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Subject: Membership Invite Letter - Misogyny WG Scotland - Baroness Helena Kennedy - January 28

WORKING GROUP ON MISOGYNY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN SCOTLAND

Dear Ms Ritch,

On behalf of the Chair, Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, we are delighted to invite you to become a member of the Working Group on Misogyny and Criminal Justice in Scotland.

I attach a letter with further details. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and indicate if you wish to formally accept this invitation.

I have indicated in the letter that we will be in touch about dates for the first meeting of the working group. Currently, we have held 2 dates and these are:

- Thursday 11th February
- Friday 12th February

You have already confirmed that you will be able to attend both of these dates but that the Friday is preferred. We will aim to firm up this date as soon as all members have responded.

Please be advised that we are asking all members to keep details of the working group, remit and membership embargoed until 0930 on Monday 1st February. If you are approached by media after this time, we would kindly ask that you refer all enquiries to our Scottish Government comms officer, [redacted]

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By email: emma.ritch@engender.org.uk

03 February 2021

Dear Ms. Ritch,

WORKING GROUP ON MISOGYNY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN SCOTLAND

On behalf of the Chair, Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, thank you for accepting the invitation to become a member of the Working Group on Misogyny and Criminal Justice in Scotland.

Invitation to the Inaugural Meeting

The inaugural meeting of the Working Group will take place on **12 February 2021** from 3pm until 5pm. Due to the ongoing COVID-10 pandemic, this meeting will take place virtually. You can access the meeting via the following Microsoft Teams invite, which has also been sent as a diary invite to your email address:

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The draft remit for the Working Group is included at Annex A. As highlighted in previous correspondence, this remit will be discussed and confirmed during the first meeting of the Working Group.

The agenda and papers will be distributed to attendees prior to the meeting.

Secretariat Support

The Working Group is independent from Scottish Government. However, Scottish Government has provided a Secretariat team to provide the necessary administrative support for the Working Group. This includes all FOIs, official responses on behalf of the group and media requests. The team will support the coordination of all meetings and facilitate the attendance of experts invited to provide evidence to the Working Group. If you have any administrative or press related queries, you are invited to contact the Secretariat in the first instance.

The Scottish Government will host information about the Working Group suitable for the public domain on the Scottish Government web pages and you can access this information [here](#).

We will be in touch shortly to seek your availability for the second Working Group meeting, due to be held 4-6 weeks after the inaugural meeting.

Membership

The Working Group will be chaired by Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, and comprise of yourself, Chloe Kennedy (Senior Lecturer, University of Edinburgh) Susan Kemp (Practising Solicitor, Human Rights Law), Shelagh McCall QC (Part time Sheriff and member of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland) and Professor John Devaney (Professor, University of Edinburgh). Please see **Annex B** for a revised and updated list of members' biographies.

Mona Rishmawi (Chief of the Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) joins the Group in an advisory capacity, as a staff member to the United Nations.

Jamie Lipton also joins the Group in an advisory capacity, on behalf of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), to support the Group's understanding of prosecutorial process of crimes in Scotland.

Data protection

All personal and private information received by the Review will be stored electronically on the Scottish Government's electronic filing system.

All records and personal data handled by you and your team as part of the Review will be handled in accordance with the Scottish Government Information Security Policy, the Data Protection Act 1998 and any statutory successor, and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Many thanks for your interest in joining this important work. Please kindly confirm receipt of this email and your confirmation of attendance at the inaugural meeting of the Working Group by responding to the secretariat at: misogynyWGsecretariat@gov.scot

