



THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF OFFENDING

45th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dunblane Hydro Hotel
14th – 15th November 2014

“Crime, Justice & Community”

***An opportunity to explore and discuss
crime, justice and community
in contemporary Scotland***

Conference Chair: The Hon Lady Rae

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For over 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.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 14th November

- 13.00 Arrivals & Registration
- 14.00 Conference Opens (dress informal)
- Conference Chair's Introduction: The Hon Lady Rae**
- 14.15 Keynote Address: **Sir Harry Burns, Professor of Global Public Health, University of Strathclyde: 'Is crime a health issue?'**
- 15.00 Keynote Address: **Professor Mike Nellis, Centre for Law, Crime and Justice, Strathclyde Law School 'The concept of community justice'**
- 15.45 Refreshments
- Exhibitions and Posters
- 16.15 Keynote Address: **Justina Murray, Chief Officer, South West Scotland Community Justice Authority: 'A conversation about community justice'**
- 17.00 Conference Close, day 1
- 17.00 **SASO AGM** (members only)
- 19.30 **Reception**
- 20.00 **Conference Dinner** (business/lounge suit)
- Chaired by David Strang QPM, Chairman SASO
- After Dinner Speaker: **Lesley Thomson, QC, Solicitor General for Scotland**

Saturday 15th November

- 09.20 **Chair: The Hon Lady Rae**
- 09.30 Keynote Address: **Hans Dominicus, Head of Federal Unit, Community Sanctions & Measures, Ministry of Justice, Belgium : 'Houses of Justice – a Belgian approach to community justice'**
- 10.15 Refreshments
- Exhibitions and Posters
- 10.45 Keynote Address: **Andrew Bruce, Deputy Director for Community Justice, Scottish Government 'What is the Government's role in delivering community justice'**
- 11.30 Keynote Address: Christine Scullion, Director of Development, The Robertson Trust: **'An independent funder's journey towards taking an evidence based approach'**
- 12.00 Practitioners' Panel: **Sheriff Lindsay Wood, Sharon Stirrat** (Shine Women's Mentoring Service), **Rhona Hotchkiss** (Governor, Dumfries Prison)
- 13.00 Lunch
- Exhibition and Posters
- 14.00 Interactive Session: led by the **Crown Agent, Catherine Dyer: 'Prosecution decisions in the public interest'**
- Delegates will have the opportunity to examine and discuss a number of case studies, delivered in an interactive session. They will explore the dilemmas faced by all stakeholders and consider solutions, acknowledging the contributions of all agencies and organisations.
- 15.30 Refreshments
- Exhibitions and Posters
- 16.00 Keynote Address: **The Rt Hon Henry McLeish: 'What next? Justice after the Referendum'**
- 16.45 Conference Close

GUEST SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

The Hon Lady Rae

Rita Rae QC is a Senator of the College of Justice. She was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 1982 and was a Sheriff of Glasgow and Strathkelvin from 1997 to 2013. She was a temporary High Court Judge from 2004 to 2013 and became a High Court Judge in 2013. She was a member of the Parole Board for Scotland from 2001 to 2007 and Vice Chair from 2005 to 2007. She was Chair of the Glasgow Branch of SASO from 2003 to 2014. She was a member of the Sentencing Commission for Scotland from 2004 to 2007.

Sir Harry Burns

Sir Harry Burns started his career in general surgery and for 5 years was a consultant surgeon at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. In 1993 he became Director of Public Health for the Greater Glasgow Health Board. From 2005 to 2014 he was Chief Medical Officer for Scotland. He is now Professor of Global Public Health at the University of Strathclyde.

Professor Mike Nellis

Mike Nellis is an Emeritus Professor in Criminal Justice, having been Professor of Criminal and Community Justice in the Glasgow School of Social Work, University of Strathclyde until 2010. He was a social worker and worked with young offenders from 1990 to 2003. He has written extensively on the probation service, community penalties and electronic monitoring.

Justina Murray

Justina joined South West Scotland Community Justice Authority (CJA) as Chief Officer in April 2010, following almost six years as Coordinator of North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership. She returned to Scotland from New Zealand in 2004, where she spent three years working for the Equal Employment Opportunities Trust and Auckland Regional Council's public policy team. Before these travels, Justina had worked in local government in Stirling and Clackmannanshire in research and policy roles.

Lesley Thomson, QC

Lesley Thomson was appointed Solicitor General for Scotland in 2011. She joined the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service in 1985 and has extensive experience as a prosecutor. She was appointed Procurator Fiscal for Glasgow in 2008. She is a specialist in prosecuting serious crime. She was appointed to the board of Scottish Rugby in 2013, the first woman to be so appointed.

Hans Dominicus

Hans Dominicus is a social worker and criminologist and worked with offenders executing a community sentence from 1999 to 2001. In 2001 he joined the head office of the Ministry of Justice and became a staff member of the Federal Unit of Community Sanctions and Measures which later integrated with the new Directorate General 'Houses of Justice'. From 2009 to 2012, he was appointed as advisor to the Minister of Justice in the Cabinet of the Minister. Since 2012, he has held the position of Head of the Unit Community Sanctions and Measures and Head of Knowledge Management and Policy Support Unit within the Probation Service. As a result of the latest State Reform in Belgium, he was also appointed as special advisor in the process of transferring the Houses of Justice (Probation Services) from a Federal to a Regional level. He is a board member of the Penology and Victimology Department of 'Panopticon', the Journal of Criminal Law, Criminology and Forensic Social Work. His main fields of expertise are probation, mediation, electronic monitoring, offender management and community sentencing. He has published several articles about victim-offender mediation and community sentencing in Belgium.

