

SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS



LINDA FAY

Founding Director, Life-Pod CIC

Linda is the UK's only ICD certified Chronic Disorganisation Specialist and Hoarding Specialist. Linda is the founder of Life-Pod which she established in 2012. Since then, she has become recognised as the 'go to' person in Scotland, and across the UK, for advice and guidance on dealing with clutter, disorganisation and hoarding issues.



JOANNA CHERRY QC MP

Member of Parliament

Joanna is the Justice & Home Affairs spokesperson for the SNP at Westminster. Before entering Parliament Joanna had been in practice as an Advocate for 20 years. She became a QC in 2009 and is ranked by the Legal 500 as one of the leading QCs in Scotland. Joanna co-authored the textbook 'Mental Health and Scots Law in Practice'.



DR STUART WHOMSLEY

Clinical Psychologist, NHS

Dr Whomsley works with adults who present with a wide range of problems. One of his areas of specialism is working with people who have problems with hoarding. He co-authored the BPS guidelines 'A Psychological Perspective on Hoarding'. Dr Whomsley has been involved in media work on television, radio and the written media about hoarding. Currently he runs a Hoarding support group with the charity MIND in Corby.



MIKE FLYNN MBE

Chief Superintendent, SSPCA

In 1987 Mike initiated SSPCA undercover unit working on organised dog fighting, badger baiting and puppy farms, etc. He wrote the first Crown Office approved Inspectors manual and is responsible for all Parliamentary and Scottish Government issues relating to animal welfare. Mike is a founding member of Links Group (exploring links between animal and human abuse) and a member of the Science & Ethics Committee of Edinburgh Zoo.



DR RANDY FROST

Professor of Psychology, Smith College, USA

Dr Randy O Frost, Professor of Psychology, Smith College Dr Frost is the Israel Professor of Psychology at Smith College, Massachusetts, USA. He has published over 170 articles and 6 books. His book Stuff: Compulsive hoarding and the meaning of things, was a New York Times Bestseller, a finalist for the 2010 Books for a Better Life Award, and named a Must Read Book for 2011 by Massachusetts Book Awards. His latest book, The Oxford Handbook of Hoarding and Acquiring was published in 2014. He has received a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Mental Health Association of San Francisco, and a Career Achievement Award from the International OCD Foundation.



ALESHA COOPER

Positive Behaviour Adviser, Kingdom Support & Care

Alesha is a Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Advisor working in the field of complex needs. She works with individuals and services to offer advice, support and training around behaviours which may be of concern or deemed challenging. Alesha, after concluding assessments, devises programmes of support with the aim of improving the persons quality of life. Alesha also delivers PBS and behavioural as well as providing external training to other agencies, including NHS. Alesha is trained in a wide range of behaviour interventions and techniques, including CBT and holistic therapies.



ERICA STUART-JONES

Head of Learning & Development, The Richmond Fellowship Scotland (TRFS)

Erica is Head of Learning & Development at TRFS. She joined TRFS in 2017 from NHS Health Scotland where she worked in a variety of roles, including Head of Training for Choose Life and the Mental Health Improvement Programme. She led the programme which supported the public sector to train 15 000 front line staff in suicide prevention skills for the Heat 5 Suicide Prevention target and wrote the 2011 national mental health improvement workforce strategy for the public, private and third sector. Erica's focus is on learning cultures and systems, the ways in which organisations enable their staff to continually learn and improve, and the difference this makes to motivation and engagement.



FRASER KELLY

Chief Executive, Waverley Housing

Fraser joined Waverley Housing in January 2018 following 6 years as Chief Executive of Social Enterprise Scotland. Prior to that, Fraser was Chief Executive with Glasgow South East Regeneration Agency which was formed from a merger of Castlemilk Economic Development Agency and Gorbals Initiative; he joined CEDA from Inverclyde Council where he had been working as Head of Economic Development.

AROUND THE CAMPFIRE



MARY NOTMAN

Adult Protection Coordinator, Perth & Kinross Council



ZHAN MCINTYRE

Policy Lead, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations



JOHN GRAY

Watch Manager, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service



ANDREW CAMPBELL

Environmental Health Officer, The City of Edinburgh Council



COLIN BECK

Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership



RICHARD IBBOTSON

Executive Director (East and North), The Richmond Fellowship Scotland

