

Social Security Scotland Meeting Room Names

220 High Street, Glasgow

Room Number	Name	Bio
G.7	Colin McInnes & Fraser Riddell	Colin McInnes (1992–) co-founded the Scottish Charity, the Homeless Project Scotland in 2019 with Fraser Riddell (1995–). The charity provide on average 546,000 meals to homeless and vulnerable people every year across Scotland. They distribute food, water, essential toiletries and warm clothing to people in need. They serve over 10,500 hot meals and distribute over 1,000 hygiene packs each week to people across Scotland and have launched the first Scottish national homeless helpline.
G.9	The Glasgow Girls	In 2005, seven young women who were pupils at Drumchapel High School in Glasgow formed a group to campaign for the release of their friend and her family who had been detained due to immigration enforcement. The group campaigned for their release and became known as the Glasgow Girls. They campaigned to raise awareness of the treatment of asylum seekers whose rights of appeal had been exhausted. Their story has been featured in two BBC documentaries and a stage musical.

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G.10	Beatrice Clugston	<p>Beatrice Clugston (1827–1888) devoted her life to philanthropic work and is best known for her charity work.</p> <p>She founded the Dorcas Society of Glasgow Royal Infirmary that supported impoverished patients. She raised funds to establish some of the first Glasgow Convalescence Homes and raised funds for a number of charitable causes in Glasgow including; the Magdalene Institution in Maryhill, the Samaritan Society of the Western Infirmary and the Sick Children's Hospital.</p>
G.11	Maria Fyfe	<p>Maria Fyfe (1938–2020) was a Scottish politician and educator who served as the Member of Parliament for Glasgow Maryhill from 1987 to 2001.</p> <p>She campaigned for 50-50 representation of women in the Scottish Parliament. Maria also established a campaign to create and place a statue of Glasgow councillor and rent strike campaigner, Mary Barbour at Govan Cross in Glasgow.</p>
1.1	Bob Holman	<p>Bob Holman (1936–2016) was an academic, author and anti-poverty campaigner.</p> <p>Bob and his family moved to Easterhouse in the late 80s where he tried to improve the lives of disabled people, and others affected by inequality and poor housing. He co-founded Family Action in Rogerfield and the Easterhouse Project in Glasgow in 1989.</p>
1.7	Kenneth Cairns	<p>Kenneth Cairns MBE (1957–) is a British swimmer born in Paisley who won five gold medals across five Paralympic Games, along with several world titles.</p> <p>He broke several records in swimming events and was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 2001 for services to disability swimming.</p>

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1.8	James “Midge” Ure	<p>James “Midge” Ure OBE (1953–) is a musician, singer-songwriter and producer from Cambuslang.</p> <p>He co-wrote the Band Aid hit, “Do They Know It’s Christmas?” with Bob Geldof. The pair also organised Live 8 concerts in 2005. The aim of these concerts was to encourage action to end world poverty. In 2005, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to music and charity.</p>
2.1	Janet Elizabeth Macgregor	<p>Janet Elizabeth Macgregor (1920–2005) – also known as Betty – was a physician and scientist from Glasgow who led the first successful screening trial programme for cervical cancer in the United Kingdom. She studied medicine at Glasgow University during the Second World War, qualifying in 1943. Her work contributed to a significant decrease in deaths from cervical cancer and contributed to the development of a vaccine. She died on the day a vaccine was announced to protect against cervical cancer.</p>
2.2	Nora Wattie	<p>Nora Wattie OBE (1900–1994) was a pioneer of social medicine, setting up Glasgow’s internationally renowned antenatal care service before the establishment of the NHS.</p> <p>She is known for improving maternity and child health in Glasgow slums. After her retirement, she offered health education to future parents at schools and colleges. In 1964, she was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to public health.</p>

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2.5	Agnes Johnston Dollan	<p>Agnes Johnston Dollan MBE, also known as Agnes Lady Dollan (1887–1966), was a Scottish Suffragette and political activist. She was born in Springburn and was a leading campaigner during the Glasgow Rent Strikes and a founding organiser of the Women’s Peace Crusade.</p> <p>In 1919, she was the first woman selected by the Labour party to stand for election to Glasgow Town Council, and later became Lady Provost of Glasgow.</p> <p>She was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 1946 for her work as centre organiser in Glasgow for the Women’s Voluntary Services.</p>
2.6	Catherine Shapter	<p>Catherine Shapter (1920–2011) was one of the founding members of charity Enable Scotland.</p> <p>She grew up in Glasgow’s east end and was a parent of a disabled child – her son Johnny inspired her to campaign on behalf of parents and disabled children. Enable Scotland directly supports people to be local activists and they provide specialist information, advice and advocacy and help people access support in communities across Scotland.</p>
2.8	Marjorie Milne Farquharson	<p>Marjorie Milne Farquharson (1953—2016) was a political scientist and human rights campaigner born in Glasgow.</p> <p>For more than 25 years, she worked on human rights issues including at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and the United Nations in Geneva where she monitored human rights violations in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.</p>

