

Order of Business as of 12/04/24  
May be subject to change



## Scottish Trades Union Congress

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Caird Hall, Dundee

### DRAFT REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

Congress opens at 10.30am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

#### 1. SESSIONS OF CONGRESS

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| Monday    | Assemble at 10.30am / Adjourn at 12.30pm<br>Reassemble at 2.00pm / Adjourn at 5.30pm           |
| Tuesday   | Assemble at 9.00am / Adjourn at 12.30pm<br>Reassemble at 2.00pm / Adjourn at 5.30pm            |
| Wednesday | Assemble at 9.00am / Adjourn at 12.30pm<br>Reassemble at 2.00pm / Adjourn no later than 4.30pm |

#### 2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The STUC and STUC Training Limited Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report will be given on the Wednesday morning.

### **3. COMPOSITE MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS:**

The Chairperson of Standing Orders Committee will report to Congress on Monday morning on the composite motions and amendments that have been agreed upon in advance of the opening of Congress.

### **4. EMERGENCY MOTIONS:**

Emergency motions for consideration of Congress shall be submitted not later than 3pm on Monday 15 April.

### **5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:**

Standing Orders shall be suspended at appropriate times to allow for Special Addresses and Presentations to be made throughout the period of Congress.

**Monday 15 April**

**10.30am -11.10am**

**Welcome**

- **Civic Welcome:**  
Councillor Bill Campbell, Lord Provost, Dundee City Council
- **Trades Welcome:**  
Stuart Fairweather, Chair, Dundee Trades Union Council
- **Address to Congress:**  
Mike Arnott, STUC President
- **Vote of Thanks:**  
Pauline Rourke, CWU
- **SOC Report:**  
Willie Docherty, Chair, SOC
- **Endorsement of Congress Tellers**
- **Obituary**

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**11.10am - 12.30pm**

**Section 5 – Public Services**

Composite H - Social Care (Covering Motions 37 and 39)  
Motion 38 – Building a World Class Care Service

**Group Debate: National Health Service**

Motion 40 - Midwifery workforce  
Motion 41 - Pharmacists Access to Patients Records  
Motion 43 - NHS Waiting List Implications  
Motion 44 - Unpaid Overtime and its Impact on NHS Staff  
Motion 42 - Protecting the Public from the consequences of  
Role Substitution in Healthcare  
Motion 45 - Controlling the Cost of Prescriptions

Amended Motion 46 - Organising and the Fight Against  
Privatisation in NHS Scotland

Motion 47 - Changes to PPE Cannot Wait for the Conclusion  
of the Covid Inquiry

**12.30pm - 2.00pm      Lunch**

**2.00pm – 2.30pm**

Composite A - Raising Taxes to deliver for Scotland (Covering  
Amended Motion 1 & Motions 4 & 5)

Composite I - Housing (Covering Amended Motion 51, Motion  
52, Amended Motion 53 & Motion 54)

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**2.30pm – 2.45pm**

**Address to Congress: Anas Sarwar, Leader of the Scottish Labour Party**

**2.45pm – 4.15pm**

**Section 5: Public Services (cont'd)**

Motion 55 - Funding to Address RAAC Panelling in Scotland's Public Buildings

Composite J - Childcare (Covering Amended Motion 58 and Motion 59)

Motion 56 - Support the Firefighters Manifesto

Motion 48 - The Universal Service Postal Strike

Amended Motion 49 - Securing Fair and Equal Pay in Public Services

Motion 50 - Council Cuts

Motion 57 - Contingent Workers in the Public Sector

Motion 60 - 68 is too late

Composite K - The Arts, Creative Industries, and access to Culture (Covering motions 61, 62, 63 & 65)

Motion 64 - A Music Export Office for Scotland

Motion 66 - Volunteering - Creative Industries

**4.15pm – 4.20pm**

**Congress Video – Fair Care for Scotland**

**4.20pm – 5.00pm**

**Section 3: Transport**

Composite F – A better Railway for Scotland (Covering Motions 26 & 27)

Motion 25 and Amendment - Municipal Bus Ownership

Amended Motion 28 - Protecting Public Sector Ferry Services  
Motion 29 - Future Maritime Skills

**5.00pm – 5.30pm**

**Section 7: Organising**

Motion 85 - Organising for the future

Motion 86 - Organising

Motion 89 - Improving Representation of Black Workers

Motion 88 - Trade Unions Must Practice What They Preach  
on Equalities

Motion 87 - Scotland Demands Better

**5.30pm – Close**

**Leaving the Hall there will be a bucket collection for Fans Supporting Foodbanks**

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**9.00am – 9.45 am**

**Section 4: Education, Skills & Lifelong Learning**

Composite G - Work Related Violence (Covering Amended Motions 30 & 31)

Amended Motion 32 – Poverty in Education

- Motion 33 - Education Funding
- Motion 34 - Modern Languages Provision in Higher Education
- Motion 35 - Value Music Education
- Motion 36 - Clean Air

