

# Celebrating James Watt 2015 and 2019

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## The Invention That Changed the World: The Separate Condenser 1765 Is Watt's 'big idea' relevant and inspirational today?

Seminar at Talk Lab, Level 3, Glasgow University Library ([map](#)), Glasgow, 5th June 2015, 10am - 4.30pm

### Programme

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| 10.00 - 10.30  | Registration/coffee/tea  |
| 10.30 - 10.45  | Welcome by <b>Prof. Neal Juster</b> (Senior Vice-Principal and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow)              |
| <b>Morning Session</b> <i>Chair: Lesley Richmond (Glasgow University Archives)</i> |  |
| 10.45 - 11.15  | The Big Idea: the Separate Condenser and its importance<br><b>Prof. Colin McInnes</b> (GU James Watt Chair, Engineering Science) |
| 11.15 - 11.45  | The Physical Legacy: the Watt Workshop<br><b>Ben Russell</b> (Science Museum, London)  |
| 11.45 - 12.15  | The Documentary Legacy: the Archives<br><b>Fiona Tait</b> (Archivist, Birmingham Library)  |
| 12.15 - 12.45  | Questions and Discussion   |
| 12.45 - 14.00  | <b>LUNCH</b> (there are several eateries in the area around the University)  |

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## **Afternoon Session**

*Chair: Gordon Masterton (Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame)*

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| 14.15 - 14.40 | The Douglasfield Boulton and Watt Engine Project<br><b>Gill Poulter</b> (Director, Heritage and Exhibitions, Dundee Heritage Trust)  |
| 14.40 - 14.50 | Aspirations for the James Watt Cottage at Kinneil House, Bo'ness<br><b>Ian Shearer</b> (Trustee, The Friends of Kinneil)   |
| 14.50 - 15.05 | Aspirations for a Master Catalogue of Watt collections<br><b>Daniela Wellnitz</b> (Scottish Maritime Museum/STICK Collections Officer)   |
| 15.05 - 15.25 | Foundation and Development of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Education in the City of Glasgow and the links with James Watt <b>Atilla Incecik</b> (Executive Dean of Engineering and Professor of Offshore Engineering University of Strathclyde) |
| 15.25 - 16.15 | <b>Watt's The Story?</b>   |

## **Celebrating 2015 and 2019 Discussion Panel**

A panel of guests will consider ideas and discussion threads from today's talks. The discussion will concentrate on how we might further celebrate the importance of Watt's contribution to Scotland's engineering legacy, past, present and future as we move through 2015 and towards 2019.

As we approach 2019 - the 200th anniversary of Watt's death and the 250th anniversary of the granting of the patent for the separate condenser - and the head start it gave to the United Kingdom in industrialising - think big!

We hope today will build interest, publicise and spur further partnerships to celebrate Watt, his life, times, colleagues and rivals.

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| 16.15 -16.30 | Next Steps |
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