

West of Scotland Branch 2025-26 Programme of events

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Welcome from the Branch President

I am honoured to be the BDA West of Scotland Branch President for 2025/2026 and also the Chair of the BDA Scottish Council for the triennium beginning in 2025.

As the trade union and professional body for dentists and dental students in the UK, the BDA represents all fields of dentistry including general practice, community dental services, the armed forces, hospitals, academia, public health, and research.

The BDA West of Scotland Branch covers Ayrshire, Argyll and Bute, Clackmannanshire, Dumfriesshire, Dunbartonshire, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, Stirlingshire and Wigtownshire. It supports the local community of dentists by holding regular educational and social events. Members and non-members from other areas are welcome to meetings. Members are contacted by email regarding meetings. If you are not receiving meeting details, please contact the Local Services Team (branchsectionevents@bda.org). You are also welcome to join the West of Scotland Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bdawestofscotland>).

Dental payment reform in November 2023 has probably seen the biggest change to NHS dentistry in Scotland for a generation. The Holyrood election will be held in May 2026. BDA Scotland is developing its manifesto to campaign and promote interests of its members, as well as to improve the nation's oral health.

In this brochure, you will find details of the content of each lecture, aims, learning objectives and GDC development outcomes for 2025/2026. The topics chosen are suitable for all members of the dental team, whether you are working in general dental service, public dental service, hospital dental service or in academia. Some topics may be particularly appealing to those who work in private practice. Each meeting provides 1.5 hours of CPD and eligible practitioners can claim up to six sessions of CPD allowance in each financial year. The cost of annual dinner at Loch Lomond in previous years has been a barrier to some members, especially younger colleagues. As your



new president, I would like the annual dinner to be an inclusive event rather than being seen as a 'gentlemen's club'.

I have booked the annual dinner on Saturday 21 March 2026 at the Chinatown Restaurant Glasgow. After the annual dinner, attendees have the choice of going back home or stay overnight in Glasgow. There are a number of budget hotels around Glasgow.

In traditional Chinese dining, dishes are shared communally, with food placed at the centre of the table for everyone to enjoy. Entertainment will include highland dance and Chinese dance. Strictly East Meets West! So make sure you have saved the date in your calendar.

Finally, a big thank you to our sponsors for their financial support of branch events and to our speakers for giving their time to share their expertise. Special thanks to Patricia de Vries and the BDA events team for their help and support in making it all happen.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Albert Yeung".

Albert Yeung



About our events

Our lectures aim to deliver maximum benefit to dental professionals and everyone is welcome. It's not just about CPD - our events provide networking and peer support in a professional setting outside of the practice. It's a great chance to connect with peers and our professional community. You will hear engaging lectures from some inspiring speakers with questions and answers.

Times

All West of Scotland Branch events are held on a Wednesday evening apart from the dinner:

18.30 Registration with tea and coffee

19:00 Lecture with Q and A

20:30 Close

Booking

Branch lectures are open to everyone.

Book online at bda.org type

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Feedback

Please share your experience with us after the events and let us know how we can further improve them.

GDC development outcomes

A - Effective communication with patients, the dental team and others across dentistry, including when obtaining consent, dealing with complaints, and raising concerns when patients are at risk.

B - Effective management of self and effective management of others or effective work with others in the dental team, in the interests of patients, providing constructive leadership where appropriate.

C - Maintenance and development of knowledge and skill within your field(s) of practice.

D - Maintenance of skills, behaviours and attitudes which maintain patient confidence in you and the dental profession and put patients' interests first.

Nexus is proud to sponsor the 2026 BDA West of Scotland Annual Dinner

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Annual dinner 18:00-21:30 Saturday 21 March 2026

The Branch's Annual Dinner will be held at a new venue in central Glasgow in 2026.

The Chinatown Restaurant Glasgow, at 44 New City Rd, Glasgow G4 9JT, is near Cowcaddens subway station. In traditional Chinese dining, dishes are shared communally, with food placed at the centre of the table for everyone to enjoy. Entertainment will include highland dance and Chinese dance. Strictly East Meets West! Partners and friends are very welcome to attend!

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Graham McKirdy memorial lecture

Graham McKirdy In memoriam

“I tend to go and get things done as best as I can. It’s a bit like a football team, occasionally you’re the captain but you’re a part of a team and everybody works to deliver what’s best for dentists and patients”.

This quote exemplified Graham’s approach to clinical practice, teaching and to dental politics. Born in Clydebank, Graham graduated from GDH&S in 1979 and began a career in general dental practice in Glasgow and Lanarkshire. He also spent over twenty years as a visiting GDP teaching dental students.

Early in his career Graham was elected to Lanarkshire Local Dental Committee and thus began an interest – indeed, a passion – for advocacy and representation of patients and communities, dental professionals and other healthcare workers, which continued throughout the rest of his life. He took part in all manner of representative bodies, committees and working groups within the BDA at Scottish and UK level. His learned knowledge of NHS pensions was so detailed he was later appointed to the NHS Scotland Pension Board as a member representative looking after the superannuation interests of all NHS workers.

