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### Bridging the Void: Making communities safer - Guest article by Professor Fergus McNeill, University of Glasgow



It is probably no exaggeration to say that, for as long as human beings have lived in social groups and have had the capacity to build, they have built both barriers and bridges. We might assume that we build barriers (or walls) for safety and stability, and that we build bridges to enable mobility. We need to move to find what we need to survive and thrive (and sometimes to flee from threats); but we also need to be able to return to a safe place where we can settle, to rest and to be at peace.

The penal system is more associated with walls than bridges. Even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century we remain reliant on the ancient technology of building walls to put and keep people away, when they have caused harm. Thankfully, we now practice permanent banishment only very rarely. But this means that we also compel those that we release from prison to find a way 'home'. For people leaving prison in Scotland, this is often a perilous journey. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that many have to traverse a void to find their way to a safe place where they can settle and be at peace. More than 11,000 Scottish citizens attempt that traverse each year. But many of them never really make it 'home'. About 30% leaving prison have no home to go to. About 40% are reconvicted within 2 years. People released from prison are also at much higher risk of early death, including by suicide and drug overdose. Put simply, the void that punishment widens is swallowing far too many of our folk.

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New Fireworks Advice Hub Launched by the Child Accident Prevention Trust



The new CAPT **fireworks advice hub** makes it easy for you to share safety messages with families. You'll find:

- **Fireworks buying guide** – to help families avoid dangerous fireworks.
- **Fireworks safety tips** – essential tips for families doing their own display.
- **Lessons for little ones** – a downloadable resource to help you teach children about safety.
- **Warning to parents** – a real story to share.
- **In an emergency** – good first aid will reduce the likelihood of lifelong scarring.

**Please share this advice** so families are in the know this fireworks night, however they decide to celebrate.

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### **New Briefing Paper: Hate Crime in Scotland - the current context**

Hate Crime Awareness Week took place between 9-16 October. We were pleased to publish a new Briefing Paper on the current context of hate crime in Scotland.

We'll also be holding an event on Hate Crime in the coming weeks/months - so stay tuned!

You can read the Briefing Paper [here](#).

### **Case Study: Operation Moonbeam, North Ayrshire**

Operation Moonbeam is a nationwide programme that is the annual response to the delivery of community safety during the month of November, especially in the lead up to the fireworks festivities. It is the work that is done in planning prior to and after 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Read this case study in full on our website [here](#).

### **SCSN Seeking new Chair Person and trustees**

#### **Closing date 8 November**

Following our AGM on September 15<sup>th</sup>, Ian Hanley of Inverclyde Council, stepped down from his role as SCSN Chair Person after 2 years.

We thank Ian for all of his hard work and enthusiasm in the role! SCSN are now seeking applications for the vacant position of Chair person, as well as seeking new trustees for our board.

You can find out more & how to apply [here](#).

## Question of the Month

Our last newsletter was themed on 'Trauma Informed Practice'. We featured a guest article by Laura James of the Improvement Service, who also provided our Question of the Month.

We asked:

***"Have you ever accessed training or resources related to trauma-informed practice in your work?"***

- 87% said Yes (13 votes)
- 13% said No (2 votes)
- 0% said Not Sure

## Question of the Month October 2021

Our Question of the Month for October comes from Professor Fergus McNeill and relates to topics discussed in the article and interview within this newsletter!

We're asking:

***Are you doing all that you can and should to help reintegrate people who have served their time in prison or on community sentences?***

You can take part in our poll [here](#).

## SCSN Conversations with...

### Professor Fergus McNeill, University of Glasgow

Our 'Conversations With...' interview this month is with Professor Fergus McNeill.

Fergus McNeill is Professor of Criminology and Social Work at the University of Glasgow where he works in the [Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research](#) and in Sociology. Prior to becoming an academic in 1998, Fergus worked for a decade in residential drug rehabilitation and as a criminal justice social worker. His many research projects and publications have examined institutions, cultures and practices of punishment and rehabilitation and their alternatives. Currently,

Fergus is working on '[Distant Voices: Coming Home](#)' which is a major, multi-partner Economic and Social Research Council/Arts and Humanities Research Council project exploring re-integration after punishment through creative practices and research methods. His most recent books include '[Reimagining Rehabilitation: Beyond the Individual](#)' (with Lol Burke and Steve Collett) and '[Pervasive Punishment: Making sense of mass supervision](#)'.

Watch the interview on our Youtube channel [here](#).