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2.10	Selina Hales	Selina Hales (1983–) set up and runs Refuweegee, a community-led charity that aims to ensure that all refugees arriving in Glasgow are welcomed to the city. The charity provides practical help in the form of welcome packs, which include ‘letters fae the locals’, and has rapidly grown to now include food, clothing and furniture banks thanks to community support.
2.11	Dame Elish Frances Angiolini	Dame Elish Frances Angiolini DBE PC QC FRSA FRSE (1960–) is a Scottish lawyer. She was the Lord Advocate of Scotland from 2006 until 2011, having previously been Solicitor General since 2001. She was the first woman, the first Procurator Fiscal, and the first solicitor to hold either post. On leaving the post of Lord Advocate she was unveiled as the first patron of LawWorks Scotland, a charity which helps people who cannot afford legal advice.
3.1	Isabella Elder	Isabella Elder (1827–1905) was born in Glasgow. She was a philanthropist and great supporter of women’s education who dedicated most of her life to helping make life better for people in Govan and around the city. Her generosity helped build Elder Cottage Hospital, create Elder Park and build and stock Elder Free Library in Govan. In 1883, she provided a rent-free property to house Queen Margaret College which was the first college in Scotland to offer higher education to women. She also provided the financial support needed for the college to offer courses in medicine to women.

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3.2	Gerry Hughes	Gerry Hughes (1981–) was born in Glasgow. In 2005 he became the first profoundly deaf man to sail single-handedly across the Atlantic Ocean. He completed the voyage in 35 hours. Then in 2013 he became the first deaf yachtsman to sail single-handedly around the world, passing all five Southern Great Capes. Gerry is known internationally as a deaf role model, not only for his sailing achievements but for his work in education and sign language.
3.5	Isabel Newstead	Isabel Newstead (1955–2007) was born in Glasgow and swam competitively for Scotland as a young girl. She competed at seven consecutive Paralympic Games from 1980 to 2004. She won ten gold, four silver and four bronze medals in three different sports across the games. Isabel was a trailblazer for women and athletes with severe disabilities. She was the first high-performance disabled athlete to be inducted into the Scottish Hall of Fame in 2008.
3.7	Edwin Morgan	Edwin Morgan (1920–2021), born in Glasgow, was a Scottish poet and translator. In 1999, he was named the first Glasgow Poet Laureate and became Scotland's first national poet (Makar) in 2004. He led a remarkable and wide-ranging creative life. He first spoke about being gay in "Nothing Not Giving Messages: Reflections on his Work and Life (1990)". He wrote many famous love poems with no specific gender – partly due to legal issues at the time and also to make the experience of love universal.

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3.8	Maud Sulter	Maud Sulter (1960—2008) was born in Glasgow. She was a Scottish contemporary fine artist, photographer, writer, educator, feminist, cultural historian and curator of Ghanaian heritage. In 1990 she was awarded the British Telecom New Contemporaries Award and the Momart Fellowship at the Tate Gallery Liverpool for her photography. Through collaborations with Black women artists, writers and photographers across the world, Sulter successfully brought awareness to the histories and continued presence of Black women in the arts.
3.10	John Logie Baird	John Logie Baird (1888—1946), born in Helensburgh was a Scottish inventor, electrical engineer, and innovator who demonstrated the world's first live working television system on 26 January, 1926. Baird's early technological successes and his role in the practical introduction of broadcast television for home entertainment have earned him a prominent place in television history. His other work included developments in fibre-optics, radio direction finding, infrared night viewing and radar.
3.11	Jessie Campbell	Jessie Campbell (1827—1907) was a champion for the cause of equality and higher education for women. In 1868, she instigated a scheme to provide academic tuition for women, taught by University of Glasgow professors. She was the Vice-President for the Glasgow Association for the Higher Education of Women. In 1901, she was recognised for her work with an honorary LLD (Degree of Doctor of Laws) from Glasgow University.

