

**Please find below information about a series of seminars to be held in Parliament Buildings. These sessions are all free to attend; anyone wishing to register for a seminar should please email [raise@niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:raise@niassembly.gov.uk).**

**“Promoting evidence-led policy and law-making within Northern Ireland”** – that is the underlying aim of the Knowledge Exchange Seminar Series (KESS). KESS is the **first** of its kind in the United Kingdom, formally partnering a legislative arm of government – the Assembly - with academia. Aiming to encourage debate and improve understanding, KESS provides a forum to present and disseminate research findings in a straightforward format, across the Programme for Government; making those findings easily accessible to decision-makers such as MLAs and Assembly committees, as well as the wider public sector.

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The Series presents networking opportunities, attracting a broad spectrum of attendees. These include: MLAs and their staff; Assembly staff; public and private sector employees; academics; voluntary and community groups; and, members of the public.

**Please note the upcoming series will start in November 2014 and run until June 2015.**

Seminars are **free** and are held on **Wednesdays from 5 November 2014 through 24 June 2015**. Each seminar starts **at 1.30pm in Parliament Buildings**, located on Stormont Estate.

To view the current Programme, as well as Policy Briefings, power point presentations and video clips relating to previous years, please refer to:<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/Assembly-Business/Research-and-Information-Service-RaISe/Knowledge-Exchange/>

### **2014-15 Seminar Details**

[05.11.14 - Social Inclusion & Educational Attainment](#)

[12.11.14 - Devolution and Governance](#)

[26.11.14 - Learning & Behavioral Disabilities: Supporting Needs to Improve Lives](#)

[03.12.14 - Local Government & Planning](#)

[14.01.15 - Mental Health, Bereavement & Suicide](#)

[21.01.15 - Advancing Gender Equality](#)

[04.02.15 - Care Needs: Informal & Formal](#)

[18.02.15 - Drivers of Economic Growth](#)

[04.03.15 - Adoption Reform](#)

[18.03.15 - Housing: Standards & Budgets](#)

[15.04.15 - Planning: Shoreline, Marine & Landscape](#)

[29.04.15 - Social Isolation & Inclusion](#)

[06.05.15 - Youth Justice](#)

[13.05.15 - National Identity](#)

[10.06.15 - Equality in Physical Activity & Sports](#)

[24.06.15 - Innovation and Economic Growth](#)

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