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### **Ruth Wishart and Richard Garside In Conversation with Sacro**

Sacro, Scotland's leading community justice organisation, will welcome Ruth Wishart, journalist and broadcaster, and Richard Garside, Director of the Centre for Crime and Criminal Justice Studies, an independent charity based at Kings College London, to lead the conversation at its Annual Lecture on 11 October.

The title of the event is Community Justice – Reforming Civil Society. It is the first year that the event has taken the form of a discussion, rather than formal lecture.

Richard Garside is a regular commentator on criminal justice and related issues on television and radio. The Centre for Crime and Criminal Justice Studies informs and educates on all aspects of crime and criminal justice, so the discussion will be a well-informed and diverse one.

Ruth Wishart is a respected journalist and broadcaster and has a weekly column for the Herald. She presents programmes on contemporary ethics for the BBC and has been an assistant editor of the Sunday Mail, the Scotsman and Sunday Standard. An experienced conference chair, her interests include the arts and politics, especially social policy.

Sacro is a national community justice voluntary organisation working across Scotland to make communities safer by reducing conflict and offending. It does this through: being a leading provider of direct, innovative services in Community Mediation including schools work, Youth Justice and Criminal Justice; Consultancy and training services; research and; seeking to influence policy and legislation. Sacro operates in the community in partnership with others who share its values. It works with communities, those in conflict, victims and offenders.

The lecture will take place at Playfair Library, Old College, South Bridge, University of Edinburgh at 5.30pm Thursday 11 October 2007. It is free and open to the public.

To register your attendance, please email Steven Morton at [events@national.sacro.org.uk](mailto:events@national.sacro.org.uk).

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