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Welcome to this short edition of Collaborate. We are featuring a couple of news items which I hope will be of interest.

We will have a full edition at the beginning of next month

Many thanks

Graham Boyack
Director
Scottish Mediation

Adverts from:
Scottish Community Mediation
Centre



Keynote Confirmed for Mediate 2017

Scottish Mediation are delighted to confirm one of our keynote sessions for Mediate 2017 which is being held in Glasgow on Monday 6th November 2017.

Dr Omer Shapira from ONO Academic College in Israel will deliver a keynote address speaking on Ethics in Mediation. He has published a number of papers on various aspects of mediation and is an attorney and a lecturer in the Law Faculty at ONO college.

Another keynote is in the process of being confirmed for the conference which will also include a range of workshops on the conference theme, Understanding the Dynamics. One of those workshops will feature Laurel Farrington who will be looking at mediating with people on the autistic spectrum.

For further details and to book a place please click [here](#).



GLASGOW | 6 NOVEMBER

Scottish Mediation Recruiting Trustees

Graham Boyack

Scottish Mediation is at an exciting stage of its development. We are delivering on our strategy for 2015-18 and its key goals

1. To ensure that the Scottish Government and organisations across Scotland regard mediation as central to their approaches.
2. Be the organisation to partner with in order to promote the development of mediation.
3. Shape and facilitate the use of mediation in new areas.
4. Strengthen the Scottish Mediation Register as the recognised mark of good practice in mediation in Scotland and adapt it to requirements.
5. Further the understanding by people and organisations of mediation.

We are proud of our work promoting mediation across the range of Scottish public life, promoting professional standards through the maintenance of the Scottish Mediation Register and through our innovative programme of continuous professional development.

We are interested in those who have a broad range of skills which may have been gained across a range of sectors. Applicants may have direct mediation skills but we are also interested in applications from experienced leaders who appreciate and have experience of the organisational benefits of mediation or who have experience in commissioning mediation to resolve disputes and/or complaints. We are keen to ensure our Board reflects the diversity of the Scottish population.



The general areas of activities that Trustees perform are:

Scrutinising and providing feedback on Board papers
 Participating in strategic discussions
 Highlighting key governance issues in practice and service development, member services, and financial and risk management.
 Providing guidance on new initiatives
 Other issues in which the trustee has special expertise

Organisational Profile:

Scottish Mediation was established in 1990 to:

- Raise the profile of mediation in Scotland
- Act as a professional body for mediators in Scotland
- Maintain the Scottish Mediation Register and provide access to quality assured mediation services

Scottish Mediation seeks to:

- Promote a wider understanding of the appropriate use of mediation and other related forms of conflict management and prevention
- Support and promote education, training and research in skills and best practice
- Create and encourage links between mediators and Scottish public, private, voluntary and community organisations
- Promote and organise standards of professional conduct and training

Website:

www.scottishmediation.org.uk

Application Notes:

SM Trustees may expect to commit between half and one day a month to the role and more if involved in other committees and task groups. Regular Board activities include:

- Quarterly general business Board meetings per year, (usually Thursday afternoon in Edinburgh) + preparation and travel time
- Two special performance and strategy review board workshops/meetings (half or full day in Edinburgh) + preparation and travel time
- An AGM (Edinburgh) and Annual Forum + preparation and travel time

Application Details:

Please see the attached role description and person specification for further information. For an informal discussion about the requirements of the role, please contact Graham Boyack, Director on tel: 0131 556 1221 or by email graham.boyack@scottishmediation.org.uk

Applications should be submitted by 4pm on Monday 14th August 2017.

Mediation News

A Day of Storytelling with Kenneth Cloke and John Sturrock

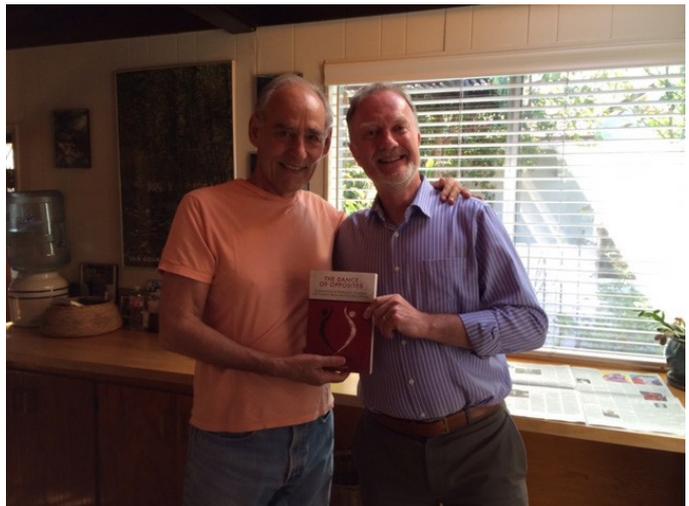
Friday 29 September
The Storytelling Centre, Royal Mile, Edinburgh

Ken Cloke, one of the leading writers and thinkers in the field of conflict, will join with Core's founder and senior mediator, John Sturrock, for a day of reflections on conflict, why it happens and how we can manage it.

They will look at all kinds of disputes and differences, from commercial to political, from family to religion, from local to international. Among these topics, John and Ken will be discussing dialogue in politics, the importance of civil public discourse, neuroscience and bias, managing difficult situations in large and small or-

ganisations and key skills to use in negotiation and mediation.

They will draw on experiences and examples from a rich catalogue. And all in the appropriate setting of the Storytelling Centre in the heart of Edinburgh's old town.



For further details and how to book click [here](#).

Five-Day Mediation Skills Course Glasgow 7, 8, 14, 15, 20 September 2017



Designed for people who will be using mediation skills in their work, this course is accredited by the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework together with the Scottish Community Mediation Network. The course provides information on key concepts in mediation and the opportunity to discuss and practice basic skills in a safe, relaxed atmosphere. It covers the whole mediation process from first contact with the service to closing a case. The mediator's role is explained and practised using typical scenarios for first visits to explore mediation as an option, preparing clients for joint meetings and handling difficult behaviour at a meeting. The course is assessed based on activities from day three onwards culminating in a full role-play of a mediation meeting on day five.

To book a place or for more information please contact: Robert Lambden at Scottish Community Mediation Centre: e-mail infoscmc@sacro.org.uk
 Course Fee is £600 per participant

Workplace Employment Initiative Group

July 2017

Dear Scottish Mediation colleague

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th October at the Anderson Strathern Office, George House, 50 George Square, Glasgow G2 1EH. Our main meeting will start at 2pm with a CPD extra session starting at 12.45pm.

Charlie Irvine, University of Strathclyde Neutrality and Activist Mediator

Charlie will cover a topic of great interest; how mediators address questions of neutrality particularly in the context of the 'activist mediator'. The session will touch on empowerment and change and the use of mediation to support those in conflict.

The optional extra CPD session at 12.45: When would you not start a mediation? And when would you halt a mediation? Including mediation (near) disasters I have known (about) – how to avoid or deal with, facilitated by Alun Thomas.

All meetings are open to Scottish Mediation members and provide an opportunity for mediators involved and/or interested in workplace mediation to come together to network and share experiences.

Please email admin@scottishmediation.org.uk if you are able to attend.

Looking forward to meeting up,

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