



Western Isles Child Protection Committee

Keynote Speaker Event



Childhood to Adulthood... ...The Challenges

****Places Available to Book Now****

- Wednesday 24th September 2014
- 10.00 – 4.00pm (registration opens at 9.30am)
- Lunch and refreshments provided
- An Lanntair Arts Centre, Kenneth Street, Stornoway



Jim Gamble, Inequ Chief Executive Officer & Former Chief Executive of CEOP

Jim will speak about the development of internet technology and the ever increasing opportunities to offend on line. He will review the relationship between children and technology and offenders and technology. He will then offer strategies and tactics for child protection professionals, parents and educators to deploy to keep children safe by counteracting offenders techniques and better enabling children.

Jim has over 30 years' experience in the sphere of protective services with a strong reputation for successful delivery in organised and hi-tech crime prevention and child protection. His primary focus currently is on developing effective, multi-sector partnerships that make people safer.



Dr Mark Smith, Head of Social Work, University of Edinburgh

Mark will comment on adolescence and child protection primarily from a care setting perspective. He has presented as a counter balance to Bill Whyte in the past and the two offer a blended picture on social education within this particular age cohort.

Dr Mark Smith is currently involved in teaching across the social work programmes at University of Edinburgh. He has worked and managed in residential school, care settings and in secure accommodation for almost 20 years. In 2000 he relocated to University of Strathclyde to develop and teach the inaugural Masters course in Advanced Residential Child Care to be taught anywhere in Great Britain.



Bill Whyte, Professor of Social Work Studies in Criminal and Youth Justice

Bill will speak about national and international developments and new challenges in youth justice practice set within the context of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child and European Standards. He will explain why they have direct implications for child protection practice.

Bill is currently teaching on youth and criminal justice social work, practice, policy and law, desistance from crime and effective intervention for undergraduate, postgraduate and post qualifying programmes. His recent research activities focus on routes out of prison, young people under 18 subject to Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), young people involved in sexually harmful behaviour, young people connected to organised crime, and restorative practice in response to serious crime.

Booking Information

If you are interested in booking your place on this event, please contact:

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