOGUE DIRECTOR

Stewart McDonald

Founding Director of Regent Park Strategies, Stewart is a former SNP MP and Defence Spokesman, and a recipient of Ukraine's Presidential Order of Merit. He now advises clients across defence, security, energy and technology, and is a regular commentator in print and broadcast media. The Dialogue grows out of work he has long argued Scotland needs to take seriously.

THE PEOPLE BEHIND IT



CHAIR

Bernard Ponsonby

Veteran broadcaster and political journalist Bernard Ponsonby will convene the Dialogue sessions. For more than thirty years a fixture of Scottish political journalism, he is known for interviews that probe rather than posture. He will chair the Dialogue in that same spirit: rigorous, cross-party and squarely focused on the issues.

THE PEOPLE BEHIND IT



DIALOGUE DIRECTOR

Stuart Nicolson

A public affairs and strategic communications professional, Stuart is a former spokesman to two First Ministers and a former Head of Communications in the Scottish Government. Few know the machinery of Scottish politics as intimately, or the rhythms of Holyrood as well. He brings that insider's understanding to the shaping of the Dialogue.

THE PEOPLE BEHIND IT

III. *The Scottish Council on Global Affairs.*

ACADEMIC PARTNER

The Scottish Council on Global Affairs is Scotland's first institute of international relations, a non-partisan hub for research and debate on foreign and security policy founded by the Universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow and St Andrews.



IV. *Some of the issues on the table.*

- i.* Scotland's defence industrial base: procurement, supply chains and skilled jobs.

- ii.* Critical national infrastructure, the seabed economy and energy security.

- iii.* The Arctic and High North: Scotland's strategic geography.

- iv.* Cyber, disinformation and the grey zone below the threshold of war.

- v.* Resilience at home: energy security, food, supply and civil preparedness.

- vi.* Defence, climate and the dual transition.

V. *What partners gain.*

i.

CONVENING

Private roundtables with MSPs, senior officials, and former military, diplomatic and industry figures.

iii.

PLATFORM

The opportunity to shape how Scotland's politicians think about, and respond to, the security challenges of our time.

v.

ASSOCIATION

Alignment with a new cross-party forum setting out to raise the level of Scotland's security conversation in step with the moment.

ii.

INTELLIGENCE

Regular briefings on the political, security and geopolitical landscape, and what it means for Scotland.

iv.

PARTICIPATION

A year-round role in the Dialogue, shaping its agenda alongside the community of partners who sustain it.

vi.

RECOGNITION

Visibility in the Dialogue's published output, events and communications, reaching decision-makers across Scottish politics, industry and policy.

V.

PARTNER SPONSOR TIERS



ANCHOR PARTNER

A senior seat at every working dinner, a voice in shaping the programme, and a year-round package of bespoke briefings, bespoke polling and written analysis tailored to the partner's sector.



DIALOGUE PARTNER

A representative at three Dialogue dinners a year, structured briefings with the chair and programme directors on the political environment, and post-event papers from every session.



ASSOCIATE PARTNER

An invitation to one Dialogue dinner per year, with post-event papers from every session and the bi-monthly analytical bulletin.

VI. *Why now.*

— Holyrood does not make foreign or defence policy, but it cannot escape the consequences of either. Whether it's Russia's invasion of Ukraine, war in the Middle East, the pandemic or global economic turmoil, events far beyond Scotland's shores regularly impact the responsibilities of the Scottish Parliament. Skills, infrastructure, energy, cyber, economic resilience: each is a domestic policy question and a security question at the same time. MSPs have a real role in shaping Scotland's response, and the Dialogue is where that work takes shape.

— PARTNERSHIP ENQUIRIES

*Join the
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that matters.*

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