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NEWSLETTER & PROMISING PRACTICE ROUND UP FOR CORPORATE PARENTS

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An update from Chloe



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Welcome to our May 2022 Newsletter and Promising Practice Round-Up. There's lots of information in here about training events you can sign-up for, links to learning resources and examples of practice by Corporate Parents.

You may see that some of our visuals have started to look a little different over the past month or so, and this is due to the introduction of a new role in the Training and Education team. Please welcome Jen Flynn, Digital Training and Education Officer. Jen is ensuring you can engage with our materials and content easily to support your knowledge and understanding. I hope you'll get a chance to meet her soon.

This year the team has spent some time being trained on Each and Every Child framing. This is a way of talking about care to create a fresh, inspiring narrative to shift public attitudes and improve life chances of children, young people and their families. We are always discussing the importance of language and using appropriate, non-stigmatising language, to talk about care. Each and Every Child is supporting us to embed this into our work even further.

As ever, please know that the Training and Education team exists to support you. We are fully-funded by Scottish Government to provide information, advice and support to Corporate Parents as you progress on your journey to embed The Promise and be the best parent you can be. So please contact us at any time to discuss your needs.



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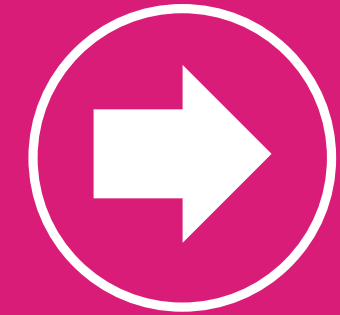
Thurs 30th June

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EVENTS**



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"I think this training
should be rolled out
across all sectors to
everyone who works
with young people. "

Tues 31st May
Tues 14th June

**DIGITAL WELLBEING
AND
CORPORATE PARENTING**

Tues 21st June
Tues 6th September

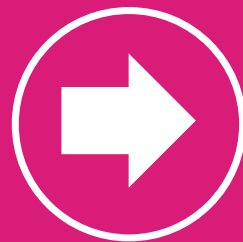
**HELPING
CORPORATE PARENTS
RECRUIT FAIRLY**

The UNCRC - What could it mean for Corporate Parents?

In March and April 2022, the Training and Education team hosted three explorative training sessions titled UNCRC – What could it mean for Corporate Parents?

The session aimed to build a better understanding of children's rights and identify the existing gaps in the knowledge and understanding of Corporate Parents on how to practically embed children's rights into their daily practice. The session provided a short brief on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the basic principles underpinning the rights, as well as the most recent updates on the UNCRC (Incorporation) Bill and what the rights-based approach means in the context of Care Experience and Corporate Parenting. The Training and Education team further used this opportunity to understand what support Corporate Parents need. We explored what the gaps in their capacity are to practically embed the rights-based approach to Corporate Parenting. The responses collected within this collaborative space were analysed and fed into a report. The learnings from it will inform future comprehensive training sessions on the UNCRC and will be used to develop learning resources to support Corporate Parents to feel confident in upholding the rights of Care Experienced people.

[Click here for our UNCRC
useful resources training pack.](#)



I am taking away a reinforced sense of the crucial importance of UNCRC principles in my work, and being mindful of these.



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New: Honorary Corporate Parenting Training



As you may be aware, the Training & Education Team at Who Cares? Scotland hold the national contract from the Scottish Government to provide support and training to the Corporate Parenting bodies named in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. However, in a very exciting new direction for us, we have recently been approached by organisations who are not named in the Act but want to know how they can incorporate the ethos of Corporate Parenting into their own organisation. In the last few months we have worked with Young Scot; Circle; and Community Leisure UK to explore how they can act as Honorary Corporate Parents and support the Care Experienced community. We thank these organisations for reaching out to us and look forward to building on our new partnerships in the future.

If you are not a named Corporate Parent, but would like support from Who Cares? Scotland to help your teams understand and support those with Care Experience, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.



Our Resources

We are nearing the end of the year for schools, colleges and universities, here are some useful guides from our learning hub for those looking to continue their education.

WHO CARES? SCOTLAND

Applying for the Care Experienced Bursary

Robbie's story: a case study



Click to read this case study.

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Scottish Funding Council
Comhairle Maoinachaidh na h-Alba

Articulation: A guide for Care Experienced Students



Click to read this guide.

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Barriers to Graduation for Care Experienced Students



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Universities Scotland

Scotland's Universities' Guaranteed Offer: A Guide for Care Experienced Students



Click to read this guide.



Useful Resources From Across the Sector



[Click Here](#)

Earlier in the year CELCCIS created this resource for Corporate Parents and Advocates to better understand and help Care experienced people to access their Child Trust Fund. These funds were first introduced in 2005, they have since been replaced by Junior ISAs (2011) but will continue to mature over the next seven years, therefore it is important that Care Experienced people know how to access and manage these accounts.



[Click Here](#)

This website was created by the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) and has been co-designed with young people who have justice experience.

Whether you're a child, young person or an adult seeking support and trying to understand how the justice system works, this is a space for you. Here you'll find info and advice, the rights you're entitled to and other people's experiences, and places that can offer you support.



Promising Practice



In each newsletter we like to share some of the great work Corporate Parents across Scotland are doing. This time we are looking at SAAS and how they are supporting students with the Care Experienced Students' Bursary and the 12 month payment option.

As part of the 2021-2022 Programme for Government the Scottish Government announced a new 12 monthly payment option which is available to all eligible students, in receipt of the higher education Care Experienced Students' Bursary from the 2022/2023 Academic Year.

In order to help students make an informed decision about their payments, SAAS have worked collaboratively with a range of partners throughout the development and implementation of this new policy.

Prior to the announcement SAAS met with stakeholders including other Corporate Parents and students to gather their feedback on the new payment option and how we could best support students through this process.



Promising Practice

As outlined in our Corporate Parenting plan SAAS have committed to providing opportunities for Care Experienced students to gain an understanding about the funding available to them and how to access it. SAAS therefore developed a suite of resources including a short information video and bespoke guidance on the SAAS website and hosted online awareness sessions. These sessions provided an opportunity for new and continuing students to hear more about the new payment option, and have any questions answered to help them make an informed decision about their finances.

Working with other stakeholders is key to delivering on our responsibilities, to build on these relationships SAAS wrote to all Corporate Parents to provide an overview of the new policy and the resources that students could access.

Each year SAAS also host a series of online application workshops, which are designed to provide support and advice on the financial support available and the SAAS online application. SAAS also provide bespoke sessions for those who are applying for the Care Experienced Students' Bursary.

This year in collaboration with Who Cares? Scotland SAAS have hosted a number of these sessions, which have been advertised and promoted through both organisations social media platforms. These sessions provide practical support to students and have been well attended and received.



Get in Touch

If you would like to work with us or find out more about our training offer please do get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.

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