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Molly Robertson  
Scottish Executive  
HD: Substance Misuse Division  
St Andrew's House  
Regent Road  
Edinburgh EH1 3DG

Dear Ms Robertson,

**SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES: A CONSULTATION.**

The Salvation Army welcomes the consultation document on **smoking in public places** in Scotland and appreciates the opportunity to respond.

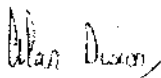
As part of the Christian Church and one of the largest charities in the UK, we help thousands of vulnerable people each day, many of whom have experienced or are experiencing significant health and economic problems that are attributable to, and exacerbated by, the continued use of tobacco. As such we would support any initiative that is intended to alleviate these problems.

As a major employer in the field of Social Care, The Salvation Army already adheres to a strict no smoking policy in the workplace. All Salvation Army property is included in this policy. Because of this we feel that any actions which the Executive take to limit or prohibit smoking in the workplace is to be welcomed.

Our general view would be that any "Public Health" initiative is to be supported. We recognise that there are some "civil liberties" arguments but we believe that the greater good would be served by the initiative to limit smoking in public places and thereby reduce exposure to second-hand smoking.

Yours sincerely

*(sent electronically)*



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## RESPONDEE INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the details below and attach it with your response. This will help ensure we handle your response appropriately:

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Consultation title: **SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES: A CONSULTATION**

1. Are you responding as: (please tick one box)

(a) an individual  (go to 2a/b)

(b) **on behalf of** a group or organisation ✓ (go to 2c)

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Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in SE library and/or on SE website)?

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Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

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No

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Yes ✓

No