

Prevention Matters Committee



Jon Brown

Jon is a qualified Social Worker with a Masters in Social Policy from the LSE. During his career as a Probation Officer and Social Worker he has been responsible for setting up and managing a range of sexual abuse services ranging from therapeutic services for child victims, services for children and young people with sexually harmful behaviour and services for adult sex offenders.

Between 2003-07 Jon was Chair of NOTA, the National Organisation for the Treatment of Abusers (www.nota.co.uk) and remains on the National Executive Committee and is now chair of the Prevention committee. He is also a Trustee of the Loudoun Trust which exists to promote evidence based research and practice in the field of sexual aggression against children, he is a Board member of eNACSO (European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online www.enacso.eu) he is a peer reviewer for the Economic and Social Research Council (www.esrc.ac.uk) and for the Australian Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse (www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au) and with the Children's Commissioner, co-chair for the Office for the Children's Commissioner's Inquiry into to Child Sexual Abuse in the Family Environment.

Prior to taking up this role with the NSPCC Jon was Operational Director of Children's Services with Action for Children. From April 2010 he was Head of Strategy and Development with the NSPCC helping to take forward the new organisational strategy in relation to sexual abuse and since October 2015 he has been Head of Development and Impact.



Marcus Erooga

Marcus is an independent Safeguarding Consultant and a Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Huddersfield Centre for Applied Childhood, Youth and Family Research, University of Huddersfield. He spent the majority of his employed career in various roles at the NSPCC, as a practitioner, team manager and Assistant Director, as well as service and policy development relating to child sexual abuse and sexual offending.

Marcus is a past Editor and current Associate Editor of the Journal of Sexual Aggression and past Chair of NOTA (the National Organisation for the Treatment of Abusers).

He is author of a number of some fifty publications on child abuse and sex offender related issues including four edited books, the most recent being 'Creating Safer Organisations: Practical Steps to Prevent the Abuse of Children by Those Working with Them' (2012, Wiley).

An issue of particular interest has been safeguarding in organisations. Whilst at the NSPCC Marcus undertook an extensive review of the literature on people who are inappropriate to work with children and families and subsequently, with two colleagues, completed research with people convicted of sexual offences against children committed in professional settings. He also co-authored 'Risk profiles for institutional child sexual abuse: A literature review' (with Professor Keith Kaufman) for the Australian Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse. All are available free online or from Marcus at marcuserooga@gmail.com

For those interested in current developments related to the aftermath of Savile, Operation Yewtree and the Independent Panel Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse Marcus is providing a regularly updated summary of key events and reports on the NOTA website – www.nota.co.uk

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Dr Kieran McCartan

Dr McCartan is the leader of the Social Science Research Group (2014 – onwards) and joint co-ordinator of the Sexual Violence Research Network at UWE (2012 – onwards) ; previously, he has been the Criminology Program leader (2010 - 2014) and the Associate Head of Department for Sociology & Criminology (2015 - 2016).

Dr McCartan completed his first degree in Psychology at the Queens University of Belfast, before moving to Leicester to do an MSc in Criminology at the Scarman centre, and a PhD in the Department of Psychology. He has a track record of public, academic and professional engagement on criminological issues, including the origins and causes of sex offending, and societal responses to sex offenders. He has developed a wide ranging, multi-disciplinary network around sex offender management and reintegration. He has experience of qualitative, quantitative and mixed method research from funders including Ministry of Justice, Cabinet Office, Public Health England, ESRC, The Leverhulme Trust, Bristol City Council & Wiltshire probation. He has previously co-lead an ESRC a nationally based ESRC funded Knowledge Exchange Network on the limited disclosure of sex offender information (2012) and is currently co-leading an international network on sex offender reintegration funded by the Leverhulme Trust (2014-16).

