

MAKING HEALTH INEQUALITIES EVERYONE'S BUSINESS 1ST JUNE 2016

Conference Speakers

Dr Gerry Mooney, Senior Lecturer, The Open University

Gerry Mooney is Senior Lecturer in Social Policy and Criminology in the Faculty of Social Sciences at The Open University in Scotland. He has written widely on various aspects of social and welfare policies, devolution, nationalism, poverty and inequality, urban studies, class divisions and criminal justice. Among other publications, he is co-editor of *Poverty in Scotland 2016*; with Hazel Croall and Mary Munro, he was co-editor and author of *Crime, Justice and Society in Scotland* (Routledge, 2016) and with Gill Scott, he co-edited *Social Justice and Social Policy in Scotland* (Policy Press, 2012).



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Professor Stewart Mercer, Professor of Primary Care Research, University of Glasgow and Director of the Scottish School of Primary Care

Stewart Mercer is a General Practitioner and Professor of Primary Care Research in the General Practice and Primary care unit in the Institute of Health and Wellbeing at the University of Glasgow. He is also the Director of the Scottish School of Primary Care and National Lead for research into multimorbidity in primary care.

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Professor Graham Watt, Professor of General Practice, University of Glasgow and Co-ordinator of General Practitioners at the Deep End



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Professor Watt graduated at Aberdeen University in 1976 and, in a varied career, trained in general practice at Glyncoirwg in South Wales (where he worked with Dr Julian Tudor Hart), Ladywell Medical Centre, Edinburgh and Townhead Health Centre Glasgow. He is accredited jointly in general practice and public health, and has held his current post since 1994. He has longstanding research interests in the epidemiology of health and disease in families and inequalities in health and health care. He currently coordinates the Deep End Project, engaging with the 100 most deprived general practices in Scotland.



Julie Breslin, Head of Programme, Drink Wise, Age Well

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Julie has worked in the field of homelessness and substance misuse for nearly 20 years in both Dublin and Glasgow. She joined Addaction in 2006 and developed a number of older adults' alcohol services in Glasgow. Julie is Head of Programme for the Big Lottery Funded Drink Wise, Age Well programme with responsibility for coordinating the strategic partnership and managing the grant portfolio. The programme is delivered in five UK sites including Glasgow by 19 portfolio partners. Drink Wise, Age Well aims to help people over 50 make healthier choices about their alcohol use.

Professor Lawrie Elliott, Department of Nursing and Community Health, Glasgow Caledonian University



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Lawrie has a substantial track record in applied Public Health research and published numerous high quality papers including a report with colleagues for the World Health Organisation on health inequalities. His expertise centres on the evaluation of public health interventions for marginalised groups including those affected by drugs and alcohol. He is currently editor of the Journal of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing and a member of the Council for Addaction Scotland, which is one of the leading UK addiction charities. He has advised government on addiction, sexual health and community nursing policy. Lawrie has obtained over £5 million of research funding in collaboration with colleagues and contributed to the strategic development of nursing research throughout his career.

Dr Tony Robertson, Lecturer in Public Health,

University of Stirling

Tony studied Behavioural Ecology at degree and PhD level before changing his focus to human health and Social Epidemiology/Public Health in 2010 when he joined the MRC/CSO Social & Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow on a Career Development Fellowship. In 2013 he moved to SCPHRP, University of Edinburgh, as

the Research Fellow and Lead for the Working Age/Adult Life Working Group. In January 2016, he moved to become Lecturer in Public Health in the School of Health Sciences, University of Stirling. His research interest Focuses on trying to better understand the mechanisms linking our socioeconomic circumstances (e.g. education, employment, housing) and our health across the life course to help reduce health inequalities. This includes investigating the biological pathways between socioeconomic circumstances and health; investigating the prevalence, incidence and predictive power of (novel and traditional) chronic disease risk markers; working with community organisations and grassroots activist groups trying to improve population health and reduce health inequalities; and a growing interest in social prescribing for mental health. For more information visit www.BiologyOfInequality.com



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Catherine Somerville, Campaigns, Policy and Research Manager, Stonewall Scotland

As Campaign, Policy and Research Manager at Stonewall Scotland, Catherine develops and manages Stonewall Scotland's campaign strategies, conducts research and policy development on LGBT people's experiences of living in Scotland. This includes engaging with key stakeholders to raise awareness of LGBT equality issues, eliminate discrimination and change hearts and minds.

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Hanna McCulloch, Policy and Parliamentary Officer for Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) in Scotland

Hanna McCulloch is Policy and Parliamentary Officer for Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) in Scotland. Her role involves working with CPAG colleagues to run the Early Warning System, a framework used to gather case evidence from frontline workers about the impact changes to the social security system are having on the health and wellbeing of children in Scotland.



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Dr Neil Hamlet, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, NHS Fife

Neil has worked in public health for the past 16 years in Highland, Forth Valley, Lanarkshire and for the past 9 years as a Consultant in Fife. His initial medical training was General Practice but he spent 10 years in Nepal as Director of an NGO running a TB and Leprosy Control Programme for the Nepali Government and latterly as Medical Director for the organisation in Kathmandu.

