



Glasgow and West of Scotland
Forum of Housing Associations

Annual Conference 2019

“Supporting our Communities to flourish”

FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2019
9.15am – 3.45pm
Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow

Cost - Members £195 Non-members £250



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9.15 – 9.45 **Registration and Tea/Coffee/Pastries**

Morning Plenary

9.45 – 9.50 **Welcome from the Chair - Helen Moore**

9.50 – 10.00 **Setting the context - David Bookbinder, Director, GWSF**

10.00 – 10.30 **Ministerial Address**

Aileen Campbell, MSP, Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government

10.30 – 11.15 **Scotland’s prospects of tackling child poverty**

Dr Jim McCormick, Associate Director Scotland, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Sadly, poverty is back on the UK-wide agenda after a more positive period in the previous decade. In Scotland we have the added complexity of having control over some aspects of the problem but not over others. Jim looks at what scope there is for Scotland to make real inroads into child poverty, and highlights JRF’s current work in this area, including on Universal Credit and the recently announced Scottish Child Payment.

11.15 – 11.40 **Break and Exhibition Viewing**

11.45 – 1.00 **Workshops will include sessions on:**

- What CCHAs are doing to help tackle poverty in their communities
- Self-assessment - what have CCHAs learnt?
- Scottish Government’s ‘Housing to 2040’
- CCHAs and social media

1.00 – 2.00 **Lunch and Exhibition Viewing**

Afternoon Plenary

2.05 – 2.30 **'Our Association's Journey' – featuring a GWSF member (TBC)**

2.30 – 3.00 **Crime and punishment – alternative approaches**

Karyn McCluskey, Chief Executive, Community Justice Scotland

In any society there'll always be calls for a punitive approach to violence and offending, whilst others will favour a more imaginative approach. Karen looks at what the evidence actually tells us, and how can we deal with offenders more innovatively whilst still keeping people safe.

3.00 – 3.30 **Democratic innovation: Involving citizens and communities in local decision making**

Dr Oliver Escobar, Lecturer in Public Policy, University of Edinburgh/Co-director, 'What Works Scotland.'

Oliver will offer some thought-provoking ideas, and an overview of research on civic participation in Scotland and beyond, including some international examples. He will also consider the implications of the Scottish Government's recent 'Democracy Matters' consultation and Local Governance Review.

3.30 – 3.40 **Final thoughts/thanks**
David Bookbinder GWSF Director / Helen Moore, GWSF Chair



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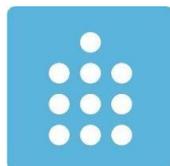
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