



## The Anti-Bullying Network Annual Conference

# Anti-Bullying and Child Protection: have we gone too far?

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2008

Venue: Menzies Belford Hotel, Edinburgh

How can we strike a balance between the need to protect children from harm and the need to allow them the opportunity to take reasonable risks, learn from mistakes and develop resilience? In recent months, there have been suggestions that the development of anti-bullying policies in schools and exaggerated concerns for children's safety have contributed to a lessening of children's resilience and of their capacity to learn to judge what is and is not an acceptable risk. For those of us who have long campaigned vigorously for issues such as bullying and child abuse to be taken seriously, this is a difficult charge to accept, but it is one that should be faced.

- Confirmed speakers include Tim Gill, author of 'No Fear: growing up in a risk averse society'; Kathleen Marshall, Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People; Councillor Ewan Aitken
- Themes to include protection and support, building resilience and striking a balance
- Plenary discussions – ask your questions
- Full day conference
- Includes breakfast rolls and lunch

This is a conference not to be missed.

Cost: only £110 per delegate, or 2 delegates for £190

How to book: online bookings now being taken at The Anti-Bullying Network website - [www.antibullying.net](http://www.antibullying.net) - or telephone us on 0131 220 1455.