#### **SCSN Event: How to use learning from the pandemic to design better partnership working – a learning event for Community Safety Partnerships - 10am - 12pm, 23 November 2021**

*This is a joint event run by Evaluation Support Scotland (ESS) and the Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN)*

Feedback and insights tell us that Community Safety Partnerships worked very differently to support communities during Covid-19 – providing opportunities to learn more about future work. By evaluating your partnership during the crisis, you can decide what to hold

on to in the future (what has showed signs of promise during the crisis) and what do you want to let go of (about old ways of working in partnership).

Stepping back to **evaluate** and **learn** about your response to the crisis can help improve what you do or guide future strategy and plans. Evaluation Support Scotland (ESS) and Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN) are holding a joint event for Community Safety Partnerships interested in **understanding** and **learning** about the impact of their partnerships during the Covid-19 crisis.

Find out more and book your place [here](#).

#### **CrimeStoppers & Fearless launch Fireworks misuse campaign**

##### **Appeal to young people to anonymously speak up as charity Fearless.org helps stop fireworks misuse**

Fearless.org – the youth programme of independent charity Crimestoppers – has today launched its annual fireworks misuse campaign at Scotland's biggest school – Holyrood Secondary School in Glasgow.

Alongside Police and Scottish Fire Rescue

Service, the youth charity welcomed Minister for Community Safety, Ash Regan MSP, to see first-hand the collective approach they're taking to educating young people across Scotland ahead of Bonfire Night.

Supported by Scottish Government's Building Safer Communities, the Fearless campaign aims to raise awareness of both the dangers and impact of firework misuse and deliberate fire-raising and encourage young people to contact the charity 100% anonymously if they know or suspect someone involved.

Read this article in full on our website [here](#).

## Consultation on Scotland's new suicide prevention strategy

A consultation about Scotland's new Suicide Prevention Strategy is underway. The [Scottish Government](#) and [COSLA](#) aim to publish the new national strategy and action plan next September. As part of this work they are now reaching out to people and organisations across Scotland, to hear about what is working well and what could work better to help reduce suicide. These views will help shape the new strategy which hopes to build on the work of the current Suicide Prevention Action Plan, [Every Life Matters](#).

A series of 'regional' and 'national' online engagement events are being held over the next month or so. Regional online events will focus on suicide prevention at a local level. National online events will consider the Scotland-wide context. Individuals or organisations can sign-up for either or both types of events. The Scottish Government and COSLA would welcome the input from the

[United To Prevent Suicide social movement](#) in these important sessions. To secure your spot at one of these events click [here](#).

You can also share your views about the future strategy through the [Suicide Prevention Strategy Development Questionnaire](#). The [questionnaire](#) has been deliberately designed to be open to allow you to share your thoughts. You don't need to answer every question, but if you do, then you probably need to set aside an hour to complete the [questionnaire](#). However, the good news is you don't have to do it all at the one time as you can save the [questionnaire](#) and go back and finish completing it later. The [questionnaire](#) is open until Sunday 21 November.

If you have any questions about the [online engagement events](#) or the [questionnaire](#) then please email: [contact@suicidepreventionengagement.scot](mailto:contact@suicidepreventionengagement.scot)

### Pilot Suicide Prevention service launched

Scotland's [National Suicide Prevention Leadership Group](#) (NSPLG) have launched a pilot service which will provide practical and emotional support to families who have lost a loved one to suicide. [Penumbra](#) and [Support in Mind Scotland](#), two of Scotland's leading mental health charities, are working in partnership to deliver the services across two health board areas, [NHS Ayrshire & Arran](#) and [NHS Highland](#). For further information about the new service please go to the [NSPLG blog](#).

### Legal Services regulation reform in Scotland

Views are being sought on developing a system of legal services regulation that would promote a flourishing legal sector and place consumer interests at its heart.

Ministers want to ensure the system of regulation in Scotland incorporates the competitive provision of legal services, the public and consumer interest; and that supports a strong and independent legal profession whilst encompassing the rule of law.

Find out more and take part in the consultation [here](#).

### Police Scotland launch 'That Guy' aiming to reduce rape, sexual assault and harassment

THAT GUY is a new campaign from Police Scotland that aims to reduce rape, serious sexual assault and harassment by having frank conversations with men about male sexual entitlement.

You can view the website for the campaign [here](#).

You can support the campaign on social media by following @ThatGuyScotland on Twitter, Facebook & Instagram.





## Minimal change in alcohol-related crime following implementation of MUP

A study published by Public Health Scotland indicates that Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) had minimal impact on alcohol-related crime in Scotland following its introduction in May 2018.

