

Speaker Biographies

Kirsty MacLachlan

Kirsty MacLachlan is Head of the Demography Division in the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS), which provides information on population (estimates, projections), households and vital events (births, marriages, deaths etc.). The Division also maintains the National Health Service Central Register, a register of all NHS patients on the lists of general medical practitioners in Scotland. Kirsty has previously worked as a statistician within the Scottish Government, in the fields of education, social work, development and economic statistics.

Prior to rejoining the Scottish Government in 2000, Kirsty lectured in statistics for six years at Napier University, where she was a Teaching Fellow and led a number of projects developing computer based learning materials. She holds an MSc in Statistics from Edinburgh University and an MSc Software Technology from Napier University.

Adrian Gallop

Adrian is an actuary in the Social security, demography and overseas pension division of the Government Actuary's Department (GAD). His responsibilities include advising GAD and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on mortality matters, including the assumptions about future mortality used in the official population projections produced biennially by ONS.

Peter Knight

Peter has had 30 years experience in health services research and statistics. Since 2008, he has been on secondment to the Scottish Government within the Primary and Community Care Directorate, in a strategic role primarily concerned with the information needs of Partnership working and community care outcomes measurement. Peter's work on illustrating the potential impact of future demographic change on health and social services for older people has informed and energised policy thinking about future models of care of vulnerable older people.

For most of his working career Peter has worked in a senior role at the Information Services Division of NHS National Services Scotland (ISD). Between 2003 – 2006 Peter was ISD's Head of Statistics.

Ganka Mueller

Ganka Mueller has worked in GROS as Head of the Alternative Sources Team for the last 5 years. She joined Government Research in 1998 as a researcher in the Department for Employment and Education, later Department for Education and Skills. Prior to that she was involved in academic research in the London School of Economics and King's College London. She holds a PhD in Sociology from New York University.

Frank Dixon

Frank has been GROS's Vital Events Statistician since February 2008. His branch prepares statistics of births, stillbirths, adoptions, marriages, civil partnerships, divorces, dissolutions and deaths. Prior to that, he worked in Scottish Government/Executive/Office statistics branches covering the economy, education (4 posts), fisheries, local government finance and transport; he also spent several years in the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council (establishing and developing its statistics branch and main grant calculation systems) and in the Scottish Office Computer Service (working on small record-keeping systems for administrative staff and on various statistical computer packages, systems and models).

Martin Macfie

Martin is an Assistant Statistician in the Household Estimates and Projections Branch. He works on estimates of households and dwellings at local authority and neighbourhood level. Martin is also investigating alternative sources of household and address statistics in light of the possible abolition of Council Tax after the 2011 election. Previously, Martin worked in the Statistics team within HM Inspectorate of Education.

Matt Perkins

Matt heads up the Small Area Statistics branch in the Office of the Chief Statistician within Scottish Government. The branch is responsible for the Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics (SNS) website (www.sns.gov.uk) and the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/simd>). SNS is a public website providing maps and a range of statistics across the work of SG down to neighbourhood level enabling comparison between population, education and health statistics for example. The SIMD which Matt will be talking about is the Scottish Government tool for identifying the areas of Scotland with the highest concentrations of multiple deprivation. The 2009 update to the SIMD was published on 29th October and the presentation will provide the key findings from this work.

Cecilia Macintyre

Cecilia has worked as Head of the Population and Migration Statistics team in GROS for five years. Regular publications from the team include population estimates, population projections and life expectancy. She is involved in a programme of work to improve the range and scope of population statistics, and is involved in the planning for the 2011 Census. She works closely with policy departments and other analysts in the Scottish Government to provide the demographic evidence base in policy development and evaluation.

Previously she has worked on the Scottish House Condition survey within a housing agency, and had a range of roles including lecturing, research and statistical consultancy within the Public Health Department at Edinburgh University. She holds an MSc in Statistics from Edinburgh University.

Andrew White

Andrew is an assistant statistician in the Population & Migration Statistics branch of the General Register Office for Scotland. His responsibilities include the production and publication of mid-year population estimates for Scotland and its Council and NHS Board areas and of population projections for areas within Scotland. He is also responsible for analysing and publishing Scottish results from the National Population Projections, produced by the Office for National Statistics.

Andrew Ballingall

Andrew has worked in local government for just under thirty years. He has been involved in personnel work, performance management, and for the last ten years in corporate policy/research areas involving major surveys and consultations, including a large scale survey of migrant workers in Fife. Andrew also has a co-ordinating role for demographic work within the Council, and a liaison function for the 2011 Census.