



CORPORATE PARENTING NEWSLETTER

WHO CARES? SCOTLAND
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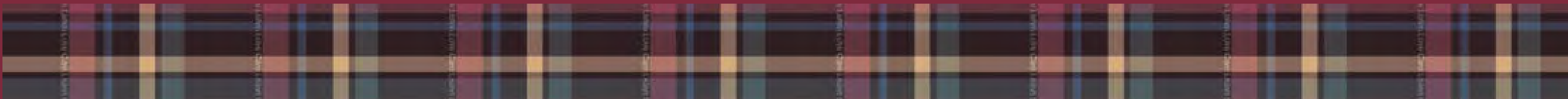
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A LIFETIME OF
EQUALITY,
RESPECT
AND
LOVE
FOR CARE EXPERIENCED PEOPLE





WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



COLLABORATIVE CORPORATE PARENTING TRAINING EVENTS

We have recently delivered some collaborative training events which allow Corporate Parents from different organisations and local authorities to come together and discuss Corporate Parenting in a shared space. Glasgow Clyde College hosted a session for staff from the three Glasgow colleges (Clyde, City and Kelvin) to explore their Corporate Parenting duties and share best practice and ideas.

The University of Stirling hosted a collaborative Corporate Parenting training event in January which was well attended by delegates from the University as well as Forth Valley College, Skills Development Scotland and Stirling Council. We were joined on the day by Care Experienced students from Falkirk's Champions Board who very kindly shared their experiences of education during a panel Q&A.

The Champions Board asked the following from the Corporate Parents in the room:



- *Actions speak louder than words. You need to have listened and heard what we've told you today to understand the real and everyday challenges faced by students who have grown up as part of Scotland's care system*
- *College staff and other students to be more aware and considerate of Care Experienced students and for this to be consistent across Scotland's colleges*
- *Listen to what we have told you about our experience, this has not been easy for us.*



CHRISTMAS DINNER

December saw Who Cares? Scotland host our sixth annual Care Christmas Dinner and it was our biggest yet! Over 100 Care Experienced people attended the event which took place at SWG3 in Glasgow and was a great success.

There was a great friendly atmosphere with arts, crafts and games plus an area for attendees to take photos with each other. There was a Christmas feast of the traditional turkey and all the trimmings prepared by our Training and Education Officer, Nick, who was the main Chef on the day. Volunteers made sure members could attend and upheld the friendly atmosphere that our Christmas dinner looks to provide. Every attendee left the dinner with a sack full of presents including a handmade quilt. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the generosity of donors and volunteers, and we'd like to say thank you to every single one.

Who Cares? Scotland staff were also involved in the delivery of Christmas dinners in Aberdeen City and Inverness.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas dinner!



WHAT'S COMING NEXT?



SAVE THE DATE

CARE DAY
21-2-20

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Care Day is an annual international celebration of the Care Experienced community which aims to:

- **Celebrate:** Shift public attitudes on Care Experienced people's lives.
- **Connect:** Bring together the Care Experienced community with their allies and Corporate Parents to talk about how we can ensure they get the love, rights and relationships they deserve.
- **Communicate:** Motivate the Care Experienced community, their allies and Corporate Parents to share their celebrations, show their commitments and ignite discussion.

Please show your commitment to Care Experienced people by celebrating, connecting & communicating with each other and the Care Experienced community this Care Day.

You could do this by:

- Organising an event or activity within your organisation / local authority area.
 - Lighting up your building in red on Care Day 2020 to show some love for the Care Experienced community.
 - Capturing your commitments to how you can reimagine your work to best serve Care Experienced people and share them publicly on social media (using the hashtags #CareDay20 and #Reimagining), your website or by working with a journalist or producer to create a media platform.
 - Joining up with our local and national activities.
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KILTWALK

For the fourth year in a row Who Cares? Scotland will be taking part in the Kiltwalk. This is chance for you as a Corporate Parent to show your support for Care Experienced people across Scotland by walking with love for love!

Sign up to do the Kiltwalk via our website which is linked below. We will send you out a T-shirt and the Kiltwalk will send you a walker's pack closer to the date. The money you raise helps us give our members opportunities like; our annual Summer Camp, various events for Care Experienced people throughout the year and weekly participation groups across Scotland. This year Sir Tom Hunter has announced he is topping up sponsorship by 50% which will be a huge boost to the work we do!

With your support, we can make this our biggest fundraising event of the year, allowing us to provide exciting opportunities for Care Experienced young people in Scotland.

[Click here to register to walk with love, for love!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Education to employment: Collaborative training event

Date: 18th February 2020

Venue: Inverness College, UHI

This collaborative training event is for anyone who advises Care Experienced people on their options moving from education to employment -

[Click here to find out more and book your place](#)

Corporate Parenting and Health; Training Seminar

Date: 20th March 2020

Venue: Healthcare Improvement Scotland, Glasgow

This collaborative training seminar is for anyone who works with Care Experienced people to support their health and wellbeing -

[Click here to find out more and book your place](#)

"Home" - Housing themed Event:

Date TBC

Location: Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh

Stay posted for more details!



DO YOU HAVE SOME PROMISING PRACTICE YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?

We're always keen to hear from Corporate Parents about what they're doing to ensure the best outcomes for Care Experienced people. Does your organisation have a project or policy relating to Corporate Parenting you'd like to shout about? Please get in touch to tell us all about it and we can include you in our next Promising Practice round-up to share with the whole Corporate Parenting community!

Email: corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org for more information.



SEE YOU SOON...



If you'd like to talk to the Training & Education team about anything in this newsletter or to discuss a Corporate Parenting training event for your organisation, please get in touch!



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