



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 4th March 2025 at 5.30pm**

by

**Dr Kirstin Anderson
Edinburgh Napier University**

entitled

**“The Barlinnie Special Unit:
A Forgotten Legacy?”**

at

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

Dr Kirstin Anderson is a Lecturer in Criminology at Edinburgh Napier University. She has spent a large part of her career teaching music in schools, universities and in prisons. Her book “The Barlinnie Special Unit: Art, innovation and Punishment” was published in October 2024.

The Barlinnie Special Unit was a small therapeutic unit which opened in 1973 as a way of managing long term prisoners and violent offenders in Scottish prisons. Dubbed the world’s most ambitious penal experiment, it was loved and loathed in equal measure during its almost 22 years of life until its eventual closure in the 90s. This seminar explores the legacy of the Special Unit in the Scottish Prison Service, and the Arts and Justice sector.

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.

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