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His remit is wide ranging but essentially about health improvement, and the reduction of health inequalities and the social and environmental factors that underlie disadvantage.

Neil has been working on behalf of NHS Directors of Public Health and with NHS Health Scotland over the past year to bring an increased focus to the role of health in the prevention of homelessness and to improve the health of those experiencing multiple disadvantage, such as homelessness. This led to the report 'Restoring the public health response to homelessness in Scotland' in May 2015. Neil sits on the national Health and Homelessness Group, set up to implement the recommendations in this report and is now the designated public health lead for homelessness and health in Scotland on behalf of the Directors of Public Health and Health Scotland.

Emily Tweed, Specialty Registrar in Public Health Medicine, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Emily Tweed is a public health specialty registrar, based at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. She is currently undertaking an academic attachment at the MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit in Glasgow, to explore the potential research opportunities offered by linkage between routine data on homelessness and health.



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Amanda Larkin, Trainee Clinical Psychologist, NHS Dumfries and Galloway

Amanda received her undergraduate psychology degree from National University of Ireland, Galway. She completed a Masters in Applied Psychology from Trinity College Dublin.

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She worked in a residential centre for people with intellectual disabilities and acquired brain injury, which provided assessment and intervention for severe challenging behaviour, prior to starting the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in Edinburgh.

Neil Quinn, Reader in Social Work and Social Policy and Co-Director of the Centre for Health Policy, University of Strathclyde



He has a specific interest in global public health and social welfare policy and has expertise in social work, health and human rights. His human rights work focuses on migration, mental health, homelessness and

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the right to health for marginalised groups. He is engaged in a number of key national policy roles, including the Scottish National Action Plan (SNAP) human Rights group on health and social care and in a range of high-profile international work as an advisor to the World Health Organisation on mental health rights, co-author of the UNCRC Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children Handbook and collaborations with Yale and New York University on health policy.

He is committed to working in partnership with service users and communities and has 25 years' experience in social work, community development and public health at a local, national and international level. He has led a major community development and health programme in one of Europe's areas of highest deprivation, chaired the national Sanctuary programme working with asylum seekers and refugees and is on the steering group of People's Health Movement

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Martyn Evans, Chief Executive, Carnegie UK Trust

Martyn was appointed Chief Executive of the Trust in November 2009. Previously he was the Director of the Scottish Consumer Council (SCC) from 1998-2008 - a consumer policy and research body. He oversaw the successful 2008 merger of the SCC with energywatch Scotland and Postwatch Scotland. He became the Director of the new organisation Consumer Focus Scotland. Consumer Focus Scotland is a statutory body which provides independent policy research and a voice for the consumer.

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Martyn was a visiting Professor of Law at the University of Strathclyde from 1995-2001. He was Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Advice Scotland for five years prior to taking up his post with SCC. Martyn was the Director of Shelter (Scottish Campaign for Homeless People) from 1987-1992. He has been a member of a number of Scottish Government and UK government advisory groups. These include the Independent Scrutiny Panel on Ayr and Monklands hospital services, the MMR Expert Group, the Scottish Charity Law Review Commission (known as the McFadden Commission), the Housing Improvement Task Force, the Cabinet Office review of UK Food Policy and the UK Screening Committee.

Dr Joyce Cavaye, The Open University

Dr Joyce Cavaye is a Senior Lecturer and Regional Manager in the Faculty of Health and Social Care at the Open University. Her research interests are rooted in over 20 years' experience of community nursing and lie in the areas of health policy, end of life care, older people, service users and informal carers. She currently works in partnership with various organisations in the health sector to increase widening participation in research and education.



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Claire Stevens, Chief Officer, Voluntary Health Scotland

Since her appointment in August 2012 Claire has led a programme of change that has seen VHS build a reputation as an influential and collaborative platform for Scotland's voluntary health organisations. Under her leadership VHS has set out to close the health inequalities gap by making it 'everyone's business'. VHS is Secretariat to the Cross Party

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and publisher of Living in the Gap, the seminal study of the third sector's contribution to tackling health inequalities.

Claire sits on a wide range of health related groups, including the Scottish Public Health Network Advisory Group, Threading the Needle Reference Group, Drink Wise Age Well Impact and Advisory Board Scotland, National Group on Volunteering in NHS Scotland, Improvement Fund Partner Advisory Group, and the School of Forensic Mental Health Governance Committee.

Allyson McCollam, Joint Head of Health Improvement, NHS Borders

Allyson worked in the voluntary sector in mental health policy and research for over 20 years, before taking up a role with NHS Borders in 2009. She is currently the Head of Health Improvement with NHS Borders and Scottish Borders Council and is the lead for health inequalities within the Community Planning Partnership. Throughout her working life, she has maintained an active interest in mental health and in tackling inequalities. As a Board member of VHS Allyson is committed to supporting the role of the voluntary health sector in working towards better health outcomes for all in a fairer Scotland.



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