

# Understanding the Gap: How Research can help us address health inequalities in Scotland

Wednesday 1st June 2016, Stirling University

## Conference Agenda

9:00-9:45 *Registration and refreshments*

9:45-10.00 **Session One: Health Inequalities in Scotland**  
**Martyn Evans**, Chief Executive, Carnegie UK Trust  
**Welcome and Introduction**

10.00-10.30 **Dr Gerry Mooney**, Senior Lecturer, The Open University  
**Austerity, Poverty and Social Inequalities:** Contextualising Health Inequalities in Scotland

10.30-11.15 **Professor Stewart Mercer**, Professor of Primary Care Research, University of Glasgow and Director of the Scottish School of Primary Care  
and

**Professor Graham Watt**, Professor of General Practice, University of Glasgow and Co-ordinator of General Practitioners at the Deep End  
**Research Matters:** What can NHS Scotland do to Prevent and Rescue Health Inequalities?

11.15-11.30 *Questions and discussions*

11.30-12.00 *Refreshment break: Coffee, tea and exhibition viewing*

12.00 – 12.40 **Session Two: Parallel Session**  
**Delegates choose one of the following sessions:**

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<b>Alcohol Use and the Over 50s: why some people are more at risk of alcohol-related harm in later life than others</b>	<b>The Biology of Inequality: understanding the biological pathways linking social and economic circumstances and health</b>	<b>Unhealthy Attitudes: the treatment of LGBT people within health and social care services</b>
<b>Julie Breslin</b> , Programme Manager, Drink Wise Age Well, Addaction <b>Professor Lawrie Elliot</b> , Glasgow Caledonian University <b>Chair: Dr Joyce Cavaye</b> , The Open University	<b>Dr Tony Robertson</b> , Lecturer in Public Health, University of Stirling <b>Chair: Dr Gerry Mooney</b> , Senior Lecturer, the Open University	<b>Catherine Somerville</b> , Campaign, Policy and Research Manager, Stonewall Scotland <b>Chair: Claire Stevens</b> , Chief Officer, Voluntary Health Scotland

# Making Health Inequalities Everyone's Business

12.40-13.40

Lunch in the restaurant

13.40-14.20

## Session Three: Parallel Sessions

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<p><b>The Key factors driving up demand for food banks and the role that health organisations can play in averting income crisis</b></p>	<p><b>Living at the sharp end: the experience of living with schizophrenia</b></p>	<p><b>Restoring the Public Health response to Homelessness in Scotland</b></p>
<p><b>Hanna McCulloch</b>, Policy and Parliamentary Officer for Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) in Scotland</p> <p><b>Chair: Dr Joyce Cavaye, Health and Social Care Lecturer, The Open University</b></p>	<p><b>Amanda Larkin</b>, Trainee Clinical Psychologist, NHS Dumfries and Galloway</p> <p><b>Chair: Dr Gerry Mooney, Senior Lecturer, The Open University</b></p>	<p><b>Dr Neil Hamlet</b>, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, NHS Fife and</p> <p><b>Emily Tweed</b>, Specialty Registrar in Public Health Medicine, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde</p> <p><b>Chair: Allyson McCollam, Joint Head of Health Improvement, NHS Borders</b></p>

14.20-14.50

## Session Four: Research Collaboration

**Neil Quinn**, Co-Director, Centre for Health Policy, University of Strathclyde  
**National research programme on the right to health for marginalised groups**

14.50-15.30

## Panel session: reflections and questions

What research do we need to close the gap? What collaboration is needed to achieve this?

15.30

## Conference Closing remarks

**Martyn Evans**, Chief Executive, Carnegie UK Trust



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