



essential connections

SCOTTISH COMMUNITY ANNUAL
LINK WORKER NETWORK CONFERENCE 2024



**A lightning bolt can
be used to represent
strength, courage
and inspiration**

Wednesday 29th May 2024

Radisson Blu, Glasgow



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Essential Connections Conference Agenda

9.00 - 10.00 Registration with refreshments and exhibitors

10.00 - 11:15 SESSION ONE

Welcome from Conference chair

Angiolina Foster CBE, Chair, Public Health Scotland

Conference Overview

Tejesh Mistry, Chief Executive, Voluntary Health Scotland

Keynote Address

Neil Gray MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Scottish Government

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Dr Catherine Labinjoh, National Clinical Lead, Realistic Medicine, Scottish Government

11.15 - 11.45 Refreshments and exhibitors

11.45 - 13.00 SESSION TWO

11.45 - 12.15 Evaluation of the roll out of social prescribing link workers in Scottish and English primary care

Roisin Hurst, Project Manager, Scottish Community Link Worker Network

Dr Eddie Donaghy, Health Services Researcher, Usher Institute, University of Edinburgh

Dr Hillary Collins, Research Associate, General Practice and Primary Care, University of Glasgow

12.15 - 13.00 Community-led health - if community is the answer, are we all agreed on the question?

Sarah Boath, Head of Programme, Scottish Community Development Centre

13.00 - 13.50 Lunch, networking and exhibition

13.50 - 15.30 SESSION THREE

13.50 - 14.00 Make a start today, it's never too late! - Paths for All

14.00 - 14.40 Exploring support, good practice and link worker experiences

Chris Walsh, National Stakeholder Engagement Senior Manager, Social Security Scotland

14.40 - 15.20 Link worker panel discussion

How can we ensure that community link workers' voices are heard in current healthcare policy?

Robert West, Community Link Worker, We Are With You (Renfrewshire)

Alison Leitch, Assistant Service Manager, Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council

Leeanne Killen, Primary Care Development Manager, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

Erika Copland, Community Link Practitioner, Voluntary Action Orkney

Abelomai Luncheon, Community Links Practitioner, The Health and Social Care Alliance

15.20 - 15.30 Conference closing remarks



Our speakers

● **Angiolina Foster CBE, Chair of Public Health Scotland**
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● **Tejesh Mistry, Chief Executive, Voluntary Health Scotland**
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● **Neil Gray MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care**
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● **Dr Catherine Labinjoh, National Clinical Lead, Realistic Medicine, Scottish Government**
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● **Roisin Hurst, Project Manager, Scottish Community Link Worker Network**
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● **Eddie Donaghy, Health Services Researcher, Usher Institute, University of Edinburgh**
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● **Dr Hillary Collins, Research Associate, General Practice and Primary Care, University of Glasgow**
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● **Sarah Boath, Head of Programme, Scottish Community Development Centre**
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● **Chris Walsh, National Stakeholder Engagement Senior Manager, Social Security Scotland**
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● **Robert West, Community Link Worker, We Are With You (Renfrewshire)**
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● **Alison Leitch, Community Link Worker Assistant Service Manager, Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council**
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● **Leeanne Killen, Community Link Worker and Primary Care Development Manager, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership**
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● **Erika Copland, Community Link Practitioner, Voluntary Action Orkney**
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● **Abelomai Luncheon, Community Links Practitioner, The Health and Social Care Alliance**
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Thank you for supporting the Scottish Community Link Worker Network

“We want to thank each of you for being here today and for your role in supporting the SCLWN. It is your network and community of practice, to support you with the important work you do. Today is a great opportunity to catch up and learn from each other. There is so much knowledge in this room and we want to encourage you to chat to other attendees, the speakers, the exhibitors and make those essential connections happen!”

Roisin Hurst, Project Manager, Scottish Community Link Worker Network



“As the new Chief Executive of Voluntary Health Scotland, I feel privileged to be part of the second SCLWN annual conference. VHS has hosted the SCLWN since its inception and it is something we as a team are incredibly proud of and excited by for all the potential and possibilities the network has in supporting link workers who make such a significant impact in communities to tackle health inequalities. We look forward to building the network with you.”

Tejesh Mistry, Chief Executive, Voluntary Health Scotland



Thank you to our amazing exhibitors

