

National Youth Justice Conference 2025
Day 1 – Wednesday 11th June
Childhood, Safeguarding and the Children's Hearing System

8.30am	Registration and refreshments
9.30am	Chair's welcome, John Trainer , Head of Children and Justice Social Work/ Chief Social Work Officer, Renfrewshire Council
9.40am	Natalie Don-Innes , Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Scottish Government.
9.50am	Contextual Safeguarding – UK perspectives Keynote Speaker: Professor Carlene Firmin , Professor of Social Work, Durham University
10.20 am	Contextual Safeguarding – Local Implementation Speaker: Nicole Savage , Senior Officer, North Lanarkshire Council
10.30am	Contextual Safeguarding – Scotland's approach
10.40am	Panel Q&A
11.00am	Comfort break, Refreshments & Networking
11.30am	Workshops
12.30pm	Lunch & Networking
1.30pm	Workshops
2.30pm	Children's Hearings – Risk, protection, and meeting the needs of the older child Katharina Kasper , Chair of the Board, Children's Hearing Scotland Neil Hunter , Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Charles Rocks , Head of Children, Families and Justice (Depute Chief Social Work Officer), Dumfries & Galloway Council
	Panel Q&A
3.45pm	CYCJ Training
3.55 pm	Evaluation
4.00pm	John Trainer , Chair closes Day 1
5.00pm	World Congress Twilight Session
6.30pm	Dinner

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Day 2 – Thursday 12th June
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- 8.30am** Registration and Refreshments
- 9.30am** Chair’s welcome, **Fiona Steel**, National Director for Scotland, Action for Children
- 9.35am** Criminal Exploitation of Children – UK perspective
Keynote Speaker: Dr Grace Robinson, Founder and Director of Blackbox Research and Consultancy
- 10.10am** **Creative Change Collective**
- 10.30am** Child Criminal Exploitation – Scotland's response
Sharon McIver, Director of Criminal Exploitation UK, Action for Children
Donna McEwan, Practice Development Advisor, The Children and Young People’s Centre for Justice (CYCJ)
Carrie McLaughlan, Programme Manager, Highland Council
- Panel Q&A
- 11.15am** Comfort break, Refreshments & Networking
- 11.45am** Lightning talks
- Alternatives to deprivation of liberty – MRCs and Places of Safety
 - Knife crime and violence
 - Restorative Justice
- Panel Q&A
- 12.30 pm** Key legislative and policy developments over next 12 months, The Scottish Government
- 12.50 pm** Evaluation
- 12.55pm** **Fiona Steel**, Chair’s Closing Remarks
- 1.00pm** Buffet lunch