



# New Directions 2014 Conference Made in Scotland... Learning from Scottish Experiences

**38th Annual NDSAG Conference**  
**Wednesday 23rd - Saturday 26th April 2014**  
**Venue: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Dundee, Scotland**

**WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL 2014**

From 3pm	<b>Arrival and Registration</b>	
<b>Conference Opening Session</b> <b>Chair: Andy Perkins (Director, Figure 8 Consultancy)</b>		
16.00	<b>NDSAG Chair's Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	Dr Wulf Livingston <i>Glyndŵr University, Wrexham</i>
16,10	<b>Welcoming address</b> Alcohol and Dundee: a long history	Eric Knox <i>Director of Tayside Council on Alcohol</i>
16.40	<b>Alcohol availability and alcohol related health and social harm in Dundee</b> Dundee Partnership Overprovision study	Vered Hopkins <i>Dundee Alcohol and Drug Partnership</i> Caroline Snowdon <i>Public Health Intelligence Officer, NHS Tayside</i>
17.10	<b>The Health Challenges for Tayside</b> A look to the future health challenges from the former Chief Executive of NHS Tayside	Professor Tony Wells OBE <i>Former CEO of NHS Tayside</i>
17.40	Questions and conference announcements	
19.00	<b>Dinner</b>	
20.30	<b>President's Address</b> A welcome to the conference from our Honorary President	Professor Nick Heather <i>Emeritus Professor of Alcohol &amp; Other Drug Studies University of Newcastle</i>
20.40	<b>After Dinner Speech</b>	Dr Robert Peat <i>Head of Inspections, Care Inspectorate and former Director of Social Work, Angus Council</i>

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**THURSDAY 24TH APRIL 2014**

**'Going it alone' - Will Independence change Scotland's relationship with Alcohol?  
[Incorporating the Alcohol Research UK Symposium]**

9.00	<b>Welcome and conference announcements</b>	
<b>SYMPOSIUM 2: INDEPENDENCE THOUGHTS</b>		
<b>Chair: Dr Peter Rice (Chair, Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems)</b>		
9.15	<b>The Evolution of Scottish Alcohol Policy</b> Keynote speech	Dr Bruce Ritson OBE <i>SHAAP</i>
10.00	<b>The Implications of Scottish Policy</b> Including launch of 'Using licensing to protect public health: from evidence to practice'	Dr Evelyn Gillan <i>Chief Executive Alcohol Focus Scotland</i>
10.30	<b>Tea and coffee break</b>	
11.00	<b>'Whisky gloss'</b> The alcohol industry, devolution and policy communities in Scotland	Dr Benjamin Hawkins <i>London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine</i>
11.30	<b>A Glass Half Empty?</b> A critique of Scottish Policy	Professor John B Davies <i>Emeritus Professor Strathclyde University</i>
12.00	<b>Plenary Session:</b> Questions from the floor and debate	
12.45	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>SYMPOSIUM 2: WHAT PRICE A UNIT? POLICY COSTS!</b>		
<b>Chair : Professor Jonathan Chick (Medical Director, Castle Craig Hospital, and Honorary Professor, Health Sciences, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh)</b>		
13.45	<b>Minimum Unit Pricing, below cost selling and alcohol taxation</b> Effectiveness and limitations of alcohol pricing policies	Dr John Holmes <i>Sheffield Alcohol Research Group</i>
14.30	<b>Monitoring and Evaluating Scotland's Alcohol Strategy</b> What have we learned so far?	Clare Beeston <i>Principal Public Health Adviser (NHS Health Scotland)</i>
15.15	<b>Tea and coffee break</b>	
15.45	<b>Punishing the Poor?</b> A policy of pricing inequalities?	TBC
16.30	<b>Plenary Session:</b> Questions from the floor and debate	
17.15	<b>Conference announcements</b>	
18.15	<b>Conference Drinks Reception</b> The evening reception is a traditional feature of the New Directions conference. The event is designed to welcome all delegates, including those who have been regular members of New Directions and particularly those attending for the first time. Complementary pre-dinner drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are available. The emphasis is on meeting informally with as many of the other delegates, including established members, committee members and speakers.	
19.15	<b>Dinner</b>	
21.00	<b>Evening Entertainment</b>	Big Bahoukie

