



# SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Friend

September has been a busy month for the SWC team. We continue to gather your views and thoughts which are included in our reports and consultations to the Scottish Government.

On Saturday the 20th of September we hosted a conference on Understanding the Prostitution Bill. This event proved to be most informative for the women who attended. It was horrific to hear first hand from women survivors of prostitution what their lives were really like. They reported, amongst other things, being bitten, beaten, urinated and defecated upon by punters. Punters are men that pay for sex. There was much for us to reflect upon.

We would like to draw your attention to our upcoming conference being held on Saturday the 22nd of November on The Realities of Scottish Social Care for Women. Confirmed speakers are Heather Calvo - CEO of Neighbourhood Networks and Shubhanna Hussain - Partnership Development Officer at the Coalition of Carers in Scotland. Places are going quickly so please sign up on the link below.

We bid farewell to Eilidh Young a member of our team who has moved on to a new role in Falkirk. We wish her every success in her new job she will be missed by everyone at the SWC.

As ever your voices need to be heard.

Best Wishes  
Agnes Tolmie, Chair SWC

# 2025 ROADSHOW

**Lewis and  
Harris**

August 2025



The Scottish Women's Convention

In August 2025, we hosted a series of roundtable events across the Isle of Lewis and Harris, engaging directly with local women to gather their views and experiences. These conversations revealed a range of pressing issues affecting women, including **employment, health and social care, education, and transport.**

[Read our full report here](#)

**Publications**

## Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill



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## Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill



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**Equalities, Human Rights and Civil  
Justice Committee**  
Commissioner for Older People  
(Scotland) Bill

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**Criminal Justice Committee**  
Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland)  
Bill

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## Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill



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**Criminal Justice Committee**  
Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

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## SWC EVENTS



The SWC is hosting an event focused on women's lived experiences of navigating social care in Scotland. Through personal stories and discussion, we'll explore the challenges, gaps, and hopes within the current system.

Speakers include Heather Calvo (Neighbourhood Networks) and Shubhanna Hussain (The Coalition of Carers in Scotland), with more to be announced soon.

**Glasgow Grosvenor Hotel**  
**Saturday 22nd November**  
**11am-3pm**

Conference Registration

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**The SWC team will be marching in support of Poverty Alliance's campaign.**  
If you're planning to attend and would like to join us, please get in touch using the contact details below. We'll share our meeting point information with you.

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