



THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF OFFENDING

Scottish Association for the Study of Offending

Edinburgh Branch

Invites you to attend a public lecture on
Tuesday 7 March 2017 at 5.30pm

By

**Claire Lightowler and Debbie Nolan,
Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice**

entitled

**“The whole system approach:
responding to complexity and lessons
learned.”**

The Whole System Approach for children and young people who offend, introduced in 2011, represented a significant shift to a clearer focus on diversion, early intervention and holistic work with children involved in offending. There has been a significant reduction in children and young people’s contact with the justice system (police contact, referrals to the Children’s Hearing System, and the number of young people in Young Offender Institutions). This lecture discusses what the Approach is, its rationale, how it has attempted to respond to the complexity of the lives of the children and what has been achieved. It will particularly explore what Community Justice can learn from the Approach and will consider the potential for extending it to adults.

Claire Lightowler is Director and Debbie Nolan is a practice development advisor at the Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice (CYCJ). CYCJ supports improvement in youth justice, contributing to better lives for individuals and communities by developing, supporting and understanding youth justice practice, policy and research in Scotland and through seeking and sharing learning internationally. It is funded by the Scottish Government and hosted by the University of Strathclyde.

**This is an open meeting, free
to all with an interest in
crime and criminal justice.**

**1½ hours of CPD time may
be claimed by Advocates,
Solicitors, Police and Social
Workers.**

**Registration at the event
will be required for the first
two professions.**

**You do not need to be a
member of SASO to attend.**