Graham was a Past President of our West



of Scotland Branch and he was later awarded the highly prestigious Fellowship of the British Dental Association, an honour bestowed only on those who have given “exceptional and distinguished service to the profession”. He also received a lifetime achievement award from the Conference of Scottish Local Dental Committees.

Those of us who spent time on committees with Graham fondly recall his many idiosyncrasies: the brightly-coloured neck-ties with comic cartoon motifs, the spectacles always perched on the top of his head, and, invariably, the jacket off and shirt sleeves rolled up – the latter a perfect metaphor for his attitude to life and work!

As a lasting tribute to our dear friend and colleague Branch Council has instigated the annual **“Graham McKirdy memorial lecture”**.

“Local anaesthesia: an update for the dental team”

Ian Corbett

24 September 2025

Aims

- To review current literature in local anaesthesia
- Show application of knowledge to local anaesthetic scenarios
- Explain the principle of bespoke anaesthesia.

Learning objectives

- Understand of the characteristics of local anaesthetic agents
- Discuss how and when to use different administration techniques
- Create a strategy to overcome anaesthetic failure.

Learning content

The presentation will cover the characteristics of local anaesthetic solutions used in dentistry, dental anaesthetic equipment and techniques to maximise success. Safety and commonly encountered complications will be discussed.

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Ian Corbett

Consultant Oral Surgeon
Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS
Foundation Trust

Ian is a Consultant Oral Surgeon and Honorary Senior Lecturer in Newcastle, with a private practice covering the North-East of England. Ian graduated from King's College London and Newcastle University, has a PhD in Pathology, and is a Fellow of RCS Edinburgh. After more than 20 years' experience in maxillofacial trauma he now concentrates on dentoalveolar surgery and postgraduate education.

Ian has a research interest and international recognition in the field of dental anaesthesia, having published extensively, lectured internationally, and was awarded a European Federation for the Advancement of Anaesthesia in Dentistry prize.

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“Embracing neurodiversity-informed dentistry”

Jasmine Murphy

29 October 2025

Aims

- Build understanding of neurodiversity, including its strengths and challenges
- Highlight barriers faced by neurodivergent individuals in dentistry
- Introduce practical approaches to fostering neuro-inclusion for colleagues and patients.

Learning objectives

- Appreciate the significance of neurodiversity in dentistry, including the strengths it brings
- Recognise common barriers faced by neurodivergent patients and colleagues
- Consider practical strategies to create a more inclusive and supportive dental environment.

Learning content

This talk shines a light on neurodiversity in dentistry-unpacking its strengths, challenges, and systemic barriers that can be experienced by colleagues and patients. Explore practical, inclusive strategies to reduce inequalities, support neurodivergent colleagues and improve patient care, thereby reducing the potential for inadvertent discrimination in dentistry.

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Jasmine Murphy

Chief Clinical Officer

ThinkDivergent

Jasmine began her dental career in General Practice, becoming a Partner and also Staff Grade in an acute trust before specialising in Dental Public Health. She held NHS Consultant roles across Dental and Healthcare Public Health. In Leicester, she led the award-winning 'Healthy Teeth, Happy Smiles!' programme, reducing oral health inequalities for children in the city. A passionate advocate for systemic change, she is also a published voice on neurodiversity-informed dentistry, with her BDJ Team article ranking among the top

three in 2024. Now Chief Clinical Officer at ThinkDivergent, she is transforming neurodivergent lives through innovation, inclusion, and improved access.

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“After amalgam, the battle of the bulk fills”

The Graham McKirdy memorial lecture

Trevor Burke

19 November 2025

Aims:

- Learn the context of dental amalgam's use and the reduction of its use
- Learn about alternatives to amalgam, where and when each type can be used, eg resin composite bulk fill materials, and self-adhesive bulk fill composites
- Learn about Glass Ionomer Cement (GIC) and its variants.

Learning objectives

- Be aware of why dental amalgam's days are numbered.
- Know the most recent developments in bulk fill resin composite materials, including self-adhesive variants, for loadbearing situations in posterior teeth
- Be aware of the clinical performance of new GIC materials in loadbearing situations in posterior teeth.

Learning content

This presentation will examine alternative amalgam materials, reviewing the contemporary literature on their clinical performance.

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Trevor Burke

Emeritus Professor and Specialist in Restorative Dentistry

Trevor graduated at Queens University Belfast, and, following appointments there, he worked in general dental practice in Manchester for 21 years, also working part time in the Dept. of Restorative Dentistry at the University of Manchester. He was awarded a Chair in Glasgow in 1996, moving to become Professor of Primary Dental Care at the University of Birmingham and Hon. Consultant in Restorative Dentistry in 2000, becoming part-time in 2014, before becoming Emeritus Professor in October 2020. Trevor

is (co-) author of 380 papers published in peer-reviewed journals and has been awarded over 70 research grants. As well as research, writing and medicolegal work, Trevor's main responsibility has been as Editorial Director of the journal *Dental Update*, before taking a more background role in April 2024.

