

Creating Hope Together Conference Agenda

Growing Capacity for Hope Through Action | 27 May 2026

Time	Item	Who
08:45 – 09:30	Registration, Coffee & Connection	
09:30 – 09:35	Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping	Haylis Smith & Scott Thomson
09:35 – 09:50	Compassionate Connection Table Exercise	Chris Ross & Maddy Kirkman
09:50 – 10:20	Keynote Address: Iain Corbett <i>I hope, I think, I know: Criminal justice or social justice?</i>	Iain Corbett
10:20 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:30	Lived & Living Experience Panel <i>Bringing Lived Experience into Action: Challenges, Practice, Possibilities and Hope</i>	Lived & Living Experience Panel
11:30 – 12:30	Workshops – Morning Rotation	All facilitators
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch & Connection	
13:30 – 13:35	Welcome Back & Scene Setting	Haylis Smith & Scott Thomson
13:35 – 14:15	Fireside Chat <i>Turning Insight into Action: Local and National Leadership in Conversation with the Lived & Living Experience Panel</i>	Neil Rennick & Jane O'Donnell with members of the Lived and Living Experience Panel
14:15 – 15:15	Workshops – Afternoon Rotation	All facilitators
15:15 – 15:30	Break	
15:30 – 15:40	Translating Hope into Action <i>To Be Heard: Language Access, Suicide Prevention and Why Translation Creates Hope</i>	Anna Wroblewska, Haylis Smith & Linda Hunter
15:40 – 15:55	Commitments to Action	Haylis Smith
15:55 – 16:00	Close & Thanks	Scott Thomson

Workshop Details

Workshop	Facilitators	Overview
#Andys Man Club – Immersive Experience	Alex McClintock & Kenny Armour	Immersive peer-led session showing how safe spaces help men open up.
Growing Capacity for Hope with Children and Young People	Chris Ross & Jenny Ferguson	Evidence-led session with group activities on youth suicide prevention.
HopeBox – Connecting with Hope Through Sensory Stimulus	Matt Connelly & Will Deacon	Interactive session building a HopeBox through sensory exploration.
Keep Talking: Turning Connection into Action across Rural Scotland	Josie Barclay & Katie Bryan	Focus on rural isolation and community-led solutions.
Scottish Firearms Mental Health Partnership	Chief Inspector Bruce Crawford & Inspector Steven Hoggan	Partnership approach addressing stigma and early intervention.
Tracing (Un) Liveability	University of Edinburgh team	Exploring qualitative data to understand social drivers of suicide.
Multi-agency collaboration in times of scarcity	Susie Heywood, Gail McAndrew, Stacey McIntosh, Diane Stewart	Interactive session exploring partnership working.
Service Design Taster Session	Chamithri Greru, Benjamin McElwee & Linda Hunter	Exploring service design methods for lived experience led change.