

09:00–10:15 Session 1 (Plenary)

Speaker: Bruce Durie — *Who Are the Scots? Not Celts!*

Chair: Duncan Monkhouse

This lecture dispels the idea that Scots are a single, unitary people of shared ancestry, genetics and culture. Beginning with the earliest settlements in 12,000 BC, Bruce will discuss the early indigenous inhabitants, whom we now call “Picts;” the arrivals of other Brythonic peoples, the Gaels, the Angles, Scandinavian raiders (loosely called Vikings); the uniting of Gaels and Scots into the Kingdom of Alba; and how Highland Gaels and Lowland Scots remain culturally and linguistically separate to this day.