

## Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People’s Commissioner for Scotland

Scotland will soon incorporate the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into domestic law. Bruce Adamson will explore what incorporation will mean and the value of a rights-based approach to learning. He will discuss whether a UN Convention created over 30 years ago has any bearing on modern education.

**Speaker Bio:** Bruce Adamson is the Children and Young People’s Commissioner for Scotland and has been since 2017. Bruce Adamson is a lawyer with over 20 years of experience in human rights. As Commissioner since 2017 his team has been responsible for promoting and safeguarding the rights of children and young people across Scotland. Working with their groups of young advisers, they have helped secure legislative change in relation to the age of criminal responsibility, the physical punishment of children, and the incorporation of the UNCRC into Scots law. Bruce was a Member of Scotland’s Children’s Panel for 13 years, he worked directly with children in need of care in protection or in conflict with the law, listening to their experiences and making decisions about their safety and wellbeing. He is a former Chair of the Scottish Child Law Centre. Bruce has acted as an international expert for the United Nations, Council of Europe, European Union, OSCE, and during the Covid-19 pandemic has advised the WHO on children’s rights.