Alcohol-related crime, disorder and public nuisance in Scotland were found to be going down prior to MUP, but there was no statistically significant change after its

introduction. This was also true of non-alcohol-related crimes such as drug-related crime.

Researchers from the Manchester Metropolitan University Crime & Well-Being Big Data Centre analysed Police Scotland data, to understand the effect of MUP on alcohol-related crime, disorder and public nuisance, non-alcohol-related crime and drug-related crime. The data covered the period from January 2015 to January 2020, including the 21 months after MUP was implemented. Additional data provided by Greater Manchester Police allowed the researchers to compare alcohol-related crime and disorder in Greater Glasgow (with MUP in place) and Greater Manchester (without MUP).

Limited changes were observed across types of crime, across local authority areas in Scotland, and in the relationship between important socio-economic characteristics and alcohol-related crime and disorder.

Read more & download the briefing paper & full report [here](#).

## Academic reports examine police use of pandemic powers

Members of Edinburgh Law School's Understanding Inequalities project have published two new high profile reports.

The [first report](#), authored by Professor Susan McVie, details data on the number of charges reported by Police Scotland under the Coronavirus Regulations between March 2020 and June 2021 to the Crown Office.

It also looks at the prosecutorial decisions that were taken in these cases and the outcomes of disposals. The data provide assurance that a very small proportion of all pandemic related policing activity resulted in a report to the

COPFS and that decisions made in respect of these charges were broadly in line with usual prosecutorial practice.

The [second report](#), published by Professor Susan McVie and Dr Ben Matthews, scrutinises the police use of fixed penalty noticed (FPNs) under the temporary powers introduced by the Coronavirus Regulations to help stop the spread of the virus.

This report examines all FPNs issued between March and December 2020. It represents the most detailed analysis for any UK police force of how many FPNs were issued, who received them, and where and when FPNs were issued. Importantly, it also shows how rates and patterns of enforcement changed over time.

## Police Scotland adopts Unseen anti-slavery app

Police Scotland marked Anti-Slavery Day by adopting a simple and innovative approach to tackling human trafficking and exploitation.

From 18 October 2021, officers can use the Unseen App hosted by the UK's Modern Slavery and Exploitation Helpline.

The app has been downloaded to officers' mobile devices to support them when they suspect someone may be a victim of trafficking or exploitation. It helps them spot the signs of different types of exploitation which ensures the correct support and welfare provisions are put in place for victims.

Read more [here](#).

Though we didn't realise it when we started, over 4 years ago, in the 'Distant Voices – Coming Home' project, we began exploring both the dimensions of that void, and whether and how bridges can be built across it. Distant Voices is a collaborative research project, run in partnership between the Universities of Glasgow, Edinburgh and the West of Scotland, and the arts and community development organisation Vox Liminis. From the outset, we have tried to combine creative practices (mainly song-writing), research, knowledge exchange and public engagement, in an innovative exploration of punishment and re/integration. This November, we will be sharing some of what we've learned in an online festival to mark the end of the project, fittingly entitled 'Bridging the Void'.

It's hard to sum up all that learning here – and the different people involved will doubtless have different aspects that they might want to highlight. Speaking for myself, as someone with 30+ years of criminal justice involvement, first as a volunteer worker, then as a practitioner and then as a criminologist, Distant Voices has both enriched and complicated my prior understandings of these issues. But it has also changed the way that I engage with and feel about them.

I already knew – both from practice and from criminology – that punishment often does more harm than good. But listening to people's stories as mediated through songs, I've been confronted much more forcefully with the ways in which criminal justice simplifies, flattens and distorts those stories, and with the myriad ways that punishment alienates, marginalises and excludes people. I've also been re-assured by the ways that people find to resist, subvert and survive these processes.

But, for me, perhaps the most important learning has been about how to build bridges. I've seen how, time and again, a commitment to a belief in everyone's ability to make something good; enacted in conditions that enable people to become vulnerable and to risk creativity, allows people to co-produce beautiful, moving, revealing and challenging songs. But more than that, when we do these things together, we also make (or remake) ourselves and each other; we make or remake

the connections between us; and we make or remake community. In many different ways, it is the diverse people involved in Distant Voices who have modelled to me not just more creative ways of exploring, understanding and representing human experience, but also more creative ways of becoming connected with one another in a complex, vibrant, joyful and challenging community.