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4.1	Safina Mazhar	Safina Mazhar (1980–) is one of our colleagues, and a published author. She works in the community in Glasgow to promote diversity in children's novels. She has supported local school children to write their own stories that feature characters that look like them, sound like them and have names like theirs. The short stories focus on black and minority ethnic characters that the children can identify with.
4.2	Emma Ritch	Emma Ritch (1976–2021) was a devoted campaigner and feminist who was a committed advocate for women's rights and a champion for justice and equality. She was the Executive Director for Engender Scotland and chairwoman of the board of trustees for Rape Crisis Scotland, an organisation working to end sexual violence towards women.
4.5	Remzije Sherifi	Remzije Sherifi, known as Rema (1955–), is a former refugee. She joined the Maryhill Integration Network as a volunteer before becoming its first paid employee in 2004. She dedicated nearly 20 years of service to the network. She was committed to the development of the network's shared space as a unique and welcoming source of creativity, hope and opportunity. Rema has received wide recognition for her work through various awards and accolades.

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4.6	William Mann	William Mann CBE (1934—2019) was a Glasgow businessman and philanthropist who devoted most of his life to charitable causes. He played a key role in saving Glasgow's Western Baths and proudly supported the arts and sports sector. In 1998, with his wife, Aileen, he established the W.M Mann foundation supporting small charitable organisations in Scotland. In 2017, he was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for services to sport, charity and the arts.
5.0	Claire Cunningham	Claire Cunningham (1977–) is a choreographer and performer based in Glasgow. She is one of the UK's most acclaimed and internationally renowned disabled artists. Her work is rooted in her relationship with her crutches, her own specific way of moving and her lived experience of disability.
5.1	Colin Bell	Colin Bell (1980–2018) a Social Security Scotland colleague who was the embodiment of our values – always kind, supportive and encouraging. As part of our Communications team, he was always quick to identify and celebrate success of colleagues. He is a much missed colleague who made a significant contribution in a short time and was well known and loved across the organisation.

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5.6	Douglas Stuart	Douglas Stuart (1976–) was born in Glasgow. His debut novel, “Shuggie Bain”, inspired by his own struggles growing up in Glasgow, won the 2020 Booker Prize and was a finalist for the National Book Award. It won both the Debut of the Year, and the overall Book of the Year at the British Book Awards. In April 2022, he published his second novel, “Young Mungo”, a story also based in Glasgow.
5.7	Margaret Macdonald	Margaret Macdonald (1864–1933) was, alongside her husband Charles Rennie Mackintosh, one of the key figures in the emergence of the ‘Glasgow Style’ in the 1890s. A gifted and successful female artist, she played an important role in the development of the decorative, symbolic interiors that are now recognised as part of the iconic Mackintosh brand.
5.8	Tommy Whitelaw	Tommy Whitelaw (1962–) shares his lived experience about caring for his mother Joan and uses this to help improve lives of others. He has travelled throughout the country to share his message about why being kind when delivering services to people can make a positive difference. Tommy has worked closely with us to deliver sessions to our colleagues on adopting “Intelligent Kindness”.

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5.9	Kay McMillan	Kay McMillan MBE (1920–2018) grew up in Glasgow. She co-founded the Glasgow Samaritans branch with her husband, Donald, in 1960 and served the charity for more than 50 years. In 1983, Kay and Donald started up and ran a fundraising group, Friends of the Samaritans to help bring in much needed funds to the branch. Kay received many accolades for her dedication to the Samaritans including being appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 1981 for her services for charity.
5.11	Natasha Earle	Natasha Earle (1985–) set up Birth, Baby and Beyond in 2012 when, as a mum herself, she noticed there was a social need not being met. The Glasgow-based charity offers families in need free newborn essential bundles, baby food packs and weekly parenting workshops. The newborn essential bundles contain a pram, cot, bedding, clothing and other essential items. The baby food packs contain formula, baby food, toiletries and nappies, all of which are given to those in need of financial support.
5.12	Charandeep Singh	Charandeep Singh (1989–) is the founder of The Sikh Food Bank. The charity delivered 150,000 meals to families in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Charandeep is Deputy Chief Executive of Scottish Chambers of Commerce. He received a British Empire Medal in the Queen's New Year's Honours List 2021 and was awarded the inaugural Pride of Scotland Award for Services to Charity.