



# Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority

## CONFERENCE REPORT

The purpose of this document is to give members, Officer's and Partner's of LCJA an opportunity to share information about conferences/events they have attended and which they feel would be of interest to others. Unless we are informed to the contrary we shall assume you are content for this document to be placed on our website

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Name & Date of Conference/event	Celebrating the work of Circle – Reception at 11 Downing Street Monday 22 February 2010

### **Aim of & main themes covered at conference/event:**

The aim of the reception was to allow a range of partners to hear directly from service users who had received a service from Circle – this included children, parents and grand parents. There was also the opportunity to have an open discussion about the feasibility of developing alternatives to prison for parents whose offences relate to drug or alcohol problems.

### **Highlight particular issues of interest to the Community Justice Authority:**

Circle is a Scottish charity which works with deprived communities across central Scotland. The aim is to support the most disadvantaged and difficult to engage children and families to improve their lives and promote their potential and development.

From April 2009 Circle have worked with 510 families which has included 935 children, 613 parents and 90 kinship carers.

There has been an external evaluation report on Circle's work with HMP Corntonvale which has been very positive. Kalyx and The Robertson Trust are funding a similar service in HMP Addiewell and Circle have received additional funding to provide a service in HMP Greenock.