



Scottish Community Safety Network

A Manifesto for Safer Communities



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Parliamentary Elections**



Crime & Justice

SCSN believes in fair, compassionate and trauma informed crime and justice policies and practices. We believe the focus should be on rehabilitation and following the evidence of what actually works to reduce crime.

To that end we support:

- Further raising the age of criminal responsibility
- Reducing the prison population
- Investing and increasing public confidence in community justice
- Having a meaningful dialogue on prevention and early intervention, and why that is important
- The decriminalisation of drug use as part of a package of other measures to reduce drug harms



Unintentional Harm & Injury

We support the goal of achieving a Scotland that is free from unintentional harm and injury. We believe place-based approaches in built environments can contribute to this.

To help achieve this goal, we'd like to see:

- An increased focus on Home Safety
- Delivering more safe and affordable housing
- A commitment to making roads safer for cycling
- A 20mph speed limit in built up areas
- Continued review/reduction of the drink-drive limit for Scotland
- Completion and implementation of a forward thinking Falls and Frailty Strategy for Scotland



Community Resilience & Participation

We believe that communities that have a sense of belonging, connection and control are safer communities.

To achieve that, we'd like to see:

- A commitment to supporting community resilience with a trauma informed approach
- A commitment to increasing community participation, including expanding participatory budgeting
- Working towards ensuring that services and policies are inclusive and acceptable, designed and delivered with everyone in mind - especially those with protected characteristics
- Better data gathering of minority communities to inform policy & practice



And finally...

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed our world and our lives in so many ways. The word for 'crisis' in Chinese can mean both danger and opportunity. We have an opportunity to make deep and lasting changes to our society and communities.

Over the next few years, we'd like to see:

- More kindness & compassion
- More positive action
- Zero tolerance of hatred
- Improved public understanding of trauma, ACES and how that impacts on people's lives
- Increased focus on Human Rights and incorporation of the UNCRC across policy and practice
- Increased emphasis on flexible working - putting people before process
- Continued exploration of Gross Domestic Wellbeing as a measure of social progress



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