

SASO Glasgow Branch Conference
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"The exploitation of the vulnerable"
- how the law protects the dignity of vulnerable individuals

Speaker Biographies

Kirsty Wark – Conference Chair



Kirsty Wark is one of Britain's most experienced television journalists. She has presented a wide range of programmes over the past twenty seven years - from the ground breaking Late Show to Election specials, live stadium events and, since 1993, the BBC's flagship nightly current affairs show Newsnight. She also hosted the weekly Arts and Cultural review and comment show, The Review Show (formerly Newsnight Review) for over a decade. She has conducted long form interviews with everyone from Margaret Thatcher to Madonna, Harold Pinter to Pete Doherty, Damian Hirst to George Clooney and the likes of Toni Morrison, Donna Tartt and Philip Roth.

Kirsty has made cameo appearances in a range of television dramas, radio programmes and films. She has featured in Dr Who, Absolutely Fabulous, The IT Crowd, Spooks, The Amazing Mrs Pritchard, The Acid House, Beyond the Pole, Party Animals, With Great Pleasure and The Politician's Husband. She reached the final in Celebrity Masterchef in 2011 and hosted the culinary quiz A Question of Taste for BBC2. She is currently making documentaries for BBC Television. Kirsty has won several major awards for her work including BAFTA Awards for Outstanding Contribution to Broadcasting, Journalist of the Year and Best Television Presenter. Kirsty was born in Dumfries and educated in Kilmarnock. She is married to Alan Clements and has two children. Her debut novel, The Legacy of Elizabeth Pringle, was published in March 2014 by Two Roads - an imprint of Hodder & Stoughton.

Katy Macfarlane

Katy Macfarlane began her career as a secondary school teacher of Economics and Accounting for seven years. She graduated in Law from Edinburgh University, after which she headed up the Scottish Child Law Centre from 1999 until 2007.

Katy is now a Senior Teaching Fellow in the Law School at Edinburgh University where she teaches Child and Family Law courses on the LL.B and Legal Diploma (she also teaches Employment Law, Financial Services and Accounting!). Katy is a qualified solicitor, safeguarder in the children's hearings system, reporter and curator *ad litem* in family actions in Edinburgh Sheriff Court and a trained and experienced mediator. She is also a member of the Justice for Children group. Katy is part of the team-of-four tasked with annotating the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 for W Green and is co-editor of Green's Family Law Bulletin.



Robert Fyfe

Robert Fyfe qualified as a social worker at Moray House in 1974 and spent 35 years working with the local authority in Glasgow, mainly in the field of criminal justice. For many years he managed the Social Work Services to the Glasgow courts, and was instrumental in setting up the Bail Information and Supervision Service, Supervised Attendance Orders and Diversion from Prosecution Scheme in Glasgow. During this time he was awarded an MSc in Advanced Social Work Practice and a Bachelor of Laws degree.

Since gaining early retirement, Robert has acted as a Practice Teacher and as an Appropriate Adult with the Social Work Standby Service.

Mhairi McGowan

Mhairi McGowan is Head of Service for ASSIST & Domestic Abuse Services within Community Safety Glasgow. ASSIST is a key risk reduction intervention, aimed at increasing the safety of victim/survivors and their children and is the only Scottish project to have SafeLives Leading Lights Accreditation. ASSIST was Scotland's first Independent Domestic Abuse Advocacy project and supports female and male victims through the criminal justice process. Co-located with Police Scotland, ASSIST has expanded from a small city based project to covering most of the West Command of Police Scotland, making the service available to nearly half of Scotland's population. Previously, Mhairi spent 10 years in Women's Aid and 22 years in the Civil Service where her particular focus was building multi agency cooperation in both policy and practice.



Doosuur Zasha

Doosuur Zasha is a member of the Dignity Alert & Research Forum (DARF) Board and their youngest trainer. Doosuur holds a Masters in Public Health and is a current PhD candidate of International Health and Development at Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh. She has experience in conducting research with vulnerable, disadvantaged groups, predominantly with young adolescent girls in facilitating their views and opinions to be heard. Doosuur's key research skills include relevant research designs tailored to young and excluded populations. Last year she shadowed and learned training skills from Fatou Baldeh and now leads DARF training sessions too.

Assistant Chief Constable Malcolm Graham

ACC Malcolm Graham joined Lothian and Borders Police in 1995. Between 1995 and 2003, he worked in a number of patrol and investigative roles in each rank. In 2003, he became a Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) and was also the SIO for Scottish victims of the tsunami in South East Asia. He has held the position of Detective Superintendent with responsibility for public protection, during which time he led on Child Protection and Crime Scene Management for the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland (ACPOS). In August 2008, he was promoted to the post of Head of the Criminal Investigation Department for Lothian and Borders Police, tackling serious and organised crime, major crime investigation, counter terrorism and intelligence.

In 2008, he was awarded an MSc with merit in Police Leadership. He was appointed as Divisional Commander for the City of Edinburgh in June 2012, with responsibility for all policing across the City. In January 2013, he was appointed as an Assistant Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland with responsibility for Major Crime and Public Protection.



Iain Logan

Iain Logan has worked for the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) as a Procurator Fiscal Depute since 2006. After starting as a trainee in Crown Office he mainly worked in the Sheriffdom of North Strathclyde at Dumbarton, Paisley, Greenock and Campbeltown Sheriff Courts before moving to work in the Policy Division of COPFS in 2012. He has been closely involved in the work being carried out by COPFS in relation to the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill. Iain has recently completed an LLM in Criminal Justice and Penal Change at the University of Strathclyde.