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THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR  
THE STUDY OF OFFENDING

## **40th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE**

at Peebles Hotel Hydro

13th – 15th November, 2009

# **From Kilbrandon to McLeish and Beyond: 2020 Vision?**

Reflecting on 40 years of Criminal Justice in Scotland and what can be expected over the next ten years for the professions and professionals in the system.

## **Conference Chair: The Rt Hon Elish Angiolini QC, Lord Advocate**

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For forty years SASO has been organising conferences which bring together people with a wide range of experience within the criminal justice system. Views may differ, but by listening, talking and sharing experiences, a better understanding of our common problems tends to develop.

On some issues, consensus has been reached which has, on occasions, been translated into action from which the system has benefited.

# PROGRAMME

## Friday 13th November

- 17.00 Arrival and Registration  
18.00 SASO AGM  
19.30 Reception Hosted by Lothian and Borders Community Justice Authority  
20.00 40th Anniversary Photograph  
20.15 Conference Dinner (dress: business/lounge suit)  
Chair: **Professor Alec Spencer**  
Award: Presentation of SASO (first) Student Essay Prize to 2009 winner  
After Dinner Speaker: **Magnus Linklater FRSE**

## Saturday 14th November

- 08.00 Breakfast  
Conference (dress informal)  
09.15 Chair's Introduction: **The Rt Hon Elish Angiolini QC, Lord Advocate**  
09.30 The First SASO Memorial Lecture  
In memory of Lord Philip Caplan QC (1929-2008), SASO Honorary President and Life Patron  
**Professor Dirk van Zyl Smit: *European Penal Policy and National Penal Practices - Lessons for Scotland?***  
10.20 Coffee  
10.50 Keynote Address: **Professor Bill Whyte: *The Future of Children's & Juvenile Justice in Scotland***  
11.40 Keynote Address: **Chief Constable Stephen House, QPM: *The future of crime and policing in Scotland***  
12.30 Lunch  
14.00 Interactive Workshop:  
**Led by Professor Mike Nellis: *Media, crime and punishment in contemporary Scotland.***  
*With: Lucy Adams (The Herald); Reevel Alderson (BBC Scotland TV); Elizabeth Cutting (Scottish Courts Service); and Tom Fox (Scottish Prison Service)*  
16.00 Tea  
16.30 Round Table Discussion:  
**Chaired by Baroness Veronica Linklater: *Sentencing :- whose business is it anyway?***  
*Led by: Professor Neil Hutton, Dean, Glasgow University Law School*  
*and: John Scott, Chair, Howard League for Penal Reform in Scotland*  
*with: Sheriff David Mackie, Alloa Sheriff Court*  
**Paul Morron OBE, Chairman SACRO**  
**Dan Gunn OBE, Governor, HMP Glenochil**  
18.00 Brief SASO meeting with Branches (Chairs & Secretaries)  
19.30 **Dinner:** Dining Room (dress: either smart casual or as appropriate for Ceilidh)  
Followed by: **SASO 40th Anniversary Ceilidh** (held in the Ballroom)

## Sunday 15th November

- 08.30 Breakfast  
Conference (dress informal)  
09.30 Keynote Address: **John A Dunn: *Direct Measures: Options available to the Procurator Fiscal***  
10.10 Keynote Address: **Alan Baird: *Payback and the future of Criminal Justice Social Work in Scotland***  
10.50 Coffee  
11.15 Research:  
**Professor Fergus McNeil: *Recollecting the Past, Reforming the Present: Lessons from oral histories of Scottish probation***  
**Professor Lesley McAra: *The future of academic research in Scotland***  
12.15 Concluding Remarks by the Conference Chair **Rt Hon Elish Angiolini QC**  
12.30 Close of Conference

**Magnus Linklater, FRSE** is Scotland Editor and columnist for *The Times* of London having previously held positions including Editor of *The Scotsman* newspaper 1988-94, and a number of other senior journalistic appointments in British newspapers over the past 30 years. Born in Orkney, brought up in Easter Ross, Magnus subsequently studied at Freiburg University in Germany, the Sorbonne in Paris and Trinity Hall College, Cambridge. He is Honorary Doctor of Letters at Glasgow University (2001) and Queen Margaret University (2007); Honorary Doctor of Laws at Aberdeen University (1977); Honorary Doctor of Arts at Napier University (1994) and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Magnus is the author of several books on current affairs and Scottish history including *Hoax – The Inside Story of the Howard Hughes-Clifford Irving Affair*; *Jeremy Thorpe – A Secret Life*; *The Falklands War*; *Massacre – The Story of Glencoe*; *The Fourth Reich-Klaus Barbie and the Neo-Fascist Connection*; *Scotland*; *Not With Honour – The Inside Story of the Westland Scandal: For King and Conscience – John Graham of Claverhouse, Viscount Dundee*; *Anatomy of Scotland*; *Highland Wilderness*; *People in a Landscape – The New Highlanders*; *Edinburgh (with photographs)*. A former Chairman of the Scottish Arts Council, the Edinburgh Book Festival, Fifth Estate Theatre Company and The Little Sparta Trust, Magnus is also a trustee of the Arts Trust of Scotland, a board member of Encounter, the British Irish group and the International Communications Forum. He is married to Baroness Veronica Linklater.