These practices of integration that we've explored, in different ways, also reflect practices associated with community development, restorative justice and, more broadly, with participatory approaches to democratic politics. But the creative dimension of our practices has also been at the heart of everything we've learned. Early on we coined the mantra 'make, share, learn' to describe what we were doing, and it still holds good; except that now I'd say 'make together, share together, learn together', reflecting the importance of collaboration and community. Building bridges requires a great deal of preparation and work on both sides of the void, by people with quite different skills and perspectives, before we can even hope to span the divide. If it takes a village to raise a child, then it requires a creative and diverse community to build (and sustain) bridges....

**Read the remainder of this article on our website [here](#).**

### **"It's not Really Hate Crime" – Reframing Hate Crime as not Police Business" – Police Narratives of Resistance and Denial**

Within a global pandemic and increased questioning of police utility and legitimacy around racism and violence against women and girls (VAWG), [this article](#) examines the gap between police policy and practices on hate crime. Based on research with police forces in Canada and the UK, it demonstrates how police officers view hate crime through a policing rather than victim-centred mandate. Without reframing hate crime as a public and community safety issue, hate crime policies and procedures designed to 'take hate crime seriously' are unlikely to do just that.

## Study into almost 200 deaths in custody finds recommendations to improve practices are rare despite rising death numbers

A research team based at the University of Glasgow has investigated 196 Fatal Accident Inquiries that were held as a result of a death in custody.



They found that in more than 90% of those Inquiries a 'corrective' finding was not made by Sheriffs, meaning that in most cases a defect or recommendation to improve practice was not identified.

While it was rare for FAIs to find anything that could prevent future deaths, the number of people dying in custody has risen by 44% between 2005 and 2019.

The research paper, '[Nothing to See Here?](#)' which was produced by (Hon Prof) Linda Allan, Stuart Allan, Professor Sarah Armstrong, Betsy Barkas and Dr Deborah Kinnear from the University of Glasgow, also found marked differences between how Sheriffdoms managed FAIs and how involved families were in the process.

The study suggests families were not frequently present (31%), rarely had legal representation (16%) or gave evidence at FAIs (17%). However, when family was involved in one of these ways, the chance of a finding being made was three times greater than in those with no family involvement.

Two of the co-authors of the report, Linda and Stuart Allan have campaigned to raise awareness of deaths in custody and mental health provision for young people in prison. Linda and Stuart's daughter Katie was 21 years old when she died at HMYOI Polmont in 2018.

Linda and Stuart said: "Like many parents who have experienced the death of a child, we have sought to find meaning in Katie's death. What we have found is countless deaths in custody are entirely avoidable. We have found that so many families have experienced

the grief and trauma we have. We cannot accept this, it must be challenged, it must change - for Katie's memory and for so many others.

"We are deeply grateful to our research colleagues and the University of Glasgow for their support and belief that we have a voice and a contribution to make to this important study."

Sarah Armstrong, Professor of Criminology at the [Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research](#), University of Glasgow, said: "I was surprised at how rarely FAIs produced any finding to improve practice given the patterns we saw across nearly 200 cases of people dying. As a researcher, but also as a member of the public, it made me wonder about a system that takes so many years basically to conclude nothing is wrong. "

A second companion paper, '[A Defective System](#)', also launching today looked at case details examining cases exploring when and why findings are not made, anonymising details to protect the families of those who have died in custody.

Read this article in full [here](#).

### New Study on how South Asian Women get help for domestic abuse in Scotland

Researchers based at the University of Glasgow have launched a new study which will look at how South Asian women in Scotland get help for domestic abuse, and their experiences of the criminal justice system.

The study will fill a vital gap in our understanding of how race, culture, social, education and community factors play into victim/survivors' decision-making on which services to access and when, as well as their perceptions of justice, and the justice system.

Dr Nughmana Mirza, Dr Lisa Bradley, and Nicola Dickson, based between the [Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research](#) and the [School of Education](#), will publish their findings in December 2022.

Keep up to date with the study's progress [here](#).



# Violence Against Women & Girls Updates

## Engender Scotland Survey on women's experiences of sexual harassment in the workplace

Engender have been awarded funding from [Rosg](#) as part of a broader funding stream on #TimesUp, to look at how Scotland might act to prevent sexual and sexist harassment and improve outcomes for women who have experienced or are experiencing it. This survey forms part of that research and will inform the policy recommendations.

They are looking to hear from women who may have experienced or witnessed sexual or sexist harassment in the workplace in Scotland. Engender want to find out what some of the barriers to reporting are, how your employer may have responded, and ideas for change.

