

9 ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL WORK (ADSW) - ANNUAL TRAVEL AWARD (AN266-2004)

Committee is asked to note the achievement of Lisa Paton and Joanna Willatts in winning the ADSW annual travel award. The Travel Award is made by the Association of Directors of Social Work and award winners are provided with financial support to visit another country to learn more about international practice in their chosen study area.

Lisa and Joanna are both members of the Tay Project, which is a specialist project, which works with convicted sex offenders across the Tayside area, based within the Criminal Justice Social Work Service in Dundee. They submitted a very interesting application that outlined the current approach the project takes to working with sex offenders and which highlighted a number of areas of interest they would like to develop further. These include:

- Individual relapse prevention programmes for convicted sex offenders
- Relapse Prevention Groupwork Programmes
- Assessment of suitability and inclusion of partners and carers within personal change programmes and relapse prevention.
- Programmes for working with partners/carers of convicted sex offenders
- Evaluation methods.

They have made contacts with services in England and Wales, the Republic of Ireland and North America and are currently formulating plans to visit some of these services over the next year.

Lisa and Joanna received their award last month at the annual conference of the Association of Directors of Social Work.

This is the second year in succession that Criminal Justice Social Work Staff from Dundee City Council have won this award, last year's winners being Rose Sinclair and Maureen Gurmin who were able to visit Canada to gain information on services to perpetrators of domestic violence and their partners.