Progress and Challenges in the Prevention of Sexual Abuse

Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow
Wednesday 12th November 2014

Guest Keynote Speaker Professor David Finkelhor

Prof. David Finkelhor is Director of the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire, USA

Keynote speakers:

Stuart Allardyce, Barnardo’s Skylight, Edinburgh
Anela Anwar, Roshni, Glasgow
Prof. Anthony Beech, University of Birmingham
Dr Sarah Nelson, University of Edinburgh

Quote by Prof. David Finkelhor

This talk will summarize what we have learned about preventing sexual abuse and its associated trauma. Overall the news is encouraging. We do not yet have clear evidence-based prevention programmes, but there is research showing promise. Most importantly, the evidence is strong that sexual abuse rates have been declining, measured both by agency data and community surveys. The evidence is also good that we have programmes to treat victims and prevent continued mental health consequences. The evidence is less encouraging with regard to sex offender management policies. Some of the more popular and expensive of these policies have been shown not to be effective.
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KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

STUART ALLARDYCE is a qualified social worker who, for the last 13 years has specialised in working with children and young people who sexually abuse. He works as a Children’s Service Manager at Barnardo’s, is a visiting researcher within the School of Education at Strathclyde University and is an associate at the Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice. He is currently chair of NOTA Scotland.

ANELA ANWAR is a graduate in Law with over twelve years’ experience working in Scotland’s third sector. She is an experienced project leader and strategist. With excellent interpersonal skills and an exceptional track record of stakeholder engagement, Anela prides herself on her ability to develop and nurture strong professional relationships.

As Head of Projects, Anela’s remit is to implement and manage a range of projects, partnerships and networks across Scotland. Roshni is the leading charity in Scotland that is committed to tackling sensitive issues within Scotland’s minority ethnic communities. Roshni’s mission is to promote the safety, rights and wellbeing of minority ethnic community members. Within this capacity, Anela also works with the Scottish Government and formal decision-makers to inform and influence policy and legislation and ensure that the views of minority ethnic families and communities are sought and acted upon so that their particular needs are met.

PROFESSOR ANTHONY BEECH is Head of the Centre for Forensic and Criminological Psychology at the University of Birmingham, UK. He has authored over 160 peer-reviewed articles, 50 book chapters and 6 books in the area of forensic science/criminal justice. In 2009 he received the Significant Achievement Award from the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers in Dallas, and the Senior Award from the Division of Forensic Psychology, British Psychological Society. His particular areas of research interests are: risk assessment; the neurobiological bases of offending; reducing online exploitation of children; and increasing psychotherapeutic effectiveness of the treatment given to offenders.

DAVID FINKELHOR is Director of Crimes against Children Research Center, Co-Director of the Family Research Laboratory and Professor of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire. He has been studying the problems of child victimization, child maltreatment and family violence since 1977. He is well known for his conceptual and empirical work on the problem of child sexual abuse, reflected in publications such as Sourcebook on Child Sexual Abuse (Sage, 1986) and Nursery Crimes (Sage, 1988). He has also written about child homicide, missing and abducted children, children exposed to domestic and peer violence and other forms of family violence. In his recent work, for example, his book, Child Victimization (Oxford University Press, 2008), he has tried to unify and integrate knowledge about all the diverse forms of child victimization in a field he has termed Developmental Victimology. This book received the Daniel Schneider Child Welfare Book of the Year award in 2009. All together, he is editor and author of 12 books and over 200 journal articles and book chapters. He has received grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, and the US Department of Justice, and a variety of other sources. In 1994, he was given the Distinguished Child Abuse Professional Award by the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, in 2004 he was given the Significant Achievement Award from the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, in 2005 he and his colleagues received the Child Maltreatment Article of the Year award, and in 2007 he was elected as a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology.

DR SARAH NELSON (University of Edinburgh) author of the influential 1980s work 'Incest: Fact and Myth' is a writer, researcher and campaigner on childhood sexual abuse and its effects throughout life. Her research projects have included mental health in both female and male survivors; physical health issues; health after CSA; community prevention of CSA; and the voices of sexually abused young people. She is co author (with Sue Hampson) of the booklet for professionals working with adult survivors, 'Yes You Can'. She has been a Scottish Government Adviser and in 2013 was Adviser to the Scottish Parliamentary Inquiry into child sexual exploitation. She is currently writing a book for Policy Press on radical approaches to addressing CSA.
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