**The Rt Hon Elish Angiolini QC WS, Lord Advocate** grew up in Govan in Glasgow and studied Law at the University of Strathclyde, graduating in 1982. She then joined the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service and, following her traineeship, spent 8 years as a Depute Procurator Fiscal in Airdrie, prosecuting in Airdrie Sheriff Court. In 1992 she moved to Crown Office to work as part of the Lord Advocate's Secretariat, when she developed her now long-standing interest in improving the support offered to vulnerable victims and witnesses, and in particular children. She was appointed Senior Depute Procurator Fiscal at Glasgow, taking on operational responsibility for the running of Sheriff and Jury trials, before being appointed Assistant Procurator Fiscal at Glasgow in 1995. In 1997 she was appointed Head of Policy in the Crown Office. In particular, she helped the department prepare for devolution and was involved in the preparation of the Scotland Act 1998 and also preparations for the introduction of the European Convention on Human Rights. She was appointed as Regional Procurator Fiscal for Grampian and the Highlands and Islands in July 2000 based in Aberdeen, the first woman to hold such a post. She was installed as Solicitor General for Scotland on 5 December 2001 - again the first woman, the first Procurator Fiscal and the first solicitor to hold the post. She was installed as Lord Advocate on 12 October 2006. She remains Lord Advocate following the change in administration at the last election, the first to do so in a modern era - and is now continuing to take forward the most wide-ranging programme of modernisation in the department's history. Her leadership in the area of domestic violence was recognised last year by the charity Zero Tolerance when she was given their inaugural "Women in the public Eye" award - one of several awards and distinctions she has received during her time in office. The recent review of the investigation and prosecution of rape and sexual crimes which she instigated was a major undertaking which will result in profound changes to prosecution practices. While she respects the strengths of the criminal justice system and the independence of its component parts she is unapologetically a moderniser, determined to ensure that the prosecution service in Scotland grows in strength to deal robustly with the challenges of crime in the 21st century. She is married with two children. She holds Honorary Doctorates of Law from Glasgow Caledonian University (2005), Strathclyde University (2007) and Aberdeen University (2007).

**Professor Dirk van Zyl Smit** undertook his studies at the Universities of Stellenbosch, Edinburgh and Greifswald. He is now Professor of Comparative and International Penal Law at the University of Nottingham having previously held the position of Professor of Criminology at the University of Cape Town until the end of 2005. Dirk has advised the governments of South Africa, Malawi and Bosnia and Herzegovina on new prison legislation. He has acted as expert adviser to the Council of Europe on the new European Prison Rules and on the Rules on Juvenile Offenders subject to Sanctions and Measures, and to the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime for its Handbook on Alternatives to Imprisonment. His publications include *Principles of European Prison Law and Policy: Penology and Human Rights* and *Taking Life Imprisonment Seriously in National and International Law*.

**Professor Bill Whyte** is Professor of Social Work Studies in Criminal and Youth Justice, and Director of the Criminal Justice Social Work Development Centre for Scotland, University of Edinburgh. He teaches on youth justice and criminal justice social work, on policy and law, and on effectiveness research for undergraduate, post qualifying and post graduate programmes. Bill has worked as a social work manager and field social worker in the Lothians area, as a residential care worker in a (former List D) residential school, and as an independent local authority chair of child protection. He provides advice and consultancy to managers and workers in criminal justice social work, youth social work and to other related professionals across Scotland. He has published extensively on Youth Justice, Social Work practice and community justice in Scotland.

**Chief Constable Stephen House, QPM** joined Sussex Police in 1981 and mainly served in uniform and operational roles with Sussex, Northamptonshire and West Yorkshire Police. In December 2001 he joined the Metropolitan Police Service as a Deputy Assistant Commissioner, leading on Corporate Planning and Development & Performance Management. Transferring to Territorial Policing in 2003, he took over the role of DAC Operations with responsibility for Operations and Performance across the Metropolitan Police Service. Reporting to the Assistant Commissioner Territorial Policing, and line manager for nine Commanders (32 London boroughs) as well as a number of pan-London support units (Traffic, Air, Territorial, Marine and Dog) and the pan-London Crime Squad, he was responsible for 19,000 police officers and 6,000 police support staff. Appointed Assistant Commissioner in 2005, Mr House set up and led the new Central Operations Business Group encompassing many of the specialist units including Firearms, Territorial Support, response to terrorist attack or natural disaster. He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 2005. In 2006 Mr House became Assistant Commissioner Specialist Crime with responsibility for a diverse command including homicide, child abuse, economic crime, flying squad, kidnap and hostage negotiations, covert policing, asset recovery, gun crime, forensics and the disruption of criminal networks and was instrumental in creating the Metropolitan Intelligence Bureau in April 2007. In November 2007, he was appointed Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police.

