Newsletter & Promising Practice Round Up for Corporate Parents

February 2022
Collaborative training spaces are useful ways to connect with other Corporate Parents and share practice and learning. An important duty of a Corporate Parent is to collaborate with other relevant Corporate Parents to ensure support is provided for Care Experienced people.

Through our Annual Participation Programme, we are able to design and deliver thematic and collaborative training sessions for Corporate Parents, offering rich insight into topics and issues identified as important by our members. These sessions are open to all interested Corporate Parents to attend and to learn more about how best to meet their duties in these key areas. The collaborative Corporate Parenting training sessions for this year are scheduled as follows:

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New Resources from The Training and Education Team

We have been busy producing some new digital learning resources which we hope will be useful for Corporate Parents. We have also updated and repackaged some of our existing resources, creating short thematic clips with subtitles. Click each image or the button below to view the resource.

Our Training Offer Pack for 2021/2022
Care Experience and Disclosure - Q&A Video
Managing money while studying (SAAS Case Study)
Applying for the Care Experienced Bursary (SAAS Case Study)

Short Thematic Clips

Chloe - Health in Residential Care
Charlie - Mental Health
Chloe - The Dentist
David - The Dentist
David - Placement Moves
Chloe - Placement Moves
David - Criminalisation
Gary - School
Lee - School
David - School
Chloe - School
Lynda - College

If you have an idea for new and helpful resources and/or if you would like to collaborate with us on the development of new digital resources, please email corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org.
Corporate Parenting Progress Report 2018-2021

In December 2021, The Scottish Government shared their second Corporate Parenting Progress Report, written by Scottish Ministers, which outlines the work being done by Scotland’s Corporate Parents to support Care Experienced people between 2018 and 2021. To go alongside this report, we have created a short, animated video and an ‘easy read’ report, using information shared with us by CELCIS and The Scottish Government, to highlight some of the key findings in an accessible and digestible way. Please feel free to share these among your networks.

There are recommendations within the report which require consideration from Corporate Parents as to how they will respond. Who Cares? Scotland is here to support you to reflect on these, and to map out what this next chapter might look like for you and your organisation. Contact us by emailing corporateparenting@whocarescotland.org.

Click here to watch our short animated video
Click here to read the full report
Click here to read our 'easy read' report
Proud Corporate Parent Update

The Children and Young People Team, Partnerships, Prevention and Community Wellbeing division, are delighted to present the new Corporate Parenting Plan 2021-2024.

Consultation and engagement to help shape our themes and priorities has taken place since December 2020 and we would like to thank everyone involved in this process, including those who attended the Corporate Parenting Plan Advisory Group, chaired by Chief Inspector Colin Convery.

In particular, the Children and Young People team would like to thank our own Care Experienced officers and staff group, who have shared with us with their unique position of having lived experience and being colleagues within Police Scotland. Their views and advice has helped our team understand more about our Care Community and we will continue to engage them on Corporate Parenting matters in future.

If you have an update or proud moment you would like to share across the Corporate Parenting network via our newsletter, please email: corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org.
Promising Practice

Promising Practice highlights the great work being done by Scotland’s Corporate Parents in supporting Care Experienced people to succeed and achieve their true potential. If you have an example you would like to share with us on this, please email: corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org.

Borders Local Authority Corporate Parenting Working Group

Who Cares? Scotland has been working closely with a group of Corporate Parents in the Scottish Borders on a collaborative project to create online live and e-learning corporate parenting training. The group consists of representatives from Scottish Borders Council, the lead young person for the Scottish Borders Champions Board, Skills Development Scotland, the NHS and Borders College. As part of this joined up approach, each Corporate Parent is able to offer rich insight and experience across a range of key areas – health, education and employment to name a few.

The group is currently reviewing initial content provided by Who Cares? Scotland which speaks to the national picture with a view to tailoring this in a way which captures the unique story of Corporate Parenting in the Borders. The group hopes in future to include local voices and perspectives, with content shaped by members of their recently established Champions Board.
“With it being two years since The Promise was published, awareness raising of corporate parenting responsibilities has never been more important. As lead young person for the Champions Board here in the Scottish Borders, I have been working alongside corporate parents in partnership with Who Cares? Scotland to develop local training.

I am committed to ensuring that young people’s voices are at the heart of this project from beginning to end. It has been a really positive experience and I am extremely looking forward to the up and coming roll-out later this spring.”

Cory Paterson
Lead Young Person for the Scottish Borders Champions Board
Job Opportunities

Who Cares? Scotland is advertising for a vacancy in our influencing directorate, and would appreciate any support from Corporate Parents in getting the word out. We're keen to hear from candidates with experience in events, digital media and presenting. We particularly welcome applications from people with experience of care who meet the criteria for the post.
Get involved

Tending the Light
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18 - 22 Feb 2022

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Earnings will be topped up 50% by the Hunter Foundation!

Find out more about how to #walkwithlove in the Kiltwalk 2022
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