

**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 **7 September 2023 – 07 December 2023**.

<b>RECENT ENGAGEMENT EVENTS ATTENDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>DETAILS OF COUNCIL PARTICPATION</b>
<b>Glasgow Bar Association Excellence and Advocacy (CPD Seminar)</b>	8 September	Members of the secretariat delivered a presentation on sentencing guidelines.
<b>Scottish Institute for Policing Research workshop: “Using restorative practices to build understanding and relationships between police and minority ethnic communities”</b>	13 September	A member of the secretariat took part in the workshop.
<b>Scottish Prison Service: summer event on research, evaluation &amp; evidence</b>	14 September	Members of the secretariat attended for the Council’s interests. Dr Hannah Graham was in attendance in her academic capacity.
<b>Doors open days</b>	16 and 23 September	Members of the secretariat delivered presentations on the work of the Council at Glasgow High Court, followed by a similar event at Edinburgh Sheriff Court.
<b>Delegation of prosecutors from Singapore</b>	20 September	Lord Matthews gave a presentation on the work of the Council at this event, which was hosted by the Judicial Institute for Scotland. Members of the secretariat also attended.
<b>Public Defence Solicitors’ Office</b>	27 September	Joanne McMillan delivered a talk on the work of the Council.
<b>Kilmarnock Bar Association (CPD Seminar)</b>	6 October	A member of the secretariat delivered a talk on the work of the Council.
<b>Children and Young People’s Centre for Justice webinar: “Sentencing of care-experienced young people”</b>	12 October	Members of the secretariat attended.

<b>Edinburgh College presentation</b>	12 October	A member of the secretariat delivered a presentation on the work of the Council to S6 pupils.
<b>Strathclyde Law School lecture by Richard Susskind: “AI and the Future of Legal Services”</b>	19 October	A member of the secretariat attended.
<b>Modern Studies Association Conference 2023</b>	04 November	A member of the secretariat operated a stall at the conference.
<b>University of Glasgow lecture on the Scottish Sentencing Council and sentencing guidelines</b>	07 November	A member of the secretariat delivered lecture and was accompanied by another member of the secretariat.
<b>Scottish Association for the Study of Offending Annual Conference 2023</b>	16 November	A member of the secretariat attended.
<b>Thriving Survivors Annual Conference 2023</b>	17 November	Members of the secretariat attended.
<b>Neurodiversity Webinar Series: Part 2 - Representing Neurodiverse Clients</b>	21 November	A member of the secretariat attended.
<b>Victim Support Scotland</b>	23 November	Members of the secretariat met with representatives of VSS to discuss victims’ issues.
<b>The Inaugural Scottish Sentencing Research Symposium, hosted by the Council in conjunction with the Sentencing Academy and University of Glasgow</b>	24 November	Council members and the secretariat took part in this event, which involved members of the judiciary, academics, practitioners, researchers, and interested parties from the United Kingdom.
<b>Grooming and Coercive Control — Neurodiverse Connection Summit 2023</b>	27 November – 01 December	Members of the secretariat attended various webinars during this online summit.
<b>Modern Studies Advanced Higher Annual Conference 2023</b>	06 December	A member of the secretariat delivered a presentation on the work of the Council to S6 pupils from across Scotland.
<b>Division of Forensic Psychology – Scotland (DFPS) Annual General Meeting</b>	07 December	Members of the secretariat gave a presentation about the work of the Council.

**Recommendation**

3. That the Council notes this update.