



Conveners – Outline of Responsibilities

The Climate Change Act requires the appointment of two gender balanced conveners.

The citizens assembly is to have two conveners who are independent of the Scottish Ministers and the Scottish Parliament.

There is to be a gender balance between the conveners.

The Act does not specify the role of the conveners, but the Stewarding Group agreed the conveners' role is:

1. To represent the Assembly in the media and in public. In practice this public facing role will be especially important in the early part of the assembly, before members themselves are confident to interact with the press.
2. To amplify and support the voices of the Assembly members, acting as their champion. In practical terms this will be about ensuring the evidence base is accessible and properly paced for members and assisting members to raise concerns about any aspect of the assembly's operation.

They will not have formal leadership or decision-making responsibilities. They will be invited, but not required, to attend Stewarding Group meetings.

Criteria used to select candidates are:

1. Availability
2. Independence (required by the Act)
3. Not known for their views on climate change
4. Confident in dealing with the media
5. Accessible to members
6. Consideration of diversity (gender is specified by the Act)