Yours sincerely,

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Membership Bios

Member	BIO
Mona Rishmawi (Advisory Role)	<p>Mona Rishmawi is a human rights lawyer currently serving as the Chief of the Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Her responsibilities include leading OHCHR teams working on the rule of law, women's rights and gender issues, racial justice, minorities and indigenous peoples.</p> <p>She was appointed by the UN Secretary-General as the Executive Director of the UN International Commission of Inquiry on Darfur in 2004-2005, established by the UN Security Council. The Commission was mandated to investigate reports of serious violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law committed in Darfur by all parties, qualify the crimes, identify individual perpetrators and, recommend accountability mechanisms. She was also the UN Independent Expert on Human Rights in Somalia from 1996 to 2000.</p> <p>She started her legal and human rights career as a practicing lawyer and working with national and international non-governmental organizations. Her earlier positions include serving as the Director of the Centre for the Independence of Judges and Lawyers of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), Geneva, Switzerland, and the Executive Director of al-Haq, the first Palestinian human rights organization.</p> <p>She has law degrees from Ain Shams University in Cairo and Columbia University in New York.</p>
Dr Chloe Kennedy	<p>Chloe Kennedy's is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh, and main research interests are criminal law, legal theory, legal history, and the relationship between these areas. She is particularly interested in intellectual and cultural legal history, focussing on the ways that prevailing ideas have shaped the law's development and continue to inform our contemporary assumptions. Her research also focuses on law and gender and law and religion.</p>
Susan Kemp	<p>Susan Kemp is a Scots qualified lawyer with 25 years' experience as a practitioner in international criminal and human rights law in Latin America, the United States, Europe and Africa. Her work involved representing survivors in strategic litigation, investigating war crimes and genocide, and providing technical assistance to domestic law enforcement and civil society organisations. She was a criminal investigator at the International Criminal Court in the Hague and served with the Criminal Law and Judicial Advisory Service at the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping and on the UN Team of Experts on Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict. From 2015 to 2021 she was a Commissioner with the Scottish Human Rights Commission and she is currently a member of the IBA Human Rights Institute Council.</p>

<p>Emma Ritch</p>	<p>Emma is Engender’s Executive Director, leading on strategic collaboration with our colleagues in the women’s, equalities, and human rights sectors. She is also principally responsible for engagement with Scottish and UK Government, the UN, and the EU through the European Women’s Lobby. She is engaged by all things feminist, but has particular interest in women and the economy, intersectionality, violence against women, and the relationship between women’s equality and women’s human rights. Emma sits on a range of external working groups including the First Minister’s Advisory Council on Women & Girls, the joint strategic board of Equally Safe, and the advisory group of the Scottish Women’s Rights Centre. She chairs the Rape Crisis Scotland board and the board of the Human Rights Consortium Scotland, and is a member of the board of the European Women’s Lobby.</p>
<p>Shelagh McCall QC</p>	<p>Shelagh McCall QC called to the Scottish Bar in 2000 and was appointed Queens Counsel in 2015. She specialises in criminal law both at first instance and on appeal. She is regularly instructed in high profile and complex cases. Between 2006 and 2008, she was prosecution appeals counsel at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. She was a founding commissioner at the Scottish Human Rights Commission, serving from 2008-2015. Shelagh is a part time sheriff and member of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland.</p>
<p>Professor John Devaney</p>	<p>Professor Devaney is a well-respected academic at Edinburgh University and is a specialist in child protections, welfare, domestic and gender based violence.</p> <p>During 2012 he was awarded a Fellowship by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust to study work in Norway and Canada with individuals who use violence and abuse within their intimate relationships. This formed the basis for his book on Domestic Violence Perpetrators - Evidence informed responses.</p> <p>Professor Devaney has been involved in a range of research studies in both the UK and internationally, funded by research councils, government departments and philanthropic organisations on gender based violence.</p> <p>He took up the position of the Centenary Chair and Head of Social Work at the University of Edinburgh in 2018 and occupies this post currently.</p>
<p>Jamie Lipton (Advisory Role)</p>	<p>Jamie Lipton is a qualified solicitor and a career prosecutor having joined COPFS as a trainee solicitor in 2007. He prosecuted both summary and solemn criminal cases in the Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Courts in Lanarkshire before joining the specialist High Court Sexual Offences Unit in Glasgow. He is presently a Principal Procurator Fiscal Depute in the COPFS Policy Division where he oversees the work of the Victims and Witnesses team whose remit includes prosecution policy relating to sexual crime,</p>

	domestically aggravated offending, stalking, human trafficking and forced marriage, among other topics.”
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