

CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee	Social Work Committee
Subject	Annual Conference
Conference Organiser	Association of Directors of Social Work
Venue	Coylumbridge Stakis Hotel, Aviemore
Conference Fee	£402.50 x 2
Date (s)	Tuesday 13 - Friday 16 May 1997
Recommendations	Mr J Dickie will be attending all week - Mrs Alexis Jay will be attending part of the Conference and one other member of the SMT will be attending the remainder. <i>SUITABLE FOR MEMBERS TO ATTEND</i>

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE
13 - 16 May 1997
STAKIS COYLUMBRIDGE HOTEL**

**“SOCIAL WORK AT THE CROSSROADS”
SPONSORED BY **Community Care****

Social Work has been subject to major change in recent years. The timing of this Conference will allow social work across Scotland the opportunity to discuss its future direction and to influence the policy of the incoming government.

The Conference is being held soon after a General Election in which Social Work issues will have had prominence as never before. The timing is, therefore, ideal to debate the long-term future of Social Work in Scotland. The Association has been giving serious thought to this matter and is currently working on a report entitled “*Social Work into the Millennium*”. The Conference will receive papers based on this report, covering Community Care, Child Care, Criminal Justice and Research Standards & Training. There will also be a session devoted to those Departments which have combined Social Work and Housing

The papers will be presented by leading Association members. Prominent speakers from the academic, judicial and wider professional worlds will respond, including Professor Alison Petch. The Community Care Lecture will be given by Blake Morrison author of “*As If*”, a recently published study of the Bolger Case. Jennifer Bernard, currently Director of Social Services (Newcastle), who takes up her post as Chief Executive, CCETSW on 1st June will deliver the CCETSW Jubilee Address. Reverend Howard Haslett, one of Scotland's finest after dinner speakers will address the Annual Dinner. In addition, a number of high quality workshop sessions have been arranged.

An invitation has been extended to the Scottish Office Minister and opposition spokesperson though, of course, their identities will be dependent on the outcome of the General Election.

The full list of speakers and the detailed programme will be issued shortly. In the meantime, you are invited to note the dates in your diary and to book you place at what we believe will be a very important and stimulating conference.

Booking Form on Reverse

Tuesday 13th May 1997

2 p.m. Onwards Arrival & Registration

7.00 p.m. Reception hosted by
Highland Council

Welcome by Jim Dick,
Director of Social Work,
The Highland Council

Chair:- Terry Philpot, Editor, Community Care

7.30 p.m. Community Care Lecture
Blake Morrison,
Poet/Writer

8.15 p.m. DINNER

Wednesday 14th May 1997

Chair: Sandy Cameron, Director of Social Work
South Lanarkshire Council

10.00 a.m. President's Address
Les McEwan

10.30 a.m. Colin Mair, SLAM Centre
Glasgow Univeristy

11.15 a.m. TEA/COFFEE

11.45 a.m. Mary Hartnoll, Convenor of
Standing Committee &
Peter Bates, Director of
Social Work, Dundee City
Council

12.30 p.m. LUNCH

Wednesday 14th May 1997 (Contd.)

Chair: Margaret Wells, Director of Social Wo...
Aberdeenshire Council

2.00 p.m. Professor Christine Hallett
University of Stirling &
Professor Cherry Rowlings(?)

3.00 p.m. CCETSW Jubilee Lecture
Jennifer Bernard

3.45 p.m. TEA/COFFEE

4.15 p.m.- FRINGE MEETINGS
5.30 p.m.

7.30 p.m. Reception hosted by
CCETSW

8.00 p.m. CONFERENCE DINNER

9.30 p.m. - Entertainment
midnight

Thursday 15th May 1997

Chair: Peter Cassidy, Director of Social Work
City of Aberdeen Council

9.45 a.m. Andrew Reid/George Irving
Convenors of Standing Committees

10.30 a.m. Professor Alison Petch

11.00 a.m. TEA/COFFEE

11.30 a.m. FRINGE MEETINGS

12.30 p.m. LUNCH

Thursday 15th May 1997 (Contd.)

Chair: Elaine Noad, Director of Social Work
South Ayrshire Council

2.30 p.m. Jill Preston/Tim Huntingford/
Mike Martin
Directors of Housing & Social
Work

3.15 p.m. TEA/COFFEE

3.45 p.m. Lord James Douglas-
Hamilton, Political Spokesperson

4.30 p.m. - FREE TIME
7.00 p.m.

Chair: Bob Winter, Secretary of ADSW

7.00 p.m. Lord McCluskey, Judge

8.00 p.m. Reception hosted by
Community Care

8.45 p.m. DINNER
After dinner speaker
Reverend Howard Haslett

Friday 16th May 1997

Chair: Les McEwan, President ADSW

10.00 a.m. Keith Geddes, President
COSLA

10.45 a.m. TEA/COFFEE

11.15 a.m. Political Spokesperson

12 noon CLOSE & LUNCH