Andrew Bruce

Andy Bruce is Deputy Director for Community Justice at the Scottish Government. His previous posts in the Scottish Government have included jobs working on public health, health inequalities and social work services. Prior to joining the Scottish Government Andy spent five years working for the Ministry of Defence in London and Cyprus before moving to Edinburgh in 2005 to take up a secondment with a schools-based charity delivering an alternative curriculum to young people.

Christine Scullion

Christine Scullion has worked for The Robertson Trust, the largest independent Trust in Scotland, for 14 years. Prior to that, she was an Outward Bound Instructor, working with young people with physical disabilities and managed the Council of Voluntary Service in Fort William. Last year the Robertson Trust provided £17M to support the work of charities in Scotland and over the past five years has developed a particular interest in supporting charities that work with offenders and their families; address alcohol misuse; and develop community sports initiatives. The Trust has invested £2M in the Scottish Government's Reducing Reoffending Change Fund along with the Scottish Prison Service.

Sheriff Lindsay Wood

Sheriff Wood was appointed a Sheriff in Glasgow in 2003 having been a solicitor for over 20 years. He has presided over specialist courts, including the commercial court and the drug court. He is currently President of the Sheriffs' Association.

Sharon Stirrat

Sharon has been a qualified social worker for 30 years and holds an MSc in Management and Advanced Award in Social Work Practice. She has worked as a social worker in Strathclyde Regional Council, Central Regional Council and Falkirk Council where she managed the criminal justice social work service from 1991. In 2008 Sharon was seconded into the Scottish Government's Reducing Reoffending Programme and employed as a COSLA Consultant and Professional Adviser. In 2012 she became Convenor of the Association of Directors of Social Work Criminal Justice Standing Committee before taking up the role of Director of Operations (West) at Sacro in October 2012.

Catherine Dyer

Catherine Dyer graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1982, working as a solicitor in private practice before being appointed as Procurator Fiscal Depute in 1986. She returned to private practice in 1990, but later rejoined Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service and worked as a front line prosecutor in a number of locations across Scotland. She also worked as specialist prosecutor in the High Court Unit based at Crown Office. She held office as Procurator Fiscal for Linlithgow before being appointed as the first woman to hold the post of Area Procurator Fiscal at Glasgow, the largest prosecutors office in Scotland, between 2003 and 2008. Thereafter she created and led the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Strategy & Delivery Unit. In February 2010 she became the first woman to be appointed as Crown Agent and Chief Executive. She is also currently the Diversity and Equality Champion for the Scottish Government and holds office as Queen's & Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer for Scotland.

The Rt Hon Henry McLeish

The Right Honourable Henry McLeish, a former professional football player, began his political career in Fife in the early 1970's, working his way through the ranks of the Kirkcaldy District Council and the Fife Regional Council. Elected to the United Kingdom Parliament in 1987, he was the Member of Parliament for Central Fife from 1987 to 2001 and the Member of the Scottish Parliament for Central Fife from 1999 to 2003, during which time he also served as the second First Minister of Scotland, from 2000 to 2001.

During the last few years, he has been visiting professor and lecturer at a number of Universities in the US, teaching European Union studies and UK Government and Politics. He is currently Visiting Professor of European Studies at the University of Arkansas and Honorary Professor at Edinburgh University. He is a published author and a regular contributor to newspapers and broadcasting.

He was a member of the Broadcasting Commission and Chair of the Scottish Prisons Commission, both set up by the Scottish Government. He is Chair of the National Mining Museum of Scotland and was Chair of a major review of Scottish football commissioned by the Scottish Football Association. He now chairs a Sports Commission for the Scottish Government. He has recently been appointed by the Government to lead the Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board.

Registration Notes

- 1 Residential registration includes access to conference on Friday and Saturday including lunch and refreshments (both days), Conference Dinner (Friday) and overnight accommodation (Friday).
- 2 Non-Residential registration includes access to conference on Friday and Saturday including lunch and refreshments (both days).
- 3 Student registration includes access to conference on Friday and Saturday including lunch and refreshments (both days).
- 4 Discounted rate available for the non-statutory sector and individuals engaged in the field in a voluntary capacity (i.e. who are not paid for by their employer/organisation).
- 5 Accompanied persons rates do not include conference attendance.
- 6 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.
- 7 All hotel facilities, including swimming pool & gymnasium, are available to delegates and accompanying persons who are staying overnight.
- 8 Attendance at the full conference may constitute 8 hours of continuing professional development under the Law Society of Scotland regulations.
- 9 The conference is accredited under the Faculty of Advocates Continuing Professional Development Scheme.
- 10 In the event of cancellation a fee of £35 will be levied to cover administration costs. Cancellations received after 3rd October 2014 may not qualify for a refund.
- 11 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: info@sastudyoffending.org.uk



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