

SASO MEETING

TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2014, 6pm for 6.30 pm START

TOWN HOUSE, KIRKCALDY

(Light refreshments will be available)

AN EVENING WITH

TAM BAILLIE

SCOTLAND'S COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN

AND YOUNG PEOPLE

In May 2009, Tam took up the post of Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People. As the Commissioner, Tam's remit is to have regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, to encourage the involvement of children and young people in the work of the Commissioner and to promote and safeguard the rights of children and young people in Scotland. These rights are set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which the UK Government signed up to in 1991.

Prior to taking up his appointment as Commissioner Tam worked as a practitioner with children and young people for 30 years, primarily with young offenders, young people in and leaving care and the homeless. Tam has worked in both Scotland and England in both the voluntary and statutory sectors. He was the Director of Policy for Barnardo's Scotland from 2003 and worked extensively on children's policy and rights issues.

Tam is a member of the Early Years Task Force

Tam has spoken to many organisations and recently presented to the Judicial Institute for Scotland, the body responsible for providing training to Judges. Among recent topics he has spoken on;

- Young people and the criminal justice system
- The use of YOI for under 16 year olds
- Challenges for the Children's Hearing system
- The age of criminal responsibility
- His role and the UNCRC

Tam is an excellent speaker, not only highly informative but hugely entertaining. Rather than restrict him to any one topic we have asked him to present an open script. If there are any particular issues or questions you would like to discuss feel free to e-mail margaret.collins@fife.gov.uk.