

**FROM POWER AND CONTROL TO EMPOWERING AND PROTECTING**

**16 Days of Action Opening Conference - 25 November 2016**  
**Forth Valley College, Stirling Campus**

**Conference Programme**

**09.30 Welcome to venue by Fiona Brown,**  
**Associate Principal of Forth Valley College**

**09.35 Welcome by host Local Authority: Stacey Burlet, Director of Children,**  
**Communities and Enterprise, Stirling Council**

**09.45 - Dr Lesley Orr**

**Honorary Fellow, University of Edinburgh**

**Tyranny of Respectability or Sanctuary of Solidarity? Christianity, Churches and Gender Based Violence.**

Gender based violence and coercive control are deeply embedded in relations and institutions at all levels of human interaction. In the struggle to prevent them, are Christian beliefs and communities part of the problem, or resources for resistance and transformation? Rooted in Scottish based action research and authorised by voices of women who know from experience, this presentation reflects on the challenge of GBV to churches in this country and around the world.

**11.20 - Ann Marie Hicks**  
**Lead Prosecutor for DA, CO & PF Service**

**Preventing Domestic Abuse and Stalking in a Changing Landscape: A Prosecutor's Perspective**

Examine the critical role which robust and effective enforcement and prosecution can play in prevention.

Discuss the changing landscape and how legislative reform might assist in tackling these crimes.

**10.25 - Dr Katy Proctor**

**Lecturer in Criminology and Policing,**  
**Glasgow Caledonian University**

**"Stalking, Power and Control"**

This presentation will consider stalking within the context of gender based violence against women. Incorporating the voices of survivors of stalking, the talk will illustrate the victim impact of this abuse and look at ways we can empower and protect individuals against an invisible violence.

**12.05 - Dr Amanullah De SONDY**  
**Senior Lecturer in Contemporary Islam,**  
**University College Cork, Ireland.**

**Masculinity and Domestic Violence - An Islamic Case Study**

This talk will evaluate the important category of masculinity in understanding domestic violence in Islamic texts, traditions and societies. It will further offer insight into the various hermeneutical and practical ways that women and other marginalised Muslims encounter and counter hegemonic understandings and violence against them.

**11.00 - Tea/Coffee**

**12.40 - Lunch Break**

**13.40 - Detective Chief Inspector Sam McCluskey  
Inspector Deborah Barton -  
Police Scotland National Domestic Abuse Co-ordination (policy) Unit and the  
National Domestic Abuse Task Force**

**Evidence based approach to tackling domestic abuse**

Police Scotland has drawn upon strong and effective partnership working to develop an evidence based approach to tackling domestic abuse. This input will provide an overview of this approach and provide information on current and future practice.

**14.15 - Dr Oona Brooks  
Lecturer in Criminology,  
University of Glasgow**

**Rape and the criminal justice process -  
new developments in advocacy support**

Longstanding concerns about the criminal justice response to rape have prompted the development of victim advocacy services across a range of jurisdictions, yet research evidence about the nature, value and efficacy of these services remains limited.

This presentation highlights key findings from a study evaluating an innovative pilot advocacy model introduced in Scotland to assist victims/survivors reporting rape to the police. It will conclude by considering implications for future advocacy work, including the recent introduction of a new National Advocacy Project by Rape Crisis Scotland.

14.45

Panel plenary discussion

Does the existing criminal law empower and protect those at risk of gender based violence?

15.45 Close

**Directions to Forth Valley College - Stirling Campus**

**From Stirling Railway/Bus Station - Bus stop opposite Railway Station  
for First Services C11, 57, 57C or 59**

**Travelling by car from the centre of town approaching from the south,  
B8052 - Goosecroft Road, Cowane Street, Lower Bridge Street, 2nd exit  
on A84 Drip Road, drive full length to College Campus on right side.**

**Travelling from the M9 motorway exit at junction 10, take last exit from  
roundabout follow A84 to Raploch Roundabout, take 1st exit to mini  
roundabout, 1st exit takes you to College Campus.**