



The David Hume Institute

"A wise man proportions his belief to the evidence."



A distinctive contribution

Independent

Few independent, non-partisan organisations produce evidence-based research focused on the future of Scotland. We have a well-established reputation for impartiality, developed over more than 30 years.

We take the perspective of the Scottish public rather than that of any interest group.

Evidence-based

We produce research of academic quality, in a policy-relevant and user-friendly format, focusing on the economy and education. There are large gaps in the Scottish policy debate, and we aim to fill them with future-oriented, evidence-based work that combines local and international insights.

Influential

We take an active approach to influencing policy debate by engaging with both decision makers and the public. We promote debate through media coverage of our work and events that are open to all.

Our aim is to...

- grow our significant track record of **high-quality research** that decisively changes the conversation, resulting in evidence-based reform to economic and education policy and richer public and political debate;
- be a voice of authority with **frequent media coverage** and participation in major business and policy forums;
- **widen our reach** with events held across the country attracting larger and more diverse audiences.

Events

We host events that are open to all.

Our events bring together expert speakers and an informed audience. Speakers come from across the political spectrum, both nationally and internationally.



Recent speakers include: Orwell Prize winner Darren McGarvey; Chair of President Obama's Council of Economic Advisers Christina Romer; and Lord Kerr on Brexit.



The annual First Minister's Summer Reading List is intended as a fresh way to stimulate debate about the state of the nation and the world, providing food for thought for politicians and the public alike.

Research

We produce original research on some of the country's most pressing challenges.



Wealth of the Nation puts Scotland's productivity into an international context. By drawing on evidence-based stories of what has worked elsewhere, the report made recommendations for government, policy makers, business and trade unions.

Scotland's productivity has stalled for the past 15 years, says report

Analysis by David Hume Institute says 'no progress' towards 2017 target to get into top 25 per cent of OECD nations

Scottish economy 'stagnated' for 15 years says report

Nation lags behind European rivals

Scotland told productivity has to rise

Hume Institute calls for national endeavour

Economy stalling as ministers are urged to get a grip on productivity

The research drew significant media attention, with extensive coverage from the BBC (broadcast and website), The Times, The Scotsman, Metro, The Dundee Courier, The Herald, Daily Record, i, Scottish Daily Mail, The National and The Sunday Times.

How you can support us

To safeguard our independence, we take no government funding and do not undertake commissioned work. The Institute is an independent registered charity, wholly funded by philanthropic contributions. Our work would not be possible without the support of generous institutions and individuals who share our commitment to contributing to a better future.



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