

Scottish Community Link Worker Network Annual Conference and Awards 2026

22 September 2026, Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh

Conference Programme

9.00 - 10.00 Registration, refreshments, networking and exhibition

10.00 - 11:15 **Session One: Evidence and Impact**

Welcome and Overview from Conference Chair

Tejesh Mistry, Chief Executive, Voluntary Health Scotland

Keynote Address and Questions

Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Mental Wellbeing, Public Health, Sport, Alcohol and Drugs

Evidence and Insights from the Evaluation of the National Rollout of Social Prescribing Link Workers in Primary Care

Dr Anna Wilding, NIHR UK-Wide Social Prescribing Evaluation, University of Manchester and Dr Eddie Donaghy, Usher Institute, University of Edinburgh

11.15 - 11.40 Refreshments, exhibition and networking

11.40 - 13.10 **Session Two: Communities and Collaboration**

Keynote Address

Collaboration for Health Equity Scotland (CHES)

Michael Kellet, Director of Strategy, Governance and Performance - Public Health Scotland

(10 minutes for workshop movement and coffee)

CLW-led Workshops (50 minutes)

- Workshop 1: Links Research Initiative - Reaching Wider than Primary Care
- Workshop 2: Piloting The Role of CLW Assistant
- Workshop 3: Embedding Healthy Eating Support within Social Prescribing
- Workshop 4: Helping Clients Find Their Motivation

13.10 - 14.00 Lunch, exhibition and networking

14:00 - 14:20 Performance from the Forget-me-Notes Choir

14:20 - 15.20 **Session Three: Shaping the Future**

Keynote Address

Monica Boulton, Strategic Lead for Healthcare Integration and Neighbourhood Health, National Academy of Social Prescribing

A Knowledge and Skills Framework for Scotland's CLWs

Alison Hannan, Public Services Delivery Scotland

15.20 - 15.50 **Session Four: Inspiration and Celebration**

5 years of the Scottish CLW Network

Roisin Hurst, Project Manager - SCLWN

Introduction and Presentation of the Scottish Community Link Worker Network Awards 2026

Maree Aldam, Chief Executive of Amma Birth Companions

- Scottish Community Link Worker Team of the Year
- Outstanding Scottish Community Link Worker of the Year
- Partnership of the Year

Conference Closing Remarks

Christine Carlin, Chair of Voluntary Health Scotland