



**Policy Seminar Series:** Thursday 27 September 2018 – COSLA  
Conference Centre, Edinburgh, 10.15am until 4pm (Registration  
from 9.45am)

## Digital Youth Work and Cyber Resilience

### Delegate Programme – Subject to Change

9.45am	Registration	
10.15am	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Welcome and personal reflections from the Seminar Chair	<b>Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood OBE</b>  <i>Chair of YouthLink Scotland</i>
10.20am	<b>EU Digital Youth Work: Practice Film</b>	
10.25am	<b>Keynote Address</b>  Digital Youth Work: a European perspective Questions from the floor	<b>Suvi Tuominen</b>  <i>Project Manager, Verke / National Development Centre for Digital Youth Work, City of Helsinki and member of the EC Expert Group on Digitalisation and Youth.</i>
11.20am	<b>Specialist Address</b>  Digital Skills and You!	<b>David McNeill</b>  <i>Digital Director, SCVO</i>
11.35am	Refreshments	
11.55am	<b>EU Digital Youth Work: Practice Film</b>	
12noon	<b>Table Discussions</b>  Reflections on our morning addresses:  <i>How do we see, experience and understand Digital Youth Work in Scotland?</i>  Followed by plenary via the Chair	Small group facilitated and recorded discussion
12.50pm	Lunch and informal networking	
1.40pm	<b>EU Digital Youth Work: Practice Film</b>	

1.45pm **Panel Q&A Session**

*Digital Youth Work and Cyber Resilience: the experience and ideas of our panellists*

Each panellist will have a short opening remark before questions are invited from the floor

**Darran Gillan**  
*Paisley YMCA*

**Allan Lindsay**  
*Young Scot*

**Rebecca Dawes**  
*Rural Youth Project*

**Connor Livingston**  
*5 Rights Young Leader*

2.45pm Refreshments

3pm **Thematic Networking and Planning**

Identification of key ideas and formation of next steps for youth work practice and policy making within the context of the seminar theme

Small group facilitated and recorded discussion

3.45pm **Closing Remarks**  
Chair's seminar reflections and event evaluation

**Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood OBE**

4pm Close of Event

## Speaker Biographies

*(in order of appearance)*

**Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood OBE**

**@revlornascot**

Lorna was born in Irvine, Ayrshire, educated in Kilmarnock Academy and Glasgow University. She gained a Master of Arts in 1974 and a Bachelor of Divinity (Hons) in 1977. Her first post was as Assistant Minister in Edinburgh and in 1979 she became the Minister at North Parish Church, Renfrew where she served for 37 years. In 2010 she was appointed as Chaplain to the Queen in Scotland (a post which she still holds). In 2013 she was assessed as one of the 100 most powerful women in the United Kingdom by Woman's Hour on BBC Radio 4.

A former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland she has during her career comforted bereaved mothers in hospital as well as visiting the drawing rooms in 10 Downing Street and Balmoral Castle. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Glasgow University in 2014. She founded & still Chairs the Board of Remembering Srebrenica (Scotland) and became the Chair of YouthLink Scotland in 2016.

**Suvi Tuominen**

**@Verkeorg**

Suvi Tuominen works as the manager of Verke, the national Centre of Expertise for Digital Youth Work in Finland. She has been working within the field of young people, digital media and media literacy for over a decade. She was also the Finnish representative in the EU expert group on digitalization and youth (2016-2017).

**David McNeill**

**@David\_McNeill**

David leads SCVO's ambitious digital strategy for Scotland's third sector. This includes work to tackle inequality by increasing digital participation and basic digital skills; maximise the impact of the third sector by encouraging digital transformation and evolution; and support digital innovation to improve lives and communities. Before joining SCVO David was Depute Chief Executive at Young Scot, where he led the development of services provided through the Young Scot National Entitlement Card. David is currently a Trustee of the Digital Xtra Fund, the Voluntary Action Fund and Recharge, an East Lothian youth work charity.

**Darran Gillan**

**@YMCAPaisley**

Paisley YMCA are at the forefront of digital youth work innovation and leading the way is Darran Gillan, Youth Programme and Development Manager. Through a unique blend of traditional youth work methods and digital skills Darran has developed a cutting edge programme that tackles digital literacy skills in young people and at the same time develops an entrepreneurial mind set through iEnterprise a youth business incubator based within Paisley YMCA's new digital Makerspace a DIY environment where young people come to experiment and tinker with technology.

**Alan Lindsay**

**@YoungScot**

Allan Lindsay is Digital Academy Manager at Young Scot where he leads on a range of young people's digital projects including the Young Scot Creative and Digital Media Modern Apprenticeship programme and 5Rights which looks at young people's rights in the digital

world. Allan's role also covers work around digital skills and cyber resilience. At Young Scot since 2010, Allan has led on delivery for a number of youth projects including national partnerships with The Co-operative Foundation, Police Scotland, Skills Development Scotland, The Prince's Trust and Carnegie UK.

**Connor Livingstone**

**@YoungScot**

Connor Livingstone is a member of the 5Rights Youth Leadership Group. Launched in February 2018 by Young Scot, the Scottish Government, and 5Rights, the Young Scot 5Rights Youth Leadership Group is a diverse group of 30 young people from across Scotland, aged 11 to 19, who champion their rights in the digital world. Building on the recommendations co-designed by the Young Scot 5Rights Youth Commission in their report, 'Our Digital Rights' (May 2017), the group focuses on investigating how Scotland can realise young people's rights in the digital world.

**Rebecca Dawes**

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To follow

## Seminar Suggested Reading and Viewing

### EU Digital Youth Work

European Commission (2018) "Development Digital Youth Work Policy recommendations, training needs and good practice examples for youth workers and decision-makers"

<https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/fbc18822-07cb-11e8-b8f5-01aa75ed71a1>

### 5Rights / Young Scot

The 5Rights Youth Commission's Final Report to the Scottish Government (2017) "Our Digital Rights: How Scotland can realise the rights of children and young people in the digital world"

[https://www.youngscot.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Five\\_Rights\\_Report\\_2017\\_May.pdf](https://www.youngscot.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Five_Rights_Report_2017_May.pdf)

### Rural Youth Project

<https://www.ruralyouthproject.com/>

### Blogs

- David McNeill, Director of Digital at SCVO, "[I don't really like the word digital!](#)"
- Lauren Pluss, YouthLink Scotland, "[What is Digital Youth Work?](#)"