

## FOI Office

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**From:** Paul Younger  
**Sent:** 02 December 2014 15:19  
**To:** Robert Westaway  
**Subject:** RE: Request to speak at a conference on fracking

Hi Rob

I'd sooner leave it to you if that's OK.

Paul

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**From:** Robert Westaway [<mailto:Robert.Westaway@glasgow.ac.uk>]  
**Sent:** 01 December 2014 17:05  
**To:** [paul.younger@gla.ac.uk](mailto:paul.younger@gla.ac.uk)  
**Subject:** FW: Request to speak at a conference on fracking

Paul

I can do this if you like.

NB the message does not say where the conference is. I presume that it is at the same venue as the previous one, which is the Scottish National Gallery in Edinburgh.

Yours, Rob

Dr Rob Westaway  
Senior Research Fellow

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 December 2014 16:48  
**To:** Paul Younger; Robert Westaway  
**Subject:** Request to speak at a conference on fracking

Dear Dr Westaway and Professor Younger

I am organising a half-day conference called *Is Scotland Ready for Fracking?* on the morning of Tuesday February 10th next year and wondered if one or both of you would be available to speak?

I saw the publicity surrounding your recent paper in the Journal of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology and wondered if you might consider a presentation along the lines of *Seismicity and hydraulic fracturing: towards a more appropriate regulatory regime*.

The conference will be split into four sections: an overview, including the expert scientific report published for the Scottish Government last summer and a UK Government perspective on what is happening in the UK as a whole; an assessment of the scale of the opportunity for enhanced recovery of onshore oil and gas, including presentations by Ineos and Professor Gordon Hughes; a look at the technical and regulatory challenges, which is where you would come in; and a session looking at overcoming the practical challenges, especially around public opposition and licensing. One of the speakers in the final session will be from our event sponsor Pinsent Masons.

I am also looking to accommodate a presentation on associated technologies, including the coal gasification plans recently outline by Cluff Natural Resources.

We organised a previous conference on the same topic, in December 2013, with a broader focus. The link is [here](#)

There has been considerable activity since the last conference and the aim of this event is to look more specifically at the prospects for fracking in Scotland and specific issues around fracking, within a wider UK perspective.

I hope you are able to take part. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very best wishes, [REDACTED]

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