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***Why does greater income
equality matter ... and how do we
achieve it?***

***A conference jointly organised
by Scottish churches and
Scottish trade unions***

**6th November 2009
Easter Road Conference Centre
Edinburgh**

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Tackling income inequality in Scotland

Programme

9:00am - 9:30am	Registration and refreshments
9:30am - 9:45am	Welcome
9:45am - 10:45am	Keynote address Richard Wilkinson, Emeritus Professor of Social Epidemiology, Nottingham University and author of Spirit Level "Why more equal societies almost always do better"
10:45am - 11:05am	Citizens' basic income: - a radical idea? Ailsa McKay, Head of Division and Reader in Gender and Economics, Caledonian Business School
11:05am - 11:25am	Government perspective on tackling income inequality Ann McKechnie MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Scotland Office
11:25am	Coffee
11:45am - 12:45pm	Response and perspectives from trade unions and churches Grahame Smith, General Secretary, STUC Alison Elliot, Convener of Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations and former Church of Scotland Moderator
12:45pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Workshops <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A Living Wage for Scotland Deborah Littman, UNISON2. Alternative models of finance and organisation Richard McCready, Policy and Information Officer, Co-operation and Mutuality Scotland3. Inequality and Power Niall Cooper, Church Action on Poverty4. Climate change and poverty Judith Robertson, Director, Oxfam Scotland
2:45pm	Comfort break
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Plenary session. Reports from workshops and panel discussion.
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