

ITEM 3.1A: RECENT ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

Purpose

1. To provide the Council with an update on recent engagement activity.

Discussion

2. The following table details some of the presentations delivered and conferences, seminars, and visits attended by Council members or staff for the period **29 November 2024 – 14 March 2025**.

RECENT ENGAGEMENT EVENTS ATTENDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF	DATE	DETAILS OF COUNCIL PARTICIPATION
Four Corners Conference, involving the sentencing bodies of the UK and Ireland	29 November 2024	Council members and secretariat attended
Online event organised by the University of Strathclyde entitled 'Children and Young People in the Media: Positive Representation of Care Experience and Youth Justice'.	5 December 2024	A member of the secretariat attended
Event organised by the Women's Network of the Sheriffs and Summary Sheriffs Association, marking the tenure of Lady Dorrian as Lord Justice Clerk.	10 December 2024	Members of the secretariat attended
Two workshops at Our Lady's High School in Cumbernauld.	16 December 2024	Delivered by a member of the secretariat
Perspectives on Sentencing seminar in London, hosted by SCEW and the Sentencing Academy.	10 January 2025	Members of the secretariat attended
Judicial Institute webinar involving a presentation by Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) on alcohol use disorder.	16 January 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Workshop at Beeslack High School in Penicuik	23 January 2025	Delivered by a member of the secretariat
CYCJ webinar featuring researchers involved in a three-year study of violence in both England and Scotland, and detailing the learning from the project in terms of the 'Scottish Success story of violence reduction'.	30 January 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Scottish Feminist Judgments Project - A Presentation by Professor Nicole Busby, hosted by the UK Association of Women Judges.	6 February 2025	A member of the secretariat attended

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Talk by Prof Julian V Roberts KC (Hon) (University of Oxford) on 'Criminal Record Rides Again: Revisiting a 50-year-old Problem' at the Edinburgh Law School.	11 February 2025	Members of the secretariat attended
CYCJ webinar 'Understanding and contextualising social harms'. Researchers at Swansea University collaborated with CYCJ to examine the social harms faced by children in Scotland and Wales.	12 February 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
CYCJ webinar by Dr Peter Yates, who provided an overview of some of the main findings and key recommendations for practice from a comprehensive review of 40 years of research on sibling sexual abuse. This review was published in Child Abuse and Neglect in 2024.	25 February 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Presentation on the Council to the Public Defence Solicitors Office.	25 February 2025	Delivered by a member of the secretariat
Lecture by Dr Saket Priyadashi on Tackling Drug Deaths in Scotland - The UK's First-Ever Drug Consumption Facility (The Thistle).	26 February 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Gendered Violence and Abuse Conference at Northumbria University.	6 March 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Event hosted by the Empirical Legal Research Network: Dr Dominic Aitken (University of Strathclyde) 'Expertise in Criminal Justice'.	11 March 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Holyrood's Public Sector Data Summit, which detailed how to keep data up to date, accurate, and easy to access when required.	13 March 2025	A member of the secretariat attended

Recommendation

3. That the Council notes this update.

Scottish Sentencing Council Secretariat

March 2025