Dr McCartan has over 30 academic publications (incl., Journal Articles, Books, Book Chapters & External Research Reports) and over 45 non-academic ones (incl., blogs, forum pieces and practitioner articles); generated approximately 1/2 million pounds in external research funding; and has given over 80 external presentations (incl., Conference Papers & invited Keynotes). Dr McCartan is currently on the editorial board of Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research & Treatment; on the Executive Board of ATSA (2017 -2020); lead Blogger on the SAJRT BLOG; part of the team on the NOTA Blog; a member of the ATSA Prevention committee, the NOTA Prevention committee and the NOTA Research committee. Dr McCartan been a visiting scholar at University of Minnesota (April 2014), at San Jose State University (November 2014) and Griffith University (Summer 2015); in addition, he has been appointed Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Huddersfield (2015 - 2020).



Andrea J. Darling

Andrea is Criminology postgraduate researcher at Durham University researching women who sexually abuse children in organisational contexts. Andrea's interest in females who sexually abuse arose from her professional practice work; prior to commencing her PhD in 2014 she worked as a senior operations manager in national employment safeguarding schemes for 12 years dealing with a wide range of casework relating to the abuse of children and vulnerable adults. She is also a trustee of a sexual abuse counselling charity.

Andrea's doctoral research explores female perpetrated child sexual abuse in organisational contexts; how and why this occurs, the results and consequences (with regard to criminal justice, child protection and employment regulation systems) and the impacts on victims. This specific type of abuse appears generally unrecognised and under-reported the research aims to raised awareness of this type of abuse and educate those involved in employing women in positions of trust as well as other professionals, parents and carers to improve responses and outcomes for victims as well as inform treatment for offenders.

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Joan Tabachnick

Joan Tabachnick is nationally recognized for her expertise in sexual violence prevention and social marketing. Over the past 25 years, she has developed award winning educational materials and innovative programs for a wide variety of national, state and local organizations and asked to participate on national expert panels for a variety of organizations including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Office of Violence Against Women, and the Unitarian Universalist Association. Joan created all of the programming for a national nonprofit, Stop It Now! before starting her own consulting practice. Since then she has been the director of NEARI Press expanding their reach to an international audience, serves as the executive director of MASOC, and is currently a fellow with the Department of Justice, SMART Office. Joan is also on the executive committee of the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation, is founding co-chair of ATSA's prevention committee and serves on a number of statewide task forces. Her recent written work includes a National Sexual Violence Resource publications titled "Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention," and another titled "Family Reunification after Child Sexual Abuse," and a publication through the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers called "A Reasoned Approach: The Reshaping of Sex Offender Policy to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse." Visit www.joantabachnick.com for more information.



Stuart Allardyce

Stuart qualified as a social worker in 1998 and has a qualification in therapeutic work with children. He has worked with children with problematic and harmful sexual behaviour as a practitioner and manager over the last 15 years. Stuart is chair of NOTA Scotland and the NOTA policy sub-committee. He currently manages a Barnardo's service in Edinburgh working both with children and young people who display harmful sexual abuse and children affected by child sexual abuse and exploitation. He is a visiting researcher at Strathclyde University and an associate of the Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice. He is a member of the local steering group for MVP (Mentors for Violence Prevention) and is a trustee of White Ribbon Scotland (a charity dedicated to preventing gendered violence).



Sara Radford, Circles Coordinator/Lead CSW 'Prevention Project'

Sara is a Social Worker whose career spans public and voluntary sector organisations working with youth and adult offenders and with both survivors and perpetrators of CSA. Following relocation to Bristol, and after some time with Avon & Somerset Probation, Sara undertook management within a local charity working with young people with complex needs leaving custody and care before joining Circles South West in 2014 as Circles Coordinator for Avon and Wiltshire.

The work of Circles of Support and Accountability, utilising the skills and commitment of volunteers to support and monitor core members (Registered Sex Offenders), perfectly fits my personal and professional philosophies'. Sara has a particular interest in leading innovation and being part of the implementation of new projects which have real social value. In 2015 she was recipient of the Centre for Justice Innovation's 'StreetCraft Scholarship' 2015/16 which has provided a platform from which to seek funding to develop a 'proof of concept' prevention programme for un-convicted men who have a self-identified sexual attraction to children.