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5.45pm on Thursday 23rd February 2017

Room N118, Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University,
Garthdee, Aberdeen
Free car parks available

Rehabilitation, Culture and Society by Professor Fergus McNeill

Fergus McNeill is Professor of Criminology and Social Work at the University of Glasgow where he works in the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research and in Sociology. Prior to becoming an academic in 1998, Fergus worked for a number of years in residential drug rehabilitation and as a criminal justice social worker.

His many research projects and publications have examined institutions, cultures and practices of punishment and rehabilitation – and questions about their reform. He recently led a pioneering ESRC funded project, 'Discovering Desistance', which developed dialogue between academics, practitioners and ex-offenders about how criminal justice can better support people to leave crime behind and influenced policy and practice development in many countries. Between 2012 and 2016, he chaired an EU funded research network on 'Offender Supervision in Europe' which involved about 80 researchers from across 23 jurisdictions.

As well as researching, teaching and writing, Fergus has been involved in providing consultancy advice and support to governments and criminal justice organizations in many jurisdictions around the world. Between 2011-2014, he was appointed by the Cabinet Secretary as Chair of the Scottish Advisory Panel on Offender Rehabilitation. He is a Trustee, Council or Board Member of several charities including Faith in Communities Scotland, 'Positive Prisons? Positive Futures', SASO and Vox Liminis. He also served recently as a member of the Poverty Truth Commissions.

Members and non-members alike are welcome.

Solicitors & Advocates, Police and Social Workers and other professions may claim CPD time for attendance at SASO lectures - registration at the event will be required.

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The COSTA Coffee Shop is open in the Sir Ian Wood Building until 10pm.

The aim of SASO is to bring together people with a wide range of experience in the criminal justice system so that by listening, talking and sharing experience, a better understanding of our common problems will develop.