

InterAction on Justice for Historic Child Abuse

Terms of Reference

1. A Group is hereby established to be known as the “InterAction on Justice for Historic Child Abuse” (the InterAction).
2. **Purpose**
To secure progress in implementing the recommendations included in the Human Rights Framework for remedies for historic child abuse in Scotland which was published by the Scottish Human Rights Commission (SHRC) in February 2010 (<http://www.scottishhumanrights.com/ourwork/historicalabuse>).
- a) The aims and objectives of the Group are:
 - To develop an action plan outlining the agreed steps to advance access to justice for survivors of institutional abuse
 - To develop a time frame within which steps will be taken
 - To agree an independent monitoring process
3. **Membership**
Membership of the group will comprise representatives of the following Stakeholders:
 - An independent Chair
 - Care leavers and victims/survivors of historic child abuse
 - Residential child care practitioners and managers
 - Representatives of those organisations which have had responsibilities for the care of children
 - Those who work or have worked in children’s services
 - Others who in the view of the Chair or the Commission can help inform the development of the Action Plan.
4. Other organisations/groups/individuals that may have an interest in the development of the Interaction Forum may be invited to join the group at any time, or otherwise contribute their views, with the agreement of the Chair and SHRC.
5. The views of other organisations/ groups/ individuals that may have an interest in the development of the Interaction Forum may be sought to inform the work of the InterAction Forum.
6. The membership of the Group shall generally be restricted to one representative per organisation as invited by SHRC and the Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland (CELCIS), unless agreed otherwise by SHRC and the Chair.

7. Meetings

It is envisaged that the InterAction will convene at least twice, from around 11am to 4pm or less, with the first meeting being on 28 February 2013. The second meeting will be no earlier than three months after the first.

8. Venue

The venue for each meeting will be decided by SHRC on the advice of the Reference Group, and will as far as possible, be reflective of the geographical membership of the Group.

9. Chair

The Chair of the InterAction process will be Professor Monica McWilliams (http://www.transitionaljustice.ulster.ac.uk/staff_profiles/mmcwilliams.htm).

10. Records

A record of each meeting will be kept by a designated note-taker. It is the responsibility of the designated note-taker to ensure that each member of the Group receives the notes from the previous meeting not less than 24 hours before the date of the next meeting. The meetings will be held under The Chatham House Rule, whereby individual or organisational attribution will not be made to individual comments (<http://www.chathamhouse.org/about-us/chathamhouserule>).

Professor Monica McWilliams
Chair of the InterAction on Justice for Historic Child Abuse