

The logo for the Electoral Reform Society, featuring the letters 'EMS' in a white, stylized, handwritten font on a black rectangular background.

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The logo for the Centre for Scottish Public Policy, with the text 'Centre for Scottish Public Policy' in blue and black on a yellow background.The logo for the Scottish Trade Union Congress (STUC), with the letters 'stuc' in a grey, lowercase, sans-serif font, followed by a red square.

## **STV in Action**

The new voting system for Local Government.  
What has changed and what will it mean for  
Scottish communities?

In next year's local government elections, Scots will use the Single Transferable Vote system to elect their councillors. This seminar will explore what the change of system might mean for campaigners, communities and individuals.

Concentrating on the lead-up to next year's elections, there will be the opportunity to explore potential changes in detail, as they affect campaigning and communities.

The Electoral Reform Society and the STUC are hosting this event in partnership with the Centre for Scottish Public Policy.

**Saturday 16 September 2006, from 10:30 to 16:30,  
at the STUC, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow, G3**

This seminar is free, but places are strictly limited, so please email Amy Rodger to book your place, on  
**[amy@reform.demon.co.uk](mailto:amy@reform.demon.co.uk)**

This is one of a series of events funded by the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust that the Centre for Scottish Public Policy are running on the theme of increasing public engagement.

## STV in Action Seminar Programme:

- 10:00 Arrival and registration
- 10:30 Introduction to the day - the chair
- 10:45 Background to STV in action - Christine McCartney, Electoral Reform Society
- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 Campaigning with STV - Pat Magner, former National Organiser of the Irish Labour Party (tbc)
- 12:15 The politics and idiosyncracies of STV - David Ford, leader of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Workshops: facilitated discussion sessions about the changes which may come about in Scottish Local Government because of the new electoral system. Issues include multi-member council wards, multi-party ruling groups, possible changes in decision-making processes, accountability, and relationships with external bodies and interest groups. Participants will be grouped as far as possible by areas of interest to ensure the focus of the discussion is as relevant as possible.
- 15:00 Plans from here to elections day - Amy Rodger, Electoral Reform Society  
- Andy O'Neill, Electoral Commission  
- Russell Bain, Scottish Executive (tbc)

This seminar is for people who are activists and campaigners, or who would like to be, from all different kinds of communities of interest and place. This might include trade unionists, people involved in voluntary organisations or community groups, social, environmental and community campaigners, and people from youth and student organisations.



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