**Community Justice Scotland Academic Advisory Group**

**Application Form – May 2019**

**Background**

Are you a current or former academic or researcher with an active interest in community justice or a related field? Do you have experience of, and an ongoing involvement in, the practice of justice-related research? Community Justice Scotland (CJS) are seeking applications for new members of our Academic Advisory Group (AAG), to provide a link with current research and innovative approaches and to help shape our work.

**About the Role**

Members of the AAG are expected to:

* Actively contribute to discussions about current and future community justice priorities
* Help identify innovation and best practice in community justice and related fields
* Provide feedback and recommendations on current and future CJS projects
* Share information and expertise on past, current and upcoming research relevant to community justice

This role is an unpaid voluntary position, and the group meets quarterly in either Glasgow or Edinburgh. Meeting are usually three hours in length.

Should your application be successful, you will be invited to an introductory orientation session with the AAG to meet members and discuss the focus for the group in the next year. A choice will be available of Thursday 27th June (PM) or Wednesday 24th July (PM).

**Your Application and Data**

The application consists of the form on the following page. No CV is required.

Any information you provide in this application will be treated confidentially, and stored and processed in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). **Please state below (X) how you would like your application to be treated.**

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| I would like my application form to be deleted once the application process has been completed. |  |
| I agree for my application form to be kept on Community Justice Scotland’s secure database, in order that I may be informed of future opportunities. I can withdraw my consent to this at any time. |  |

**Application form**

Please answer the two below questions in the space provided. Return this completed form by email to [research@communityjustice.scot](mailto:research@communityjustice.scot) by 5pm on Tuesday 4th June. For any questions regarding your application, please contact the above email address.

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| **Name** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
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| **What do you see as the biggest challenge facing community justice in Scotland today, and how do you think research could help to address this?**  *Max 500 words* |
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| **Please give a brief summary of your experience, professional and/ or personal, that you could bring to the role as a member of the Academic Advisory Group.**  *Max 200 words* |
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**About Community Justice Scotland**

Community Justice Scotland (CJS) is the national body for community justice in Scotland. Launched on 1st April 2017 by the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016, it aims to create a more robust and effective community justice system based on local planning and delivery by a range of statutory partners, supported and guided by national leadership and oversight.

**About the Academic Advisory Group**

The Academic Advisory Group (AAG) provides an academic perspective to our strategic direction and leadership and supports CJS to maintain a position of championing the best quality policy, practice, and innovation from within Scotland, the UK and internationally, related to community justice. The AAG also offers an opportunity for academic experts to provide direct input into influencing and shaping the policy agenda, and provides a platform for an academic contribution to the national community justice agenda. Key focuses for the group include prevention and early intervention, community sentences, and pre- and post-release support.

The AAG aims to:

* Bring experts from around Scotland to advise and alert CJS to current and upcoming areas of interest
* Contribute to the knowledge base surrounding particular topics that are of interest to CJS
* Assist in deciding what the key topics are and bring research, knowledge and contacts to the attention of CJS and the AAG

**Membership**

Membership currently includes selected current and former UK-based academics with an interest in community justice in Scotland, reflecting a range of expertise, specialisms and organisations, that in turn reflects the diverse range of areas with relevance to community justice.