**Professor Mike Nellis** was appointed Professor of Criminal and Community Justice in the Glasgow School of Social Work, a joint venture between Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities, in September 2005. He has written and taught widely on the supervision of offenders in the community, on penal reform and popular culture and on the theory and practice of community justice. He is a leading authority on the electronic monitoring of offenders, and has links with both European and American academics and practitioners who are involved in researching this. He was involved in the Home Office evaluation of the GPS satellite tracking pilots in England and Wales. He has interests in surveillance and the use of new technology in crime control more generally. He has been closely involved in the penal reform concerns of the Society of Friends (Quakers). Prior to his appointment in Glasgow he worked at the University of Birmingham for 15 years where he was closely involved in the training of probation officers, another area on which he has written extensively. He completed a PhD at the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge in 1991; prior to that he had been a social worker with young offenders in both the London Borough of Greenwich and Kent County Council. He has a long standing interest in media and Films. Mike has advised BBC TV on the making of a documentary about Electronic Monitoring, and given numerous interviews and participated in many TV and radio programmes.

**Baroness Veronica Linklater of Butterstone** was created a Life peer in 1997 and is a Liberal Democrat member of the House of Lords. Her career indicates her interests in children's welfare, education and special needs, and prison reform. She was educated at Cranbourne Chase School and the Universities of Sussex and London. She married Magnus Linklater and they have three children, two sons and one daughter. In 1967, she became a Child Care Officer for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, and between 1970 and 1985, she became Governor to three Islington schools. From 1971 to 1977, she co-founded the Visitors' Centre at Pentonville Prison, and her continuing interest in this field led to her involvement with the Winchester Prison Project and the Prison Reform Trust from 1981 to 1982, and then was Founder and Administrator of the Butler Trust (1983-7) of which she is a Trustee. She is a Trustee of the Esmée Fairbairn Charitable Trust, and led their project 'Rethinking Crime and Punishment'. She was Founder and Chairman of The New School, Butterstone, Perthshire. She has been a member of the Children's Hearing Panel and a Justice of the Peace. She has wide ranging interests and supports many trusts concerned with social care and development of children. She is also keenly interested in sentencing and sentencing policies.

**Professor Neil Hutton** was educated at the University of Edinburgh (MA 1976, PhD 1983) and has worked at the universities of Edinburgh, Dundee and Victoria University, New Zealand. He was appointed as a lecturer in the Law School at Strathclyde in 1990, became a Professor in 2001, and was Dean of the Faculty of Law, Arts and Social Sciences from 2005-2009. His main research interest is in the field of sentencing and punishment. He is a founder and co-Director of the Centre for Sentencing Research at the University of Strathclyde and a leading member of the team which developed the Sentencing Information System for the High Court in Scotland. He served on the Sentencing Commission for Scotland from 2003-2006 and is currently a member of the National Advisory Body for Offender Management.

**John Scott** has been a solicitor since 1987 and a solicitor-advocate (criminal only) since 2001. He is a partner in Capital Defence Lawyers, Leith. A member of the Law Society of Scotland Legal Aid Practitioners Committee and Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Centre from 1997 until its closure in 2005. John took over as Chair of the Howard League for Penal Reform in Scotland in 2006.

**John Dunn** joined COPFS in 1985 as a trainee solicitor and served the second year of that traineeship at the Procurator Fiscal's office in Paisley where he became a Procurator Fiscal Depute. In 1991 he was seconded to the Lockerbie Criminal Investigation based within the Lockerbie Incident Control Centre and in 1992 transferred to the Fraud and Specialist Services Unit which handles series and complex frauds and confiscation cases. In 1998 he joined the Lockerbie Criminal Trial Team dealing with the detailed preparation of the case against the two Libyans accused of the Lockerbie bombing and in 2000 worked as part of the trial team based in Kamp Van Zeist in the Netherlands until the conclusion of the case in 2001. Promoted to Assistant Procurator Fiscal at Edinburgh in 2002, John was appointed Head of the High Court Unit at Crown Office during the period when the Bonomy reforms were being implemented. In May 2005 he was appointed Area Procurator Fiscal for Ayrshire based at Kilmarnock, with responsibility for Summary Justice Reform. Having acted for some time as Interim Deputy Crown agent, his appointment as Deputy Crown Agent was confirmed in March 2008. John is married and lives in Fife. He enjoys mountaineering, cycling and climbing.

