

Youth in Crisis and Community Interventions: Past, Present and Future Priorities*

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This two-day conference seeks to explore the current challenges facing young people across the UK in terms of social disadvantage, urban deprivation, territoriality, violence and the social and political mistrust of youth. It seeks to examine the current conceptions and misconceptions about youth gang culture and their relationship to issues of public disorder and violence, as well as exploring the community intervention strategies that have been put in place in Scotland to enhance young people's commitment to social and educational participation.

Through a combined programme of plenaries, research seminars and critical roundtable discussion, the conference aims to create an informed dialogue between practitioners, policy makers and researchers as a potential catalyst for future decision-making about how best to support and engage our young people.

Conference Introduction and Opening Address: Mr Tam Baillie, Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People
- Blethering with Children and Young People

Keynote Speakers

Professor Simon Hallsworth, London Metropolitan University
- Gangs, Gang Culture and Public Disorder: The Case of the English Disturbances

Professor Tracey Shildrick, Teesside University
- Young People and Social Exclusion: Evidence from Twelve Years of Research in Teesside

Dr Terry Barber, University of Dundee:
- Critical Engagement...Critical Youth Work...Critical Impact. Developing a community-based response to the needs of young people.

Detective Chief Superintendent John Carnochan, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit
- The Shared Agenda

Further information about the conference can be obtained by visiting the conference website at: www.uws.ac.uk/youthincrisis or emailing: youthincrisis@uws.ac.uk
To make a booking, complete a registration form and return by email to youthincrisis@uws.ac.uk

21-22 February 2012
Ayr Campus, University of the West of Scotland
Cost for full conference: £80 (£50 concessions)

** An event hosted by UWS: Youth, Social Justice and Inclusive Education network, coordinated by Professor Ross Deuchar.*