

A Federal Future for the UK?

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PROGRAMME

9.30 – 10.00	Arrival and Registration
10.00 – 11.00	<p>Welcome and Introduction Session 1: A Federal UK</p> <p>Professor Andrew Blick <i>Professor of Politics and Contemporary History, King's College London; Senior Research Fellow, The Federal Trust</i></p>
11.00-11.05	Rearrange panel and comfort break
11.05 – 11.55	<p>Session 2: Scotland – Is independence inevitable?</p> <p>Dr Kirsty Hughes <i>(online)</i> <i>Writer and commentator on Scottish, EU & UK politics; Founder & Director, Scottish Centre on European Relations (2017 to 2021)</i></p> <p>David Gow <i>(online)</i> <i>Editor of Sceptical.scot; former European Business Editor of 'The Guardian'</i></p>
11.55 – 12.15	Coffee/ Tea Break
12.15 – 13.05	<p>Session 3: Wales - Loosening ties with London?</p> <p>David Melding <i>Former Member of the Senedd (1999 – 2021)</i></p> <p>Glyndwr Cennydd Jones <i>Author and advocate for a UK-wide constitutional convention; Fellow of the Institute of Welsh Affairs</i></p>
13.05 – 13.45	Lunch

13.45 – 14.35	<p>Session 4: Northern Ireland - A united Ireland in our lifetime?</p> <p>Geoff Martin OBE <i>Inaugural head of the European Commission Office in Northern Ireland 1979 – 1984, and later Head of the European Commission Representation in the UK, 1993 – 2002</i></p> <p>Professor Jennifer Todd <i>Emeritus (Full) Professor, School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin; Research Director, Institute for British-Irish Studies, UCD (previously Director)</i></p>
14.35 – 15.00	Coffee/ Tea Break
15.00 – 15.50	<p>Session 5: England - Too big for a federal UK?</p> <p>Rt. Hon. Baroness Quin <i>(online)</i> <i>Former MP for Gateshead East and former Minister for Europe</i></p> <p>Professor Colin Talbot <i>(online)</i> <i>Emeritus Professor of Government at the University of Manchester; Research Associate at the University of Cambridge and Senior Research Fellow with the Federal Trust</i></p>
15.50 – 16.00	Rearrange panel and comfort break
16.00 - 16.30	<p>Closing Address</p> <p>Professor Andrew Blick <i>Professor of Politics and Contemporary History, King's College London; Senior Research Fellow, The Federal Trust</i></p>