**9.45am – 11.00am**

**Section 8: Equality & Social Justice**

Motion 90 - Sheku Bayoh Inquiry

Amended Motion 91 & Amendment - Opposing Racism and the Racist Offensive

Composite Q – Combatting Fascism (Covering Amended Motion 92 & Motion 93)

Motion 103 - Support Banning Conversion Therapy in Scotland

Motion 94 - Accessible Cities

Motion 96 - The Importance of Hyperlocal and Local media

Composite R – Adult Hunger, the Right to Food and Free School Meals (Covering Motions 98, Amended Motion 99 & Motion 100)

**11.00am – 11.30am**

**STUC Union Rep Awards**

Helen Dowie Award for Lifelong Learning  
STUC Equality Award  
STUC Organising Award  
STUC Frank Maguire Award for Health and Safety  
Learner of the Year Award

**11.30am – 11.45am**

**Address to Congress**

**First Minister of Scotland**

**11.45am - 12.30pm**

**Section 8: Equality & Social Justice (cont'd)**

Motion 95 - Freedom of Information Campaign Scotland

Motion 97 - Financial Services Supporting the e-disadvantaged

Motion 101 - Call to end Benefit Sanctions

Motion 102 - Campaigning against Poverty

Motion 104 - Misuse of Section 35 Orders for Attacking Progressive Change

Motion 105 - Assisted Dying



**12.30pm – 2.00pm      Lunch**

*Leaving the Hall there will be a bucket collection for the Scottish Pensioners Forum*

**2.00pm – 3.00pm**

**Special Session: Crisis in Gaza**

**3.00pm - 4.10pm**

**Section 9: International**

Composite S - Palestine (Covering motions 106, 107, 108, 109, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115)

Motion 110 - Escalating Crisis in the Middle East

Motion 116 - Ukraine - Support for Ukrainian Trade Unions and Affiliation to the Ukrainian Solidarity Campaign Scotland

Motion 117 - International Brigade Memorial Trust

Amended Motion 118 - Free Ocalan

Motion 119 - China

**4.10pm – 4.25pm**

**International Speaker**

**4.25pm – 4.30pm**

**Congress Video – Trades Union Councils Showcase**

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**4.30pm – 5.30pm**

**Section 2: Economy & Industry**

**Group Debate – Just Transition**

Composite B – Just Transition (Covering Motions 2 &9)

Motion 6 - First North Lanarkshire then the World

Motion 7 & Amendment - Just Transition

Motion 8 - Charting a Just Transition

Motion 10 - ScotWind

Motion 11 & Amendment - Home Heating: Plans not Bans.

Motion 12 - Support UK Steel and Our Domestic Defence  
Steel Capacity

Composite D - Fighting for Offshore Workers' Jobs & Safety  
(Covering motions 14 & 15)

Amended Motion 16 - Reducing Scotland's Skills Gap

**5.30pm - Close**

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Aid for Palestinians**

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**9.00am – 9.15am**

**Private Session: Treasurer's Report**

**9.15am – 9.20am**

**Adoption of General Council Report Section 1**

**9.20am – 11.15am**

**Section 6: Trades Union and Employment Rights**

Composite C - New Deal for Workers and Devolution of Employment Law (Covering Amended Motions 3, 67 & 68)

Motion 69 - Covid, Long Covid and Workplace Related Issues

Motion 70 - 4 Day Week

Motion 71 - Political Attacks on University Staff

Composite L - Technology and AI in the Workplace (Covering Motions 72 & 73, Amended Motion 74 & Motion 75)

Composite M - Industrial Injuries - (Covering Motion 76 & amended Motion 77)

Composite N - Fair Work (Covering Motions 78 & 79)

Composite O – Wellbeing and Mental Health in the Workplace (Covering Motions 80 & 82)

Amended Motion 81 - CCTV Recording of Professional Drivers

Motion 83 - Campaign for Climate Hazards Health & Safety Training  
Motion 84 - Mobilising and Supporting Hospitality Workers

**11.15am – 11.30am**

**Address to Congress: Roz Foyer STUC General Secretary**

**11.30am – 11.35am**

**Adoption of General Council Report Sections 2 & 3**

**11.35am - 12.15pm**

**Section 2: Economy & Industry (cont'd)**

Motion 13 - Defence Sector - Skills, Diversity and Inclusion

**Group debate – Military Spending**

Composite E - Military Spending - (Covering Motions 19, 20, 21, 23 & 24)

Motion 17 and Amendment - Military Spending, Public Services and Jobs

Motion 18 and Amendment - British Overseas Policy and Defence Spending

Motion 22 and Amendment - Military Spending

**12.15pm – 12.30pm**

**Address to Congress: Lorna Glen, Chair STUC Women's Committee**

**12.30pm – 2.00pm      Lunch**

**2.00pm- 2.10pm**

**Video Address to Congress: Shavanah Taj, General Secretary, Wales TUC**

**2.10pm – 4.20pm**

**Motions not previously taken and emergency motions**

**4.20pm              Vote of Thanks: Lilian Macer, Vice-President**

**4.30pm              Close**