



THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF OFFENDING

**This is an open meeting, free
to all with an interest in
crime and criminal justice.**

**There is no need to register
to attend – just turn up on
the evening!**

**1½ hours of CPD time may
be claimed by Advocates,
Solicitors, Police and Social
Workers.**

**Registration at the event
will be required for the first
two professions.**

**Refreshments will be
available at the end of the
Lecture.**

ALL WELCOME!

Scottish Association for the Study of Offending

Edinburgh Branch

**Invite you to attend a public lecture on
Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 5.30pm**

by

**Dr Deborah Russo
Queen's University Belfast**

entitled

**“Isolation is a daily feature of my life”
The pervasive nature of isolation in Scottish
prisons**

at

**Edinburgh Sheriff Court, Chambers Street,
Edinburgh**

Dr Russo teaches Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Criminal Law. She practised as a solicitor in the fields of human rights, prison and public law before obtaining her PhD from Edinburgh University. She is a Panel Member and is now a chair in the Children's Hearings System. She was appointed as Chair of the Scottish charity Zero Tolerance in February 2023.

Her presentation considers the forms that isolation takes in prison as well as some of the factors affecting it and is based on a PhD study on experiences in Scottish prisons. It considers the specific circumstances in which isolation emerged in the experience of participants, as well as how some factors unique to them or to their circumstances affected it. The findings demonstrate that isolation is experienced throughout custody in different settings to varying degrees of intensity, illustrating how it permeates and underlies the very essence of prison life.

The aim of SASO is to bring together people with a wide range of experience in the criminal justice system so that by listening, talking and sharing experience, a better understanding of our common problems will develop.

For more information about SASO, its aims and objectives, ongoing activities and membership options please visit our website at www.sastudyoffending.org.uk

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