The Love Rally Returns

As part of Care Experienced Week we held our first in-person Love Rally in two years. Police Scotland estimated there were around 500 people in attendance marching from the Doulton Fountain in Glasgow Green to George Square. It was a bit cold and wet but all the bright outfits and placards soon warmed everyone up. Samba Ya Bamba helped keep the pace with some energetic music.

Once we got to George Square we heard speeches from a range of Care Experienced campaigners: Carmel Jacob, Charlotte Armitage, Thomas Carlton, Jasmin Pilling and Eireann McAuley, all demanding a lifetime of love for Care Experienced people.

Time to Shine Returns

To close out Care Experienced Week we held our Time to Shine festival at SWG3 in Glasgow. 300 of our members enjoyed music, games and activities all themed around outer space. We had people dressed as aliens, astronauts and the sun even made an appearance.

People were dancing to music, making jewellery, having their faces painted, having glitter makeup applied and having fun on the inflatable games.

We were provided with burgers and pizza for lunch and a tuck shop full of sweet treats.

Everyone had so much fun and it was a lovely way to end Care Experienced Week.
To complement our 'Realising the UNCRC' training sessions that were delivered earlier this year, we have created these two resources about participation. We spoke to Laura Pasternak (Policy and Public Affairs Manager) and Gavin Morgan (National Development Coordinator) who shared their best practices and top tips for meaningful participation. You can see the videos by clicking the images below.

**UNCRC Videos**

We recently published a lesson plan for primary schools to use when discussing care experience in the classroom. A 'Design a Skateboard' exercise is included to tie in with the wonderful new Christmas advert from John Lewis, our new charity partner. It was designed as part of our Communities that Care project. You can see it [here](#).

**Lesson Plan**
In each newsletter we like to share some of the great work Corporate Parents and other organisations across Scotland are doing to help Care Experienced people. In this edition we hear from Laura Doherty (Public Health Project