Find out more & take part in the survey [here](#).

## HealthCare Improvement Scotland: Barnahus Standards

Healthcare Improvement Scotland are working with the Care Inspectorate to develop a set of standards for a Barnahus model in Scotland. Barnahus (Bairn's Hoose), or Child's House, is a child-centred response for children who are

victims or witnesses of serious crime and abuse. Work on these standards was paused while frontline services prioritised immediate responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A report helping to define the foundations for this work has now been published. The report acknowledges the progress made on developing these foundations while also recognising that there is still further work to be done in order to develop the standards.

Read more on the HIS website [here](#).

## Improvement Service Companion Document on domestic abuse & trauma informed practice

The Improvement Service, in partnership with COSLA, the Scottish Government, NHS Education for Scotland and the Safe & Together Institute, has published a companion document to support all professionals working with women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse and those working with perpetrators to strengthen awareness and understanding about trauma-informed and domestic abuse-informed practice.

Read more & download the document [here](#).

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## New Victim Support Fund announced

A new streamlined fund worth at least £30 million over the next three years is being launched to better help victims of crime. The new Victim Centred Approach Fund will simplify funding for organisations into one easy-to-access place, providing support for victims across Scotland.

The fund forms a central plank of the Scottish Government's commitment to putting victims at the heart of the justice system by improving the range of advice, information and support available to them.

It will help support specialist services for those bereaved by crime in Scotland or abroad, provide court advocacy support for survivors of gender-based violence, fund support and assistance for victims of human trafficking and enable better long-term outcomes for victims including improved mental and physical health.

Read more [here](#).

## Victim Support Scotland Annual Report 2020-21 showcases impact of work

Victim Support Scotland's [2020-21 Annual Report](#) highlights the organisation's financial performance, key outcomes and the positive impact of our work with over 40,000 people affected by crime throughout Scotland for the year ending March 2021.

The report details their commitment to providing free, confidential, impartial and effective support to help victims and witnesses cope with the experience of crime and find the strength to move on with their lives.





# Neighbourhood Watch SCOTLAND

## Suspect financial fraud? Call 159!

There is a new way to avoid financial fraud. A secure and easy-to-remember phone number to contact your bank on in order to avoid painful scams. This could prove to be the safest way for many to contact with your provider if you have suspicions and concerns about your accounts, or even if you are struggling to find a customer services number.

Stop Scams UK and Global Cyber Alliance have launched the UK-wide 159 call service, which is designed to guarantee consumers a safe route to contacting their banks.

The scheme is urging people to "stop, hang up and call 159" to check calls are for real. The idea is to help those who believe they have been contacted by scammers claiming to be their bank, or by fraudsters who encourage them to transfer money.

Currently, banks that cover over 70% of UK current account customers are signed up to the scheme at launch, although more are expected to follow. Here's a table detailing the firms currently taking part :

- Bank of Scotland
  - Barclays
  - Halifax
  - Lloyds Bank
  - NatWest
  - Royal Bank of Scotland
  - Santander
  - Starling Bank
  - Ulster Bank
- You can call 159 if you're a customer of

most major telecoms firms

The majority of telecoms firms are participating in the scheme, which enables you to call 159 from handsets and landlines if you're a customer. Here are the firms taking part :-

BT (including EE and Plusnet)  
Gamma  
O2 (including Giffgaff)  
Sky  
TalkTalk  
Three  
Virgin Media

When calling 159, you'll be taken through an option menu in which each bank that has signed up to the service is read aloud. Customers are then able to use their telephone keypad to be put through to their bank. You'll then be directed through to your bank's customer service department. Note that calling the service will cost the same as making a national rate call.

Find out more [here](#).

## Webinar: Recognising, recording and reporting ASB



Neighbourhood Watch in England & Wales are holding a webinar on anti-social behaviour on 15 November. Join this webinar to find out about the impact antisocial behaviour has on communities & how together we can tackle this growing problem.

Featuring guest speaker Charlotte Hamilton Kay, Specialist Victim Project Manager, ASB Help.

Book your place [here](#).



## Latest news from the Home Safety Scotland Forum

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### Join the Home Safety Scotland Forum!

We're always looking for new members to join our group! If you work in or are interested in home safety and would like to join or attend our forum - please contact [josh.box@scsn.org.uk](mailto:josh.box@scsn.org.uk). Follow Home Safety Scotland on Twitter: [@HomeSafetyScot](https://twitter.com/HomeSafetyScot)

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### SGN Carbon Monoxide Safety Advice

At SGN, our top priority is to keep everyone safe and warm in their homes all year round – making sure you know how to stay gas safe, and are aware of the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, are some of the ways we can do that.

