

Catalyst Mediation

AILEEN RIDDELL MA (HONS)

Aileen gained an honours degree in psychology with statistics as a mature student at Aberdeen University. She became interested in mediation through the community organisation, SACRO, and worked as a mediator, and latterly, team-leader from 1999, dealing with hundreds of cases during this time. She has extensive experience of community, workplace (she is a lay member for Employment Tribunals) and victim-offender mediation and has trained police officers, youth workers and housing staff in conflict resolution skills. She has also delivered SACRO's accredited 5-day mediation skills training course to volunteers and leads workshops on group mediation.

Aileen is currently a volunteer member of the Aberdeen Court Mediation Panel and does freelance mediation work with Catalyst Mediation. She also runs her own company, the Mediation Partnership, with a former colleague, Linda Paterson.

LINDA PATERSON MA (HONS)

Linda trained and worked as a journalist before returning to education to complete an MA at Aberdeen University. Linda started her mediation experience when she joined SACRO in 1997, where she was part of a small team which established the Aberdeen Community Mediation Service. Linda managed its expansion and helped to establish it as one of the most successful neighbour mediation services in Scotland.

During her time at SACRO, Linda mediated hundreds of disputes, both individual and group mediations and latterly victim/offender and workplace mediations. She has also trained staff and volunteers in mediation skills and personnel from the police and local authority, in conflict resolution skills.

Linda set up the Mediation Partnership with her colleague, Aileen Riddell. She is a member of the Aberdeen Sheriff Court mediation panel, the Catalyst Mediation panel and the Scottish Mediation Network.

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