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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Radisson Blu Glasgow

- 9.00am **Registration & Refreshments**
- 9.30am **Welcome and Introductions** – Angela Leitch, Chair of YouthLink Scotland
- 9.40am **Upstream Prevention: The Vital Role of Youth Work at the Local Level** – Councillor Tony Buchanan – COSLA Children and Young People's Spokesperson
- 9.45am **A Radical Shift Towards Prevention** – Paul Johnston, Chief Executive, Public Health Scotland
- 10.05am **From Policy to Practice: Youth Work and the Prevention Agenda** – Chaired by Tim Frew, CEO, YouthLink Scotland
- The panel will continue to explore the theme of realising a radical shift towards prevention, discussing youth work's role in key social policy areas such as public health, justice, and education
- Dr Diane Stockton, Head of the Clinical, Health Intelligence and Research Division, Public Health Scotland
  - Carrie Lindsay, Executive Officer, ADES
  - Clair Thomson - Collaboration Transformation Manager & Co-Director, Scottish Prevention Hub
  - Jasmin Aden, Senior Youth Co-ordinator, One Communities Scotland
- 10.35am **Tea/Coffee**
- 10.45am **Workshops 1**
- 1. Raising Awareness of Suicide Prevention** – Children in Scotland and Suicide Prevention Scotland
- 2. Does Youth Work Change Lives in Dundee? Yes, it does!!** – Dundee City Council



**3. Community Safety: Breaking Down Barriers and Connecting**

**Generations** - Generations Working Together, The Prince's Trust and Yoker Resource Centre

**4. Upstream Prevention in Practice** - Planet Youth Scotland, Winning Scotland and Y Sort It

**5. Beyond Bystanders:** Youth Work and preventing violence against women and girls – Zero Tolerance

**6. Taking Homelessness Prevention Upstream:** Working together to prevent family and youth homelessness - Rock Trust

12.00

**Lunch**

12.30pm

**Lunchtime Seminar:**

**Building Racial Literacy: Promoting anti-racism as a baseline professional value, empowering youth workers to identify and implement anti-racist behaviours and processes in their everyday practice.**

Our panel will explore the difference anti-racist practice can make, sharing their own experience of creating inclusive environments for young people engaging in youth work.

- Ammara Abid, Operations Officer, Equity & Inclusion, DofE Scotland
- Chereen Rain, Lead Specialist (Racial Literacy), Professional Learning and Leadership Team, Education Scotland
- Francesca Malila, Community Development Worker, Project Esperanza
- Chaired by Cynthia Gentle, Network Support Officer (United Voices), YouthLink Scotland.

1.15pm

**Workshops 2**

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**Uplifting Young Voices: Prevention and the Power of Listening** - Nicola Killean, Scottish Children and Young People's Commissioner

3.50pm

**Closing Remarks and Eric Liddell Awards Presentation** – Tim Frew, CEO, YouthLink Scotland

4.00pm

**Conference Closes**

