



Women, Justice and Homelessness

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You will:

- Explore the current national picture of the relationship between women, justice and homelessness
- Discuss how you would work with a woman who has touched the justice system and is experiencing homelessness

We will:

- Demonstrate good practice and ask how we can truly transform lives

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The National Picture

- Please work in groups of between 3 and 5 people
- Using one phone or iPad, go to <https://b.socrative.com/login/student/>
- When asked to, in Room Name enter **ASHPOOL4953**
- Complete the quiz

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The National Picture- Some Voices

- *“It’s not just losing your house, you lose all your personal stuff. You can’t get that back.”*
- *“The shorter length you are in, the less help you get.. you lose your house, a lot of bad things can happen, and they haven’t got any time to address anything.”*

Prison Reform Trust and Turning Point Scotland Focus Group, 2017

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Sam's Journey

- In your groups, read the account
- Discuss these questions;

What would you do? Who would you involve?

What do you think the best possible outcomes would be?

How long do you think it will take for her to be suitably housed?

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Sam's Journey

Council housing
officer

Shelter

EHAP

Women's Aid

Criminal Lawyer

DWP

Civil Legal Advice
Office

Freshstart

Scottish Welfare
Fund

School

Local mental health
services

Hospitals

Police Scotland

GP

Substance misuse
services

Social Work

EDACS

Neighbourhood
Visiting Support
Team

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Good Practice- Tomorrow's Women Glasgow

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOa1xTtn1PQ>

- Holistic, trauma-informed collaborations that are linked to communities and tailored to the needs of women

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How can we really transform lives?

- *“We are wasting lives.... we will look back in 60 years and be ashamed at how we did this.”* (Dame Eilish Angiolini, 2017)
- *“It’s really bad though, that things need to get so bad for you to get the help.”* (Prison Reform Trust and Turning Point Scotland Focus Group, 2017)
- 5,700 people a year experience homelessness, offending and substance dependency



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- We need to stop looking at things through lenses and our actions need to be broader

Women and Social Justice

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“A world where the abuse, marginalisation and poverty at the root of so much of women’s offending is addressed before women come in contact with the criminal justice system.”
(Women in Prison)

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