

### ITEM 3.2A: RECENT ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

#### Purpose

1. To provide the Council with an update on recent engagement activity.

#### Discussion

2. The following table details some of the presentations delivered and conferences, seminars, and visits attended by Council members or staff for the period **5 December 2023 – 12 March 2024**.

RECENT ENGAGEMENT EVENTS ATTENDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF	DATE	DETAILS OF COUNCIL PARTICIPATION
AHRC Napier University - workshop	5 December 2023	Members of the secretariat took part in the workshop.
Holyrood Insight Mental Health and Wellbeing in Scotland Conference	6 December 2023	A member of the secretariat took attended the conference.
Lecture by Dr Rod Earle, Open University - Whiteness, Racism and Race: Questions for Decolonising Criminology	7 December 2023	Members of the secretariat attended.
Centre for Justice Innovation webinar 'Expert Voices: Presumption against short prison sentences - the Scottish experience'	9 January 2024	Members of the secretariat attended the webinar.
Scottish Sentencing Council - Death by driving guideline webinar for legal practitioners	16 January 2024	Lord Matthews, Sheriff Louise Arrol and Sheriff David Harvie delivered the webinar, supported by the secretariat.
Scottish Sentencing Council - meeting with member of Queensland Sentencing Council	17 January 2024	Lord Matthews and members of the secretariat attended the meeting.
Empirical Research on Sentencing Network (EroS) workshop	18 January 2024	Members of the secretariat took part in the workshop.
Scottish Sentencing Council – seminar on the Council - Victim Support Scotland's Support for Families Bereaved by Crime service	22 January 2024	Members of the secretariat delivered the seminar.
Centre for Justice Innovation webinar 'Expert Voices: A presumption against short prison sentences for women'	30 January 2024	Members of the secretariat attended the webinar.
Scottish Sentencing Council – Judicial Institute presentation to sentencers on the death by driving guideline	7 February 2024	The Lord Justice Clerk delivered the presentation.
Scottish Solicitors' Bar Association	13 February 2024	Members of the secretariat delivered a presentation on the Death by driving and other guidelines.

Irish Penal Reform Trust (IPRT) - Prison Law Seminar: Sentencing - Alternatives to Imprisonment	28 February 2024	A member of the secretariat attended the seminar.
21st Kilbrandon Lecture – ‘Resisting the Marginalisation, Regulation and Criminalisation of Children and Young People’	29 February 2024	Members of the secretariat attended the lecture.
Devolved Nation Branches of the Division of Forensic Psychology virtual conference	1 March 2024	Lord Matthews delivered a presentation and a member of the secretariat attended the conference.
Turing CIIG Seminar: Jose Pina-Sanchez (University of Leeds) - Modelling Unwarranted Disparities in Sentencing: Distinguishing between Good and Bad Controls	4 March 2024	A member of the secretariat attended the seminar.
The Sentencing Academy and University of York – Mental health and sentencing	6 March 2024	Members of the secretariat attended.
Centre for Justice Innovation webinar ‘Expert Voices: What is a good community sentence?’	7 March 2024	A member of the secretariat attended.

### Recommendation

3. That the Council notes this update.

Scottish Sentencing Council Secretariat

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