

SCOTLAND'S ECONOMICS FESTIVAL

LEITH 19-21 MARCH 2026

A unique, public-facing celebration of progressive economic thinking – designed to challenge, inform, and inspire. The festival brings together leading economists, commentators, campaigners, and curious citizens to explore BIG economic ideas.

Thur 19 MAR. Leith Dockers Club

- 4 PM - 445 PM The David Graeber Institute Presents: **The Housing Crisis**. **Professor Steve Keen**. Online.
- 6 PM - 710 PM **The Cowboy Economist: Riding Through the Wild** Frontier of Economic Thought. **Professor John T Harvey**.
- 730 PM - 845 PM **Economic Myth Busters: The Top 10 Myths Holding Back Progress**. **Professor Steve Keen, Professor John T Harvey and William Thomson**.
- 9 PM - 1015 PM **Historical Economic Injustice - How to Break the Cycle**. **Dr Ewan Gibbs, Sarah Jaffe and Neil McInroy**.

Fri 20 MAR. The Out of The Blue Drill Hall

- 12 PM - 130 PM **The Politics of Austerity: How "Sound Economics" Shapes Our Lives**. **Emma Holten, Professor John T Harvey and William Thomson**.
- 150 PM - 3 PM The Adam Smith Global Foundation Presents: **Adam Smith, the man, his morals, and some myths**. **Gordon Povey**.
- 320 PM - 430 PM **In conversation with Russell Jones author of Sho Ga Nai - It Is What It Is: The Modern Economic History of Japan**.
- 450 PM - 6 PM The BREAK-DOWN Presents: **Land - Where Ecology and the Economy Collide**. **John Merrick, Laurie Macfarlane and Kathie Pollard**.
- 620 PM - 730 PM WEAll Scotland Presents. **Sharing our wealth: What does the public think about wealth inequality and wealth taxation in Scotland?**
- 745 PM - 855 PM **Fiscal Rules: The Straitjacket of Austerity**. **Emma Holten and William Thomson**.
- 915 PM - 1030 PM **Economists vs Comedians: Who Are The Real Jokers?** **Dr Phil Armstrong and Professor John T Harvey**.

Sat 21 MAR. The Out of The Blue Drill Hall (except*)

- 1100 AM - 12 PM **Warren Mosler - Under the Bonnett. Dr Phil Armstrong in conversation** with the Founder of MMT. Round The World Studios*
- 12 PM - 115 PM The Democracy Collaborative presents: **Owning our future - Community Wealth and Economic Democracy**. **Neil McInroy**.
- 145 PM - 3 PM **In conversation with Luke Kemp author of Goliath's Curse**. The History and Future of Societal Collapse.
- 330 PM - 445 PM **In conversation with Professor Richard Murphy**. A Guide To Developing a Fair & Sustainable Economy.
- 4 PM - 5 PM Scottish Left Review Presents: **Platform Power and Edinburgh's Gig Economy**. **Dr Marian Lieutaud, Karen Gregory and Dr Elena Papagiannaki** (Round The World Studios).*
- 5 PM - 615 PM The Democracy Collaborative Presents: **Trump's America and the Crisis: Beyond capitalism to economic democracy**. **Kali Akuno, Joe Guinan and Sarah Jaffe**.
- 510 PM - 610 PM Balanced Economy Project Presents: **Constraining Corporate Power**. **Claire Godfrey and Daniel Hind**. (Round The World Studios).*
- 630 PM - 830 PM MMT UK Presents: **Finding The Money**. Film. (Round The World Studios).*
- 645 PM - 8 PM MMT UK Presents: **The Job Guarantee: Building an Economy That Works for Everyone**. **Patricia Pino**.
- 820 PM - 930 PM **War, Profit, and the Machinery of Capitalism**. **Ben Wray** is joined by a panel of today's speakers.