

Dear All,

On the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011 Duncan Wilson of the SHRC will make a formal presentation to the Petitions Committee regarding the SHRC framework and recommendations regarding the historical abuse issues affecting Scotland.

- **FBGA support in principle the SHRC framework and recommendations and would like to see these implemented in full. FBGA have written a letter of thanks and support to Duncan Wilson @ Scottish Human Rights Commission.**

FBGA have recently had a meeting with Scottish Officials which enabled the group to raise a wide range of issues.

- **We would like to thank the Scottish Officials for there time.**

FBGA along with INCAS have been invited to a group meeting with SHRC and CELCIS, (Centre for excellence for looked after children in Scotland).

- **FBGA have sent correspondence to the parties regarding the invitation and accepted the invitation.**
- **FBGA's policies and proposals for resolving these historical abuse issues concerning Scotland have been consistent since our formation and these have been well publicised on our website and in meetings we attend.**
- **FBGA have always had an open and transparent policy in updating everyone with an interest in these issues and we will continue with this policy going forward as matters progress or otherwise.**
- **FBGA would also like to see a broader spectrum of victim-survivor representation going forward in any debate-process enabling other voices to be heard!**

We have also welcomed Quarriers organisation senior management's willingness to engage with TTBH and SACRO processes.

- **FBGA would like to extend our thanks to Quarrier's management.**

We welcome also the commitment by the Scottish Government to provide funding to Incare Survivor Scotland Service as we believe this is a much needed valuable service for all Scottish victim-survivors.

We also welcome the Jersey Parliament's recent commitment to provide remedies for the Jersey victim-survivors and also the devolved government of Northern Ireland's commitment to establish a historical abuse inquiry.

Scottish victim-survivors and there representatives in our view need to set aside any differences and enmities they may have, towards there past organisations where they may have been abused.

Provided there is the genuine political will and parliamentary backing for the SHRC proposals, it is time in our view for ALL to engage in a spirit of genuine reconciliation and unite fully behind the SHRC framework proposals and recommendations to help find common ground and equitable resolutions that may benefit ALL Scottish victim-survivors.

FBGA will be writing in due course to the Scottish Petitions Committee to express yet again our support for the SHRC framework document and recommendations. FBGA and its representatives will ACT in the best interests of those former residents of Quarriers we represent at all times, now and in the future, as we have always done. Whereby continuing to seek an equitable resolution on the issues that affect Quarriers victim-survivors.

**Best Wishes, David Whelan, FBGA**