

Scottish Gambling Education Conference - 24 November

Workshop descriptors

Workshop A (in person): Let's talk about gambling! Games and activities for youth groups

It can feel difficult to start a conversation about risks around gambling - but it's an important first step to preventing harm in our groups and communities. Join us for an opportunity to try out fun, engaging and thought-provoking activities that you can use to build conversations about gambling into your work with children and young people. Facilitated by Tina Reuter, Project Officer (Fast Forward).

Workshop B (in person): Activities for supporting families to embrace the digital world

Supporting families to navigate their way through the digital world is crucial when we explore the risks and harms associated with gambling and links to gaming. This practical workshop will showcase activities aimed at working with families as a way to explore how gambling may be impacting on their lives. We will also discuss how conversations about gambling and gaming can be facilitated as part of a holistic, ongoing family programme and can be built into work around the digital world. Facilitated by Donna Brunton, Project Officer (Fast Forward) and Robert Quigley, Education Collaborative Lead (Highland Council).

Workshop C (virtual): 'Going Forward to Own It' - Developing interactive games to support harm reduction

When the lockdown door slammed shut in 2020, it was clear that our Going Forward project had a major problem. If we could not be 'in the room' to deliver our workshop sessions, how could we support young people to make informed and healthy choices on risk-taking behaviours? Realistically, how could we do our job? This session draws on our experiences and learning in developing responsive, participatory and interactive online group work sessions and games that continued to complement and enhance the work our project partners. Facilitated by Donald Lockhart, Project Officer (Fast Forward).

Workshop D (virtual and in-person): 'One Last Spin' – Film screening and Q&A

One Last Spin is a documentary that exposes the harms of gambling through sharing real life experiences. It premiered at Glasgow's Centre for Contemporary Arts in February 2022. The film includes interviews with four people harmed by gambling, and three people working to reduce harms. The film is interwoven with drama sequences complementing the stories of those harmed by gambling. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with producer Adrian Bailey (Gambling Watch Scotland).