



THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF OFFENDING

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

**There is no need to register
to attend – just turn up on
the evening!**

**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.**

**Refreshments will be
available at the end of the
Lecture.**

ALL WELCOME!

Scottish Association for the Study of Offending

Edinburgh Branch

**Invite you to attend a public lecture on
Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 5.30pm**

by
**Kevin Neary
Aid & Abet**

entitled
**“Criminal Justice, Substance Use, Prison
Experiences and the Power of Change”**

at
**Edinburgh Sheriff Court, Chambers Street,
Edinburgh**

Aid & Abet was set up in 2014. It supports people involved in the criminal justice system in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Lothian, with a focus on those who have been in custody. It is an initiative led by people who have been in prison themselves, mostly as a result of addiction problems. Their mentors have lived experience of Criminal Justice System and understand the barriers faced in prison and integrating back into the community. Aid & Abet assists people leaving prison to engage with housing, financial, health and addiction support services.

Kevin Neary is a co-founder, core group member and mentor at Aid & Abet, using his experiences, past and present, to help those leaving prison to turn their lives around.

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.

For more information about SASO, its aims and objectives, ongoing activities and membership options please visit our website at www.sastudyoffending.org.uk

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