

## SPEAKERS



**MARTA SANTO PAIS** is a member of the United Nations Monitoring Committee of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**GERISON LANSDOWN** of the Children's Rights Office (London) has produced several guides on implementation for local authorities, health authorities and other professional bodies.

**NIALL CAMPBELL** is on the Social Work Services Group of the Scottish Office.

**KEITH YATES**, Chief Executive of Stirling Council has developed a local authority structure which incorporates all services for children in a Children's Services Department, with elected member committee.

**GERRY O'HARA** is Director of Social Work for NCH Action for Children, having gained extensive experience of issues in the Scottish social work system in the former Lothian and Strathclyde Regional Councils.

**AYR YOUTH THEATRE** have challenged audiences in Scotland with their presentations of young people's views on children's rights issues.

## SEMINARS

*Contributors confirmed at the time of going to press:*

Neil Ballantyne, University of Strathclyde

Kate Caskie, Shelter

Sarah Elliston, Institute of Law & Ethics in Medicine

Scottish Child Law Centre

Judy Miller, SCF and National Early Years Network

Willie Crosbie, Castlebrae High School

Pamela Munn, Moray House Institute of Education

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EXHIBITION STANDS**



Save the Children Fund  
(Scotland Division)

Centre for the Child & Society  
(University of Glasgow)

Childline Scotland

Children 1st

Children in Scotland

Scottish Child Law  
Centre

Who Cares? Scotland

*The Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights* is an association of major voluntary organisations, academic and research bodies, and interested individuals who wish to promote children's rights.

The Alliance produces a quarterly newsletter, and holds regular training events for practitioners on putting children's rights into practice.

The Alliance is concerned to promote children's rights in all areas of policy and practice relevant to children and young people in Scotland.

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## SCOTLAND'S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: Making a reality of children's rights, and tackling the wrongs.

### AN INTERNATIONAL VIEW ON THE NATIONAL CHALLENGE FOR SCOTLAND'S POLICY MAKERS MANAGERS AND SENIOR PRACTITIONERS

**A ONE DAY CONFERENCE ON THE UN  
CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD  
AND ITS IMPACT ON THE WORK OF YOUR  
ORGANISATION**



THE CONFERENCE CENTRE  
STIRLING ROYAL INFIRMARY  
FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 1997

AGENDA ITEM No. 11(F)



# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

9.15-10.00 Registration and Coffee  
10.00-10.15 Opening by Chair

## WHERE ARE WE NOW?

10.15-10.45 Marta Santo Pais - International Perspective  
*'Progress and gaps in Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child'*  
10.45-11.15 Gerison Lansdown - UK Perspective  
Niall Campbell - Scottish Perspective  
Keith Yates - Local Perspective  
11.15-11.45 Coffee

## WHERE ARE WE GOING?

11.45-12.45 SEMINARS  
12.45-2.15 Buffet Lunch

## WHAT CAN WE DO TO GET THERE?

2.15-2.30 Ayr Youth Theatre - *Young People's Views*  
2.30-3.00 Gerry O' Hara - *Call for a Children's Rights Commissioner for Scotland.*  
3.00-3.30 Coffee  
3.30-4.15 Question Time -Cross-Party Panel of Scottish MPs and representatives:  
Maria Fyfe, MP (Labour)  
Phil Gallie, MP (Conservative)  
Representative of the Liberal Democrats  
Representative of the Scottish National Party  
4.15-4.30 Closing remarks, Chair

# CONFERENCE SEMINARS

Three seminars will offer the opportunity to hear opposing views on current issues relevant to children's rights, and to contribute your own views in debate.

- 1. Young People in Public Spaces - where should they be?**  
Are young people out of control on our streets? Are policing schemes and curfews the way forward? Or should we develop other responses?
- 2. What to do about 'bad neighbours'.**  
Safeguard our communities with eviction or special accommodation? Or develop other strategies for families with problems who cause problems?
- 3. Education; excluding children**  
What is the current level of school exclusion in Scotland? Is exclusion necessary in the management of schools, or is it a by-product of the way schools are managed?

Three seminars will offer the opportunity to gain insights into putting children's rights into practice in organisations.

- 4. Implementing the UN Convention in Organisations**  
How organisations can adopt the Convention, and incorporate it's principles into both policy and practice.
- 5. Health - the question of confidentiality and children's competence.**  
Children's rights can offer a framework for professionals working with children and young people in health settings.
- 6. Children's Services Plans - Possibilities for Participation**  
Methods of involving both children and young people in Children's Services Planning and Children's Services Reviews.

# BOOKING FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Seminars (*Delegates will attend one seminar only*):

First Choice Seminar No: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice Seminar No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please outline your access or dietary requirements:

*Conference fee: £65.00*

**Please return this booking form no later than 12th December 1996.**

Send completed form to:  
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**SCOTTISH ALLIANCE  
FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

**What is the Alliance?** The Alliance is not intended to be a formal organisation in it's own right. It's purpose is to function as an alliance of key organisations and individuals who have a distinctive contribution to make in the field of Children's Rights in Scotland. We intend to involve children and young people.

**Who is the Alliance?** The Alliance at present consists of a core group of eight members of the voluntary sector in Scotland. Individuals and other organisations are also on our database.

**Can I Join?** Any individual or organisation with an interest in children's rights can join the Alliance. Members receive copies of a quarterly newsletter and other mailings, and can access names of other members through our database, to share information and experience. Membership is free of charge at present.

**Our Aims and Objectives**

1. To act as a focal point in Scotland for promotion and implementation of children's rights contained in the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child.
2. To support children and young people in developing their role in relation to the Convention and engaging with the Alliance.
3. To encourage organisations to adopt the Convention and develop their policy and practice in accordance with the Principles and Articles of the Convention.

*Please return the attached form to Ruth Campbell, Save the Children Fund, Haymarket House, 8 Clifton Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5DR. Tel. 0131 557 8200*

I wish more information about SACR   
I wish to join the SACR database

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*Information you wish included on the SACR database:*

Interests \_\_\_\_\_

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