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**FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 2014**

**'Pint of Heavy and a Wee Dram' - Interventions and Research Focus**

9.00	Welcome and conference announcements	
<b>SYMPOSIUM 3: SCOTTISH BASED ABI RESEARCH</b> <b>Chair: Professor Nick Heather (Emeritus Professor, University of Newcastle)</b>		
9.15	Modelling the impact of the national ABI programme in Scotland	Andrew McAuley <i>Public Health Information Manager</i> NHS Health Scotland
10.00	Lessons from the implementation of ABIs in A&E and ante-natal settings	Prof Niamh Fitzgerald <i>Lecturer in Alcohol Studies</i> University of Stirling
10.30	<b>Tea and coffee break</b>	
11.00	MESAS Commissioned Evaluation	Dr Garth Reid <i>Public Health Advisor</i> NHS Health Scotland
11.30	Scottish RCT comparing texting or talking delivered ABIs in sexual health clinics	Dr Steve Baguley <i>GUM Consultant</i> NHS Grampian
12.00	Scottish pre-RCT feasibility study on text-message based ABIs with young men	Professor Iain Crombie <i>University of Dundee</i>
12.30	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>SYMPOSIUM 4: RESEARCH REFLECTIONS</b> <b>Chair: James Morris (Director, The Alcohol Academy)</b>		
13.30	Participatory session – learning research lessons from ABIs	Dr Wulf Livingston, James Morris, Andy Perkins
14.30	Examination into the effectiveness of transdermal alcohol monitoring upon violent offending	Dr Fergus Neville <i>St Andrew's University</i>
15.15	<b>Tea and coffee break</b>	
15.45	ABIs in Dentistry	Professor Graham Ogden and Simon Shepherd <i>University of Dundee</i>
16.15	Maxillofacial (facial trauma) and dental patients	Dr Christine Goodall <i>University of Glasgow</i>
16.45	<b>Plenary Session: Questions from the floor and debate</b>	
17.15	<b>Conference announcements</b>	
18.15	<b>New Directions in the Study of Alcohol Group Annual General Meeting</b>	
19.00	<b>Dinner</b>	
20.30	<b>Evening Entertainment</b>	Quiz

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**SATURDAY 26TH APRIL 2014**  
'New Directions' Papers and PhD Students

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Chair: Dr Wulf Livingston

9.00	Welcome and conference announcements	
9.15	Why do good doctors and nurses do bad things?	Professor Robin Davidson <i>University of Belfast</i>
10.00	Alcohol and Adolescence	Dr Anne-Marie Barry <i>Policy Officer (SHAAP)</i>
10.30	<b>Tea and coffee break</b>	
11.00	PhD Student	Gina Martin <i>St Andrews University</i>
11.30	PhD Student	TBC
12.00	<b>Plenary Session:</b> Questions from the floor and debate	
12.30	<b>Planning the New Directions Conferences 2015/2016</b> Traditional end to a New Directions conference: beginning the planning for the 2015 and 2016 conferences which will be held in the London and Liverpool areas respectively.	Dr Wulf Livingston

**13.00 Conference Closes with Lunch**

The New Directions in the Study of Alcohol Group (NDSAG) has provided a safe environment where alcohol practitioners, researchers & service managers have explored and debated contemporary challenges in the field since the mid 1970s.

We welcome new and returning members and delegates to the 2014 NDSAG conference in Dundee: we will do our very best to ensure you find the experience stimulating and rewarding.

NDSAG reserves the right to amend the conference programme as opportunities and circumstances permit and require. Please visit our developing website where there is more information about the history of the group and of previous conferences and publications.

[www.newdirections.org.uk](http://www.newdirections.org.uk)

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