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“Realistic Dentistry: Are we choosing wisely?”

Heather Cassie

21 January 2026

Aims

- Introduction to Realistic Dentistry with a particular focus on shared decision-making in primary care
- Learn about the pressures on healthcare systems and how they have to ‘value’ different procedures
- Learn about the NICE recommendations.

Learning objectives

- Have a broad understanding of the principles of Choosing Wisely and Realistic Dentistry
- Have an understanding of how the principles of Choosing Wisely and Realistic Dentistry can be implemented in practice to deliver evidence-based care
- Have an understanding of the barriers and enablers to implementing NICE recall guidance in primary care dentistry.

Learning content

Healthcare systems globally are subject to high demand with insufficient funding available to deliver all potential healthcare interventions. Policymakers must make difficult choices about which interventions to fund within limited budgets.

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Heather Cassie

Senior Lecturer (Teaching and Research)
THIS Institute Research Fellow and
Baxter Fellow, School of Dentistry,
University of Dundee

Heather is a Senior Lecturer/ Baxter Research Fellow at the University of Dundee's Dental School. She is currently undertaking a THIS Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship, using 'Choosing Wisely' methodology to explore the barriers and enablers to the reducing unnecessary tests and treatments within primary care dentistry. Heather has worked across both the University of Dundee and NHS Education for Scotland's Clinical Effectiveness Workstream for over ten years with a focus on the development and implementation of

evidence-based guidance as well as education and service delivery.

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“Success strategies in advanced whitening”

Linda Greenwall MBE

25 February 2026

Aims

- Learn why it is vital to classify the bleaching techniques into three categories for successful outcomes
- Learn to evaluate new patients requesting bleaching
- Learn how to combine tooth whitening techniques like Microabrasion and ICON in treating patients with MIH and AI.

Learning objectives

- Understand and explain the scientific basis of bleaching
- Identify bleaching techniques
- Clarify the answers to patients' questions and concerns regarding dental bleaching
- Discuss how to assess the indications and the contraindications for Microabrasion and resin infiltration techniques
- Recognise the consent process and information patients require prior to treatment and how to manage any problems.

Learning content

Tooth whitening techniques used in dental practice, focusing on new whitening innovations for 2026.

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Linda Greenwall MBE

Specialist in Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics

Linda is a third-generation dentist born in Cape Town, South Africa. She graduated from Wits Dental School in 1984 before moving to the UK in 1985 to expand her career. Specialising in tooth whitening and minimally invasive dentistry, she has authored four textbooks, with her first translated into five languages. A respected global lecturer since 1989, Linda has presented her research worldwide.

In 2011, she founded the Dental Wellness Trust, a non-profit focused on improving oral health in underprivileged communities, particularly through the LiveSmart supervised tooth brushing programme. This initiative supports over 20,000 children in South African townships and 12,000 in the UK, also offering screenings,

fluoride applications, and outreach dental care in partnership with the University of Western Cape (UWC). Their collaboration has led to multiple research presentations at the IADR and mobile dental outreach efforts.

Awarded the British Empire Medal in 2017 and the John Tomes Award by the British Dental Association in 2023, Linda has been recognised for her significant contributions to dentistry. She also co-founded the Women Dentists Network in 2020 to support female professionals. Linda continues to manage a busy London-based specialist dental practice, while lecturing, writing, and enjoying time with her four sons and grandchildren.

Linda was awarded an MBE in the 2025 King's Birthday Honours List for her services to dentistry and to charity.

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“Have you got a sweet tooth?”

Branch AGM and Presidential address

Albert Yeung

25 March 2026

Aims

- To explore how genetic predispositions to a sweet tooth might relate to overall health
- To recognise the differences between different types of sugars and sugar substitutes
- To understand how high sugar intake can affect health and wellbeing.

Learning objectives

- Explain how genetic variations can influence individual preferences for sweet foods
- Discuss the benefits and risks of eating sugar and sugar substitutes
- Develop practical strategies for reducing sugar consumption in daily life.

Learning content

This lecture is intended to educate individuals about impact of sugars on health, explore healthy and unhealthy sugar options, and provide strategies for reducing sugar intake.

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Albert Yeung

Consultant in Dental Public Health
NHS Lanarkshire

Albert is the BDA West of Scotland Branch President for 2025/2026 and also the current Chair of the BDA Scottish Council. He has been the Consultant in Dental Public Health of NHS Lanarkshire since 2007. He is an Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer of the University of Glasgow. He is a Professional Adviser to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman.

Originally from Hong Kong, Albert studied dentistry in Glasgow. He has a diverse background of working experience in dentistry in the UK, including general dental practice, hospitals, community dental service and

teaching in dental schools. He is co-editor of the *Oxford Dictionary of Dentistry* (Second Edition).

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