

# UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report Launch - Scotland

Accountability in education: MEETING OUR COMMITMENTS



United Nations  
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Wednesday 29th November  
17:00-19:00

Paterson's Land G1, School of Education,  
University of Edinburgh, Holyrood Rd, EH8 8JT



Global  
Education  
Monitoring  
Report

The 2017/8 Global Education Monitoring Report 'Accountability in education: Meeting our commitments', will continue the GEM Report's assessment of progress towards SDG 4 and its 10 targets, as well as other related education targets in the SDG agenda. The Report will also investigate accountability issues in education, analysing how relevant actors (government, schools, teachers, parents, students, international organisations, and the private sector) can provide education more effectively, efficiently and equitably.

The Scotland launch will combine a presentation of the Report along with a high-level expert panel, and an interactive question and answer session on the Report and its recommendations. The event will bring together a range of education stakeholders including policy makers, teachers, students and civil society representatives to discuss the evidence based findings from the report and ways for greater collaboration between education stakeholders to ensure the provision of equitable, quality education for all.

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# Event Programme

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## ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION

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## PRESENTATION OF GEM REPORT

Dr Alasdair McWilliam | Research Officer | UNESCO

17:35-17:45

## CONSIDERATIONS & REFLECTIONS

Atishay Mathur | Intern | UN House Scotland

17:45-18:00

## IMPROVING EDUCATION IN AFRICA BY GIVING CITIZENS A VOICE

Dr Samantha Ross | International Programme Director | Link Community Development International  
Page 56 of the GEM Report features Link's work

18:00-18:20

## Q&A

Chair: Dr. Gari Donn | Executive Director | UN House Scotland

18:20-19:00

## NETWORKING RECEPTION

Refreshments provided - including Malawi Gin & Tonic

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# Key Speakers



## **DR ALASDAIR MCWILLIAM | RESEARCH OFFICER | UNESCO**

Alasdair joined the UNESCO Report Team in December 2011. Previously he was a research consultant with the Centre for Aid & Public Expenditure at the Overseas Development Institute in London, working on aid effectiveness & public expenditure, alongside broader public policy issues in low & middle income countries. He has an undergraduate degree from the University of St Andrews & Masters degree in Public Policy & Management from the Institute of Development Policy & Management at Manchester University.



## **ATISHAY MATUR | INTERN | UN HOUSE SCOTLAND**

Atishay is a TEDx Speaker & works on Governance & SDG Assessment at UN House in Scotland. He is a member of the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on International Development & the SDGs Network in Scotland. He recently completed his MSc in International Development (with distinction) at Edinburgh University. His dissertation focused on recommendations for Scotland's latest International Development Policy for Rwanda, Malawi, & Zambia. He has since been invited by the Scottish Government, DfID, UNICEF UK, & the Zambian High Commissioner to the UK to present his findings. Before moving to the UK, Atishay was an Innovation Officer on a healthcare-innovation project supported by the Gates Foundation in India.



## **DR SAMANTHA ROSS | INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME DIRECTOR | LINK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL**

Samantha joined Link Community Development in 2011 & as the International Programme Director is responsible for strategy, implementation & reporting on Link's international programmes. Link specialises in community engagement, girls' education, literacy, numeracy & inclusion for the most marginalised people, & guides governments & educators to adopt low-cost, sustainable solutions to improve learning & support for children. Samantha has 15 years' experience in international development, working with organisations such as Save the Children in Sierra Leone & the World Food Programme in Tanzania. She has a PhD in International Development from the University of East Anglia & taught for ten years in Thailand, Malaysia, Taiwan & Japan. She fell in love with Africa whilst driving trucks full of tourists from Nairobi to Cape Town & has lived in Tanzania, Kenya, & South Africa.



## **DR GARI DONN | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | UN HOUSE SCOTLAND**

Gari is the Executive Director of UN House Scotland, Convenor of UNA Scotland &, until recently, the Scotland Representative to the UNA UK Board of Trustees. In 2012 when on the UK UNESCO Scotland Committee & working with other UN agencies & charities, Gari established the UN House - a civil society organisation committed to upholding UN values & implementing the policies & practices of the UN at local grassroots levels. Since then, Gari has encouraged youth engagement with all aspects of the SDGs especially through meetings, seminars, conferences, writing blogs, creating & maintaining web design & communications &, especially, ensuring continuous contact & engagement with Parliament. Gari's previous career as an academic in International Education Policy at Edinburgh University has ensured that of all the SDGs, SDG4 (Quality Education) remains a major interest for engagement & collaboration between UNH Scotland & other groups, organisations, & institutions (SDG17).

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