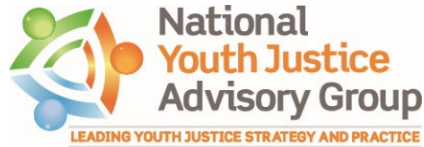


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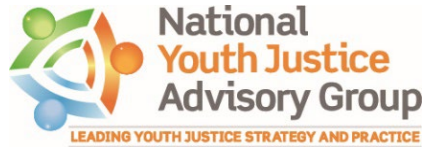
Day 1 – Wednesday 17th June

Diversity, Inequality and Justice

- 8.30 am Registration and Refreshments
- 9.30 am Welcome and introduction to the conference Chair
Prof Fiona Dyer, Director of The Children and Young People's Centre for Justice
- 9.35 am Chair's welcome
Joanna Macdonald, Chief Executive of the National Social Work Agency and National Chief Social Work Adviser to the Scottish Government
- 9.45 am Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Scottish Government
- 9:55 am **"Inequalities, institutions, interventions and interactions in the lives of young people in conflict with the law"**
Keynote speaker, **Luke Billingham**, Youth Worker and Academic Researcher, Hackney Quest
- 10.25 am Panel discussion **"Diversity, inequality and the experience of justice"**
- **Lucien Staddon Foster**, Research and Policy Officer, Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights
 - **Dr Kayleigh Charlton**, Research Associate, The Children and Young People's Centre for Justice
 - **Laura Price**, Deputy CEO and Head of Training and Programmes, Power the Fight
 - **Luke Billingham**, Youth Worker and Academic Researcher, Hackney Quest
- 11.15 am Comfort Break, Refreshments and Networking
- 11.50 am Workshops
- 12.50 pm Lunch and Networking
- 2.00 pm Workshops



- 3.00 pm Comfort Break
- 3.15 pm **“Framework for Integrated Care, Complexity, Collaboration, Compassion”**
Keynote Speaker, **Andrew Nichols-Clarke**, Head of Health & Justice Children Programme, NHS England
- 3.45 pm Panel discussion **“Collaboration, harm reduction and integrated care”**
- **ACC Mark Sutherland**, Assistant Chief Constable, Police Scotland
 - **Claire Borden**, Interim Service Manager (Children and Justice Services) South Lanarkshire Council
 - **Geoff Tordzro-Taylor**, Head of Research & Development, RMA (Reducing Serious Harm - OLRs and Formulation)
 - **Andrew Nichols-Clarke**, Head of Health & Justice Children Programme, NHS England
- 4.30 pm Closing remarks, Chair **Joanna Macdonald**
- 5.30 pm Refreshments
- 6:30 pm Conference dinner



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Day 2 – Thursday 18th of June

Diversity, Inequality and Justice

- 8.30 am Registration and Refreshments
- 9.30 am Welcome and introduction to the conference Chair
Ranald McTaggart, Deputy Director of The Children and Young People’s Centre for Justice
- 9.35 am Chair’s welcome
Juliet Harris, Director of Together (Scottish Alliance for Children’s Rights)
- 9.45 am **“Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Criminal Justice System: Important Considerations and Recommendations”**
Keynote speaker, **Prof Clare Allely**, Professor of Forensic Psychology, University of Salford
- 10.25 am Panel discussion **“Capacity, participation and rights”**
- **Dr Tracy Kirk**, Lecturer in Child and Family Law at the University of Stirling
 - **James Hamilton**, Principal Speech and Language Therapist Tier 4 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
 - **Katy Nisbet**, Head of Legal Policy at Clan Childlaw
 - **Prof Clare Allely**, Professor of Forensic Psychology, University of Salford
- 11.10 am Comfort Break, Refreshments and Networking
- 11.50 am **‘GIVIT some STREET’** performance
- 12:15 pm **“‘Red Threads’: Children, Families, Rights, and Justice”**
Keynote speaker **Prof Nancy Loucks** OBE, Chief Executive of Families Outside
- 12.45 pm Conference feedback
- 12.55 pm Closing remarks, Chair **Juliet Harris**
- 1.00 pm Buffet lunch