

- The **November conference, ‘Justice for All?’** is in its planning stages. The venue will be a Glasgow hotel and invitations will be sent out to a wide variety of organisations including the Scottish Executive, the Police and the SCRO. This will be an opportunity for Shirley to meet her supporters and for those interested in Justice in Scotland to debate issues like the establishment of a **Scottish Forensic Service** independent of the Police, the **misuse of subjudice** by public bodies and how the constitutional position of the Lord Advocate is compromised by his political position as a Scottish Minister. We hope to gather an international forum of speakers for this event offering a wide spectrum of opinion.
- Shirley’s case continues to cause interest worldwide. Iain’s next two presentations are later this month in **Liverpool** and in July in **Calgary, Canada**. The Liverpool presentation is at the **Socio-Legal Studies Association** Annual Conference at Liverpool University where *‘researchers, teachers, practitioners and students (and) anyone with an interest in socio-legal studies’* meet to debate and hear presentations on Miscarriages of Justice, Social theory, Legal Education, Criminal Justice and Health.

<http://www.kent.ac.uk/slsa/conferences.htm>

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/law/slsa2005.htm>

- This week’s air of expectation as the first of the **‘Freedom of Information’** material arrived has subsided. The initial papers while giving an interesting insight into the decision making processes within the Police and other organisations have yet to reveal the ‘logic’ behind some of the remarkable decisions that were to so alter Shirley’s life and future. As we have observed before it is how little information is withheld or hidden that will indicate the success or otherwise of the **Freedom of Information Act**.
- **Cross party discussion** continues at the Scottish Parliament as MSP’s seek a resolution to this long running saga. As ever supporters continue to write to the Justice Minister Cathy Jamieson, SCRO and the Police. As a supporter commented this week, *“You can be sure that if Shirley had not been a police officer then the likelihood is that it would have been settled long ago.”* If true this is a terrible indictment on our justice system.

<http://www.shirleymckie.com/friendsletters.htm>

- In announcing the launch of the new Scottish **‘Centre for Confidence and Well Being’** the ‘Sunday Herald’ described it as, *‘a “virtual” meeting place,..... hailed as a pioneering project to boost optimism and self-belief throughout the nation’*. One of the surest ways of boosting a nation’s confidence is to guarantee that where injustice is found it is quickly remedied. After **8 years** we await a boost to our confidence by an Executive that can be accused of hypocrisy in supporting theory that does not accord with political practice.
- <http://www.sundayherald.com/48158>