



# Edinburgh Community Mediation Service



## > Our Aim

We aim to provide a first class service and are always looking for ways to improve. If you have any suggestions, or if you wish to make a complaint, please let us know quickly so that we can take the appropriate steps to make sure our service meets your needs. A full copy of our complaints procedure is available on request.

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# Problems next door? ... there is a solution



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We all want to be able to enjoy our own home, though sometimes, it's not easy. There are so many things these days that can cause problems between neighbours – noise, pets, children, parking, fences – it's no wonder sometimes things just get out of hand. Every so often, what starts off as a minor disagreement ends up as a full-blown dispute, causing everyone stress and worry.



## > That's where we come in.

Our mediators are trained and experienced people who are able to help you find a way forward that everyone can live with. Thousands of people from all over Scotland have found practical and peaceful solutions to problems with their neighbours through using our service.

## > And what's more, it's free!

To find out more about this valuable service, please contact Edinburgh Community Mediation Service on:

> **0131 624 7299**

or visit [www.sacro.org.uk](http://www.sacro.org.uk)

# How does mediation work?

# 1

When you get in touch we'll talk things over with you, and if we can help, we will arrange to visit both you and your neighbour separately in your own homes. You may not be sure that your neighbour will want to see us but they almost always do.

This is because just about everyone involved in a dispute wants it to stop, even though it may not feel like it at the moment.

## > Mediators don't take sides.

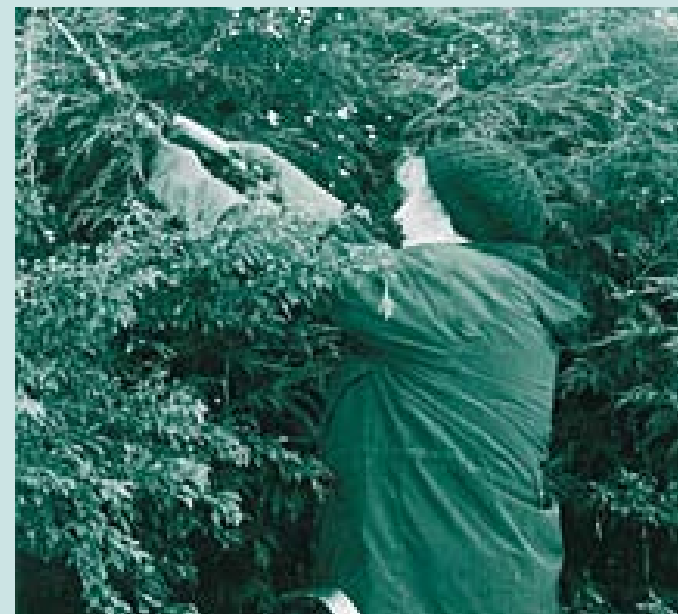
Our job is to help you find a way to resolve even the most difficult problems in a way that will suit everyone involved.

# 2

If both of you are willing, we will arrange a meeting to work out a way forward. Mediation meetings are organised so that everyone has a chance to speak and to be listened to, and it is the job of the mediators to ensure everything goes smoothly.

## > Nine out of ten meetings end in an agreement

If there are special reasons why people can't meet in person, we can sometimes arrange to help resolve the dispute without a meeting.



## > Our Guarantee

Of course we can't guarantee that every problem will be sorted out, but most of the neighbour problems we help with will be resolved. That's why the police, housing departments, advice agencies and solicitors all recommend us to people. To make sure you are in safe hands, here's what we can guarantee:

- Our staff will be polite and efficient
- All our mediators are highly trained
- We work according to strict rules of confidentiality
- We are independent and never take sides
- You can stop at any time if you are unhappy with the process and no one will force you to continue.