



## **VIOLENCE REDUCTION ALLIANCE SEMINAR 7**

### **WORKING WITH COLLECTIVE VIOLENCE**

28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007

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Collective violence is defined by the World Health Organisation Report 2002 as violence committed by groups of individuals intent on advancing their social agenda using crimes of hate and terrorist acts. Here in Scotland, the VRU consider that collective violence includes any motivation for violence being partly or wholly instigated by the fact perpetrators act as one in groups. This form of violence and disorder is prevalent across Scotland and can be fuelled by religion, football, school attendance, place of residence, group provocation or gang membership. We already know it adds to social division and fragmentation in many communities.

The full program for this event is currently being developed by the Unit, but will aim to provide delegates with good practice on methods to engage, mediate, divert and support the individuals involved. It will also support practitioners who will be engaged in the Safer Scotland Working with Collective Violence Campaign in March 2008. This campaign activity will hopefully help to further develop youth social cohesion by adopting more robust proactive action in tackling collective violence related issues using partnership approaches. It is anticipated that local analysis will be required to identify problem areas prior to the event and the campaign.

If you would like to attend the event please complete the registration form on the action on violence website and return the completed form to the Violence Reduction Unit as soon as possible.