**Alan Baird** has been Director of Social Work and Health with Dundee City Council since 2001 having previously held posts in Dundee City, Angus, Tayside, Angus and Strathclyde Regional Councils. He is a past Chair of the Dundee Drug and Alcohol Action Team and current Chair of the Child Protection Committee in Dundee. A graduate of Moray House College of Education, Edinburgh and Dundee University, Alan has extensive experience in social work practice and management. His particular interests are in the recruitment and retention of staff as well as performance management. Alan convened the ADSW Standing Committee on Criminal Justice between 2003 and 2006; he is a member of the National Advisory Board for Offender Management and is a Social Work Advisor to COSLA. He is immediate Past President of ADSW.

**Professor Fergus McNeil** is Professor of Criminology & Social Work in the Glasgow School of Social Work and the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research at the University of Glasgow. He worked for a number of years in residential drug rehabilitation and as a criminal justice social worker prior to becoming an academic. His research interests and publications explore the interfaces between criminology, criminal justice and social work, including sentencing, community sanctions and youth justice. Latterly his work has focussed on the policy and practice implications of research evidence about the process of desistance from offending. Recent publications include *Reducing Reoffending: Social Work and Community Justice in Scotland* and *Youth Offending and Youth Justice*.

**Professor Lesley McAra** has recently been awarded a Personal Chair in Penology at the University of Edinburgh and is currently Co-Director of the Edinburgh Study of Youth Transitions and Crime, and Convenor of the Edinburgh Empirical Legal Research Network. Prior to joining the University in 1995, Lesley was Senior Research Officer within the Central Research Unit of the (then) Scottish Office where she was responsible for the development and management of a research programme evaluating social work criminal justice services. In 2004 she acted as a Specialist Advisor on youth justice to the Justice 2 Committee of the Scottish Parliament and she is currently an academic advisor to the Scottish Government Scotstat, Crime and Justice Committee. Recent publications include an article in the *European Journal of Criminology* exploring the impact of contact with youth justice agencies on patterns of desistance from offending and a chapter of crime control and penal practice in post-devolution Scotland in *Scottish Social Democracy: Progressive Ideas for Public Policy*. She is also co-editor of the book *Perspectives on Punishment: the Contours of Control*.

## Registration Notes

- 1 Full delegate registration includes access to conference on Saturday and Sunday, overnight accommodation on Friday and Saturday, Friday conference dinner, Saturday refreshments, lunch, dinner and 40th anniversary ceilidh, Sunday refreshments.
- 2 Fri/Sat delegate registration includes access to conference on Saturday only, Friday conference dinner and overnight accommodation, Saturday refreshments and lunch. Delegates are welcome to stay for dinner and the 40th anniversary ceilidh on Saturday evening but should notify and pay the hotel separately.
- 3 Sat/Sun delegate registration includes access to conference on Saturday and Sunday, Saturday refreshments, lunch, dinner, 40th anniversary ceilidh and overnight accommodation, Sunday refreshments.
- 4 Day delegate registration includes access to conference from 9.00 am Saturday and Sunday, including Saturday refreshment breaks and lunch and Sunday refreshments. Delegates are welcome to attend the Friday conference dinner at an additional charge of £50. Delegates wishing to stay for dinner on Saturday evening should notify and pay the hotel separately.
- 5 Student registration includes access to conference from 9.00 am Saturday and Sunday, Saturday refreshments and lunch, and Sunday refreshments.
- 6 \*SASO is grateful to the Scottish Government Justice Directorate for a small grant to enable the provision of subsidised places to delegates from the non-statutory sector and individuals engaged in the field in a voluntary capacity (ie who are not paid for by their employer/organisation).
- 7 Accompanied persons rates do not include conference attendance.
- 8 Registration forms may be photocopied. Delegates whose conference fees are met by their employer/organisation may complete a separate form and make separate payment arrangements for an accompanying person.
- 9 All hotel facilities, including swimming pool, are available to delegates and accompanying persons who are staying overnight.
- 10 Attendance at the full conference offers 6 hours of continuing professional development under the Law Society of Scotland regulations.
- 11 The conference is accredited under the Faculty of Advocates Continuing Professional Development Scheme.
- 12 In the event of cancellation a fee of £25 will be levied to cover administration costs. Cancellations received after 30th October may not qualify for a refund.
- 13 Completed registration forms should be forwarded to Irene Cameron, SASO Administrator, Association Management Solutions, PO Box 2781, Glasgow, G61 3YL. Tel/Fax: 0141 560 4092 E-mail: icameron@a-m-s-online.com