

Miscarriages of Justice in Scotland

James Weir Building, Montrose Street, Strathclyde University

Tuesday 25th August 2009

- 9:30 Arrival, registration, refreshments
- 10:00 Introduction to the Institute for Advanced Studies and the Miscarriages of Justice programme
Michael Bromby (Programme Leader) & Jane Morgan (IAS Director)
- 10:15 Michael Bromby – the programme, introductions, outcomes and objectives
Michael Naughton – Innocence Network UK
Round table discussion
- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:30 Sandra Lean – Does the portrayal of the system effect beliefs onto those in the system?
Language and understanding; areas of underdevelopment
Round table discussion
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Peter Duff – Views from beyond the SCCRC
John Mayer – Views from the Scottish Bar
Round table discussion
- 14:30 Coffee Break
- 15:00 Peter Hill – A Proposed Reform Group
Sandra Lean - The need for a step between the current system and policy makers
Round table discussion
- 16:00 Round-up and close

Wednesday 26th August 2009

9:30 Arrival, registration, refreshments

10:00 Michael Bromby – Peaks and Troughs. Will the SCCRC continue to receive a steady rate of applications? Why do successful cases not appear to cause a deluge of other cases?
Michael Naughton – Innocence as a Lens
Round table discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Rhonda Wheate – Jury Research. Is the time ripe for further enquiry into the mechanics of juries, decision making, and their ability to understand evidence?
Round table discussion

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Burkhard Schafer – Is reasonable doubt reasonable - Larry Laudan's epistemology and the SCCRC
Round table discussion

14:30 Coffee Break

15:00 Amina Memon – The role of the forensic psychologist. Are research findings backing up policy and development in Scotland?
Round table discussion

16:00 Round-up and close

Attendees

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Michael Bromby – Glasgow Caledonian University
Jane Morgan – Institute for Advanced Studies, Strathclyde University
Rhonda Wheate – Glasgow Caledonian University
Peter Duff – University of Aberdeen
John Mayer – Advocate
Sandra Lean – University of Stirling
Gerard Sinclair – Chief Executive SCCRC
George Irving – Commissioner SCCRC
Sarah Armstrong – Scottish Centre for Criminal Justice Research

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Michael Walker – Senior Legal Officer SCCRC
George Burgess – Criminal Justice Directorate, Scottish Government (PM)

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Burkhard Schafer - University of Edinburgh
Claire Lightowler – Scottish Centre for Criminal Justice Research
Gordon Newall – Senior Legal Officer SCCRC
Allan Jamieson – Forensic Institute
Darragh Hare – Scottish Policy Innovation Forum (PM)

Peter Hill -

Aims, Objectives and Outcomes

Position Paper on Miscarriages of Justice in Scotland

How do we understand and respond to claims of miscarriages of justice

Annotated Bibliography

UK-wide and Scotland specific

Proposed Reform Group

Rationale, remit etc.

Future Events

16-18 September

David Brown – University of New South Wales

26-29 October

30-31 October – INUK training in London

29 November - Legal Education Day

1/2 December or early January – Final Evaluation and Review

Associated Events

Howard League Scotland – Prisoners claiming innocence: their options and areas for reform
Scottish Policy Innovation Forum -

Pilot research projects

Law – typologies of evidence, appeal statistics

Soc – Laura Piacentini, Howard League issues

Psy – Identification of missing areas of research