



Scottish Parliament Health and Sport Committee

Mind the 28 year gap: health inequalities in Scotland

Stakeholder event – Monday 18 February 2013

Contributor biographies

Keynote speakers

- **Kate Pickett** is Professor of Epidemiological Sciences in the Department of Health Sciences, University of York and co-author of *The Spirit Level: why more equal societies almost always do better*.
- **Clare Bambra** is Acting Director of the Wolfson Research Institute, Durham University's interdisciplinary research institute on health and wellbeing. She is a geographer and her research focus is on health inequalities and the social determinants of health.

Breakout group facilitators

- **Anne Ludbrook** is Professor of Health Economics and Theme Leader for Health Behaviours and Inequalities Health Economics Research Unit at the University of Aberdeen. Her current research interests include the use of economics in health improvement, with a particular interest in alcohol, obesity and smoking.
- **Della Thomas** is Health Improvement Programme Manager (Local Government), Strategy and Engagement, NHS Health Scotland.
- **Fiona Garven** is Director of the Scottish Community Development Centre. Her areas of expertise and interest include community engagement, building community capacity and community-led approaches to health.
- **Janet Muir** is manager of Community Health Exchange (CHEX). She has broad experience of community development, and direct experience of implementation of health and social care policy in Scotland, especially community-led health interventions.
- **Kat Smith** is a Lecturer in the Global Public Health Unit School in the Social and Political Science Faculty at the University of Edinburgh. Key research interests include knowledge exchange, particularly between research and policy, the influence of corporations on public health and policies affecting public health and policy responses to health inequalities