



17 & 18 October 2026

Flittin' Day:

Forces That Moved Our Scottish Ancestors

Full information available on the BIFHSGO website - <https://bifhsgo.ca/2026-conference>

DAY 1 – Saturday, 17 October 2026

Session	Time, EDT	Speaker	Topic
Start	09:00-09:15		Welcome & Announcements
1	09:15-10:30	Thomas Devine	The puzzle of mass Scottish transatlantic emigration 1815 to 1914. Can it be convincingly resolved?
2	10:45-12:00	Graeme Morton	Industrial Scotland, Industrial Dundee: Following the immigrant workforce
3	12:30-13:45	Frances Wilkins	The Songs that Stayed and the Songs that Were Taken Away: The Role of Music in the Lives of Scottish Migrants
4	14:00-15:15	Alison Spring	Researching Urban Ancestors in Scotland
5	15:30-16:45	Morag Peers	Crossing the Sea: Researching Scottish Ancestors

DAY 2 – Sunday, 18 October 2026

Session	Time, EDT	Speaker	Topic
Start	09:00-09:15		Opening
1	09:15-10:30	Marjory Harper	Religious Movements, Fragmented Communities and Contentious Clerics: Secession, Migration and Emigration in 19th-century Scotland
2	10:45-12:00	Chris Fleet	Tracing Scottish Ancestors with Online Maps
3	12:30-14:00	Graeme Morton, Frances Wilkins, Morag Peers, Marjory Harper And Guests	Expert Connect
4	14:15-15:30	Laura House	Genealogy, the Information Ecosystem, and Our Technofuture
Finish	15:30-15:45		Closing