It's really important to make sure your gas appliances are checked every year by a gas safe registered engineer. This ensures everything is running safely and efficiently. If you do ever smell gas, whether that's indoors or outdoors, call the national gas emergency service immediately on **0800 111 999**.

Read the full article [here](#).

### Fire and Smoke Alarms – changes to the law

Every home in Scotland must have interlinked (connected) fire alarms by February 2022. These can be either mains-wired or tamper-proof battery alarms.-

Being interlinked means if one alarm goes off, they all go off. You may not always hear the alarm closest to the fire, especially if you're somewhere else in the house. An interlinked system will alert you immediately.

Please see information for home owners, tenants (private), tenants (public sector and council) and fire safety for new build homes at:

[Make sure your home is fire safe - mygov.scot](https://www.mygov.scot)

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### RoSPA raises concerns about the links between falls and fuel/food poverty in later life

*On the 30th occasion of the UN's International Day of Older Persons, which is marked every year on October 1st, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) is raising concerns about the links between experiencing a fall at home and fuel and food poverty in later life.*

A spokesperson for RoSPA said:

“According to the NHS, around 1 in 3 adults over 65 who live at home will have at least one fall a year, and about half of these will have more frequent falls.

Poor nutrition, inadequate housing and general ill health increase the risk of having a

fall and the likelihood of fall having serious or fatal consequences.”

“The Joseph Rowntree Foundation estimates that two million older people in the UK are living in poverty and frequently have to choose between ‘heating or eating’. Nutrition is related to many risk factors for falls, and has been shown to be a determining factor in not only the severity of injuries from falls, but also recovery time after the injury. Specifically, deficiencies in energy, protein and micronutrients can lead to falls due to the effect on strength, mobility and impact on both visual and cognitive impairment. A low body weight, due to malnutrition, can also increase the risk of a fall due to similar effects on muscle strength.

Read more on our website [here](#).

# In other news...



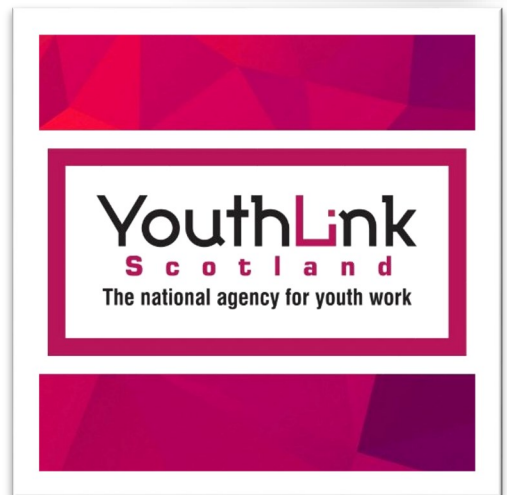
## National Youth Work Awards 2022 nominations are now open!

It's back! After the year that never was, Youthlink Scotland are delighted to be able to announce that nominations for the 2022 National Youth Work Awards are now open!

Youth work has gone above and beyond since our last Awards ceremony, supporting young people up and down the country through the most challenging year any of us could have imagined. Now, the time has come to give our youth work heroes the recognition they deserve by making your nominations!

The deadline for nominations is 5pm on 25 November.

More information and nomination form are available [here](#)



## Equality Network Survey: So called 'Conversion Therapy' - Understanding Experiences in Scotland

The End Conversion Therapy petition called for the end to conversion practices in Scotland. This issue is now being considered at Scottish Parliament by the Equality, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee. Equality Network and the End Conversion Therapy team are working together with survivors and others in the LGBTI and faith sectors to inform legislators and help to finally put an end to these practices in Scotland.

This survey is designed to gather the diverse experiences of those in Scotland who have been offered, or have experienced, conversion practices. This will help in understanding how these practices are being used and how they are affecting our community in Scotland.

Take part in this survey [here](#).

## LGBTYS Survey: Life in Scotland for LGBT Young People 2021/2022



LGBT Youth Scotland is undertaking research to find out what life in Scotland is like for LGBTI young people. If you are aged 13-25, identify as LGBTI, and live in Scotland.

The survey asks about young LGBT people's experiences of community, health, safety, education, work, home, and the media.

You can find out more, share and/or take part in the survey [here](#).

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