

Scotland



A conference on SAFETY AND CORPORATE CRIMINAL ACCOUNTABILITY

A major conference exploring the adequacy of Scottish law and the Scottish criminal justice system in investigating, prosecuting and sentencing companies and individuals whose conduct results in death or injury. The conference will, in particular consider the law of homicide, the arrangements for the investigation of deaths, and the duties imposed upon directors and whether reforms in this area are necessary.

When:

Thursday 23 October 2003

Where:

**Moir Hall
Mitchell Theatre Complex
Granville Street, Glasgow G3**

Time:

9.15am – 5.45pm

Cost:

£30.00/£10.00 (unwaged)

£50 for lawyers/businesses/gov. bodies

Speakers include

- **Cathy Jamieson MSP**, Justice Minister*
- **Bill Speirs**, General Secretary STUC
- **Rt. Hon. Des Browne M.P.**, Minister for Work*
- **Prof. Hazel Croall**, Glasgow Caledonian University
- **Bob Leitch**, Director, Scottish Chambers of Commerce
- **Frank Maguire**, Partner, Thompsons Solicitors
- **Stewart Campbell**, Director, HSE, Scotland
- **Gavin Cleland**, Piper Alpha Families Association
- **David Bergman**, Centre for Corporate Accountability
- **John Watt**, Area Procurator Fiscal for Grampian

*To be confirmed

Key Issues at the Conference

- Health and Safety record in Scotland
- Law of Culpable Homicide
- Sentencing of companies
- Investigation and prosecution of work-related death
- Directors legal responsibilities

Who should come to this conference

- trade union safety representatives;
- national and local policy makers;
- academics, journalists and students;
- personal injury and trade union lawyers;
- health and safety inspectors;
- hazard campaigners;
- company managers and safety officers.

Registration Form

Please return this form (using block capitals throughout) as soon as possible, and no later than 20 October 2003, enclosing a cheque (made out to the CCA) and sending it to: Scotland Conference, Centre for Corporate Accountability, 4th Floor, 197/199 City Road, London EC1V 1JN

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For further information about the conference, please contact Neil Gilbert at the Centre for Corporate Accountability.

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Programme, 23 October 2003

Safety and Corporate Criminal Accountability in Scotland

Opening Session: Safety and Corporate Accountability in 2003

9.15 Chair: Dr Charles Woolfson – opening remarks

- 9.30
- *Bill Speirs*, General Secretary, STUC
 - *Cathy Jamieson MSP*, Minister for Justice
 - *Bob Leitch*, Director, Scottish Chambers of Commerce

10.15 Questions

10.40 Record of Safety and HSE in Scotland

- *Prof. Andrew Watterson*, Stirling University
Overview of health and safety issues in Scotland
- *Rt. Hon. Des Browne M.P.* Minister of State for Work
The Government's record on Safety

11.20 Questions

11.40 Tea/Coffee

12.00 Civil Law Remedies

- *Frank Maguire*, Solicitor Advocate, Thompson Solicitors

12.15 Investigation and Prosecution of Work-related Deaths in Scotland

- *Stewart Campbell*, Director, HSE, Scotland
- *John Watt*, Area Procurator Fiscal for Grampian
- *Najma Rasul*, Centre for Corporate Accountability

1.00 Questions

1.15 Lunch

2.15 Experience of Bereaved Families

Chair: *Steve Tombs*

- *Gavin Cleland*, who's son Robert died in the Piper Alpha disaster
- *Catherine Tweedie*, her son died in April 1999 whilst working for James Forsyth Ltd

2.40 Questions

2.50 Homicide and Corporate Killing

- *Jenifer Ross*, University of Strathclyde
The Law of Homicide and its application to work-related deaths
- *Manus Blessing*, Advocate
The argument for reform

3.30 Questions

3.50 Tea/Coffee

4.10 Directors Duties

- *David Bergman*, Centre for Corporate Accountability
The Law and Directors' safety responsibilities
- *Neal Stone*, Head of Innovation Engagement Unit
HSE and Directors Responsibilities

4.50 Questions

5.10 Sentencing Companies and Organisations in Scotland

- *Ian Tasker*, STUC
- *Prof. Hazel Croall*, Glasgow Caledonian University

5.45 Finish

Contributors

David Bergman is Director of the Centre for Corporate Accountability. The CCA has drafted a Directors Duties (Health and Safety) Bill.

Manus Blessing is an Advocate (a member of the Scottish Bar) who was previously with the criminal law firm Beltrami's Solicitors in Glasgow.

Rt. Hon. Des Browne M.P. is the Minister of State for Work and is the minister responsible for health and safety as well as for industrial injury benefits.

Stewart Campbell is the Director of the Health and Safety Executive in Scotland.

Gavin Cleland is a member of the Piper Alpha Families Association. His son 33 year old Robert died in the Piper Alpha disaster in 1987.

Hazel Croall is Professor of Criminology at Glasgow Caledonian University and has written widely on corporate crime issues.

Bob Leitch is the Director of the Scottish Chambers of Commerce. He was a banker with the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Cathy Jamieson is an MSP and the Minister for Justice in the Scottish Assembly. She has responsibility for criminal law reform and policy in Scotland.

Frank Maguire is a senior Partner at Thompsons Solicitors and specialises in health and safety and personal injury law. He is also president of the Society of Solicitor Advocates.

Najma Rasul has been the case-worker at the Centre for Corporate Accountability's "Work-Related Death Advice Service" for two years.

Jenifer Ross is a senior law lecturer at the University of Strathclyde and has written on homicide in Scotland.

Bill Speirs has been General Secretary of the Scottish Trade Union Congress since 1998. He is Member of the Employment Appeals Tribunal is also a past Chairperson of the Scottish Labour Party.

Steve Tombs is Professor of Sociology at John Moores University in Liverpool. He is co-author of the book 'Corporate Crime' published in 1999 by Longmans. He is the Chair of the Centre for Corporate Accountability.

Neal Stone is the Head of Innovative Engagement Unit at the HSE which is responsible for developing the organisation's policy on 'Directors Duties'.

Ian Tasker is the Assistant Secretary of Health and Safety at the STUC – a position supported by Thompsons Solicitors in Scotland.

Catherine Tweedie's son Craig died in April 1999. No prosecution followed the death despite serious criticism being made by the Sheriff at the Fatal Accident Inquiry.

Prof. Andrew Watterson is Chair of the Department of Health at Stirling University. He is a Fellow of the highly exclusive Collegium Ramazzini.

John Watt is the Area Procurator Fiscal for Grampian and has corporate responsibility within the Crown Office for liaison with the HSE.

Dr Charles Woolfson is based at Glasgow University where he is the Director of the European Centre for Occupational Health, Safety and the Environment. He is a member of the CCA's Advisory Council.