

WHO CARES? SCOTLAND- 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

On 5th November this year, we shall be holding a major Gala Dinner, auction and concert at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, Glasgow.

Who Cares? Scotland is a national charity founded in the West of Scotland in 1978. The organisation is unique in Scotland, providing independent advocacy, advice and support to young people who are looked after and accommodated across Scotland in a variety of settings.

The organisation works in partnership with Local Authorities, voluntary and statutory bodies and young people and their families to improve outcomes, building on skills and expertise of young people and supporting them in better outcomes to help them become valued and responsible citizens with equal opportunities. This year, we are celebrating our 30th anniversary and to commemorate this, a series of events will be held around the country.

Our central theme is ‘Challenging Stigma-Celebrating Success’. We hope to raise funds to improve access to independent advocacy for all children and young people who are looked after and accommodated and raise the profile of the importance of independent advocacy for this vulnerable group of young people. Advocacy provides an essential safeguard to children and young people who are looked after and accommodated. The aim for the year is to ‘Challenge Stigma and Celebrate Success’ of some of Scotland’s most vulnerable young people.

Briefly, the Kelvingrove event...

A professional auctioneer will facilitate the auction of some excellent ‘money can’t buy’ prizes. This will include the auction of the painting ‘*Snowfall on Linlithgow Palace*’ which was painted and donated by the artist John Lowrie Morrison to Mr Salmond and formed his official Christmas card last year. Mr Salmond nominated Who Cares? Scotland as the charity to receive the painting at a reception in Bute House in December.

The painting and its subsequent auction have received intensive press and can be viewed on the Scottish Government web-site and at www.whocaresScotland.org.

At dinner, there will be a maximum of 40 tables, each of ten places, offered to companies and organisations for corporate entertaining as well as individual guests. Each table place will cost £125 and can be purchased by contacting Linda McCracken, Office Manager at Who Cares? Scotland on 0141 226 4441.

This glittering **Gala Concert and Dinner at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum** presents an ideal opportunity to network with fellow industry entrepreneurs, Scotland's top business leaders and to entertain your colleagues, friends and associates. Ticket prices include champagne drinks reception and a sumptuous three - course dinner with wine and coffee. The proceeds of this event will go towards helping to improve the standard of care and quality of life for children and young people in care throughout Scotland.

At a recent Media briefing at his official residence, Bute House in Edinburgh, the First Minister said of the charity... *' I want everyone in Scotland to share our strength of ambition and to have equal opportunities to achieve their goals. The Voluntary Organisation Who Cares? Scotland, takes us one step closer to giving everyone that chance, by working to improve the standard of life for young people who are looked after and accommodated'.*

The event promises to be a memorable occasion with some exciting James Bond touches provided by Spymasters – one of our major sponsors of the event.

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