

# Senior Officers Event

1 & 2 October 2015

(lunchtime Thursday to lunchtime Friday)

Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld



## Programme - "As the pain kicks in....."

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### THURSDAY

**13:15 onwards**

Registration for conference and accommodation

**13:55**

Welcome & Introduction

**14:00**

**So where is all this leading: reflections on emerging politics across and within the UK?**

Peter Geoghegan — activist, blogger, journalist and author of "The People's Referendum: Why Scotland Will never Be The Same Again"

**15:00**

**Housing in Hard Times: what are the implications for social landlords?**

Kim will present findings from recent research projects on housing aspirations and housing inequalities, reflecting on the implications for the social housing sector.

**Dr Kim McKee — Director, Centre for Housing Research, University of St Andrew's**

Tea/Coffee Break

**16:15**

**As the pain kicks in for children and young people**

Tam Baillie — Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People

**16:45**

**Grasping the opportunity that integration of health and social care provides**

David Williams — Executive Director of Social Care Services, Glasgow City Council

Pre dinner break

**19:30** Informal Drink followed by Dinner

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### FRIDAY

**09:30**

**Session title coming soon!**

Alistair McIntosh — Chief Executive, Housing Quality Network.

**10:30**

**Housing strategy and delivery in a post referendum Scotland**

Lesley Fraser from the Scottish Government will update us on current thinking.

Tea/Coffee Break

**11:30**

**Not so random acts of kindness: understanding everyday help and support in Glasgow**

Drawing on a recent study for JRF, Simon will ask what it might mean to treat kindness not as an individual act or trait but as a social issue and consider how small acts and relationships of everyday help and support help us all to lead 'liveable lives'

**Simon Anderson — independent social research consultant**

**12:30**

**Looking back—thinking forward**

Graeme Brown — Director, Shelter Scotland casts a critical eye over conference themes and leaves us with a message from SHELTER for the year ahead.

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### **Peter Geoghegan**

Peter is an Irish journalist and writer living in Glasgow. His latest book, *The People's Referendum: Why Scotland Will Never Be the Same Again*, was published in January 2015 by Luath Press.

Peter has written and reported from numerous countries including Albania, Kosovo, Egypt, Namibia, Zambia, Iceland, Ireland and Scotland for a range of publications including the Guardian, the Times Literary Supplement, the Scotsman, the Irish Times, the Times Higher Education, the Times Literary Supplement, RTE, the London Review of Books, Al Jazeera, the Dublin Review, the Christian Science Monitor and the Irish Independent. Peter has made radio documentaries for BBC Radio 4 and others, and he edits a magazine called Political Insight for the Political Studies Association. He is also part of the team behind a new, innovative longform and investigative publication due to launch in Scotland in 2015.

In short, Peter is interested in ideas, how they emerge and how they can change the world that we live in. Ideas always welcome.

### **Dr Kim Mckee**

Kim is Director of the Centre for Housing Research, University of St Andrews. A graduate of the University of Glasgow (MA Hons, MRes, PhD), Kim's qualitative research interests in housing, community and social-spatial justice crosscut the fields of Social Policy and Urban Geography. Kim is Managing Editor of the journal of *Housing Studies*, and past Chair of the *Housing Studies Association* (UK Learned Society). She has led and contributed to research supported by a range of academic, public and third sector funders.

### **Tam Baillie**

Tam has worked as a manager and practitioner with children and young people for 30 years, primarily with young offenders; young people in and leaving care; and young homeless people. Tam has worked in Scotland and England and in both the statutory and voluntary sectors. He worked as the Director of Policy for Barnardo's Scotland from 2003 and worked extensively on children's policy and rights issues.

In May 2009, Tam took up the post of Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People. As the Commissioner, Tam's remit is: to have regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; to encourage the involvement of children and young people in the work of the Commissioner; and to promote and safeguard the rights of children and young people in Scotland. These rights are set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which the UK Government signed up to in 1991.

### **David Williams**

David qualified as a social worker in 1988 and worked for 2 years in Easterhouse and then 7 years in Drumchapel as a Social Worker and Senior Social Worker.

He moved to the children's charity NCH in 1997 as Service Manager to set up and run a range of integrated children and family services in the Moray Council area. David was based in Moray until 2004 after which he worked as an Assistant Director for NCH based in Glasgow. In 2005 he moved to the post of Service Director at Quarriers where he remained until returning to Glasgow as Assistant Director of Social Work Services in June 2009. David became Executive Director of Social Care Services in Glasgow in December 2012 and also Chief Officer Designate of the Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership in July 2014.

### **Alistair McIntosh**

[Alistair](#) bio to follow after return from holiday...

### **Lesley Fraser**

[Lesley](#) is the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Welfare within the Scottish Government. Since 2001 she has worked in a range of posts within the Government including Primary Care, Children and Families, Strategy and Performance and Tourism and major Events.

Before joining the Scottish Government, Lesley lived in London working for Tower Hamlets Council, English Heritage and the UK Government. Lesley was a historic buildings expert before becoming a civil servant.

Lesley now lives in Edinburgh with her husband and teenage daughter.

### **Simon Anderson**

[Simon](#) has is an independent social research consultant with 25 years' experience across academia, central government, the private and not for profit sectors. Starting out in criminological research at Edinburgh University, he then worked in central government as a research commissioner and manager, went on to set up a social research unit within a commercial research organisation and spent a decade building and running an independent research centre in a not for profit setting - ScotCen Social Research. In 2014, he decided to return to those bits of the job he enjoys most: understanding what it is that people need to know, finding ways of meeting those needs and communicating insights clearly and succinctly. Current commitments include involvement in a major evaluation of police and fire reform and as Data and Evidence Advisor to the Realigning Children's Services Programme. Simon is also a lay member of the University Court at Stirling and Chair of the University Research Ethics Committee.

### **Graeme Brown**

[Graeme](#) is originally from Glasgow and took up the post of Director of Shelter Scotland in July 2008. Prior to this he was Director of Communications, Policy and Campaigns for Shelter UK where he was instrumental in raising the charity's profile with key audiences.

He was an independent consultant at the Home Office, the Rough Sleepers Unit at the Department of the Environment, the Social Exclusion Unit in the Cabinet Office and a number of NGOs. He is a Research Fellow of the Council of Europe and a graduate of the School of Community Studies in Edinburgh.

***No need to print—a copy of the final programme will be available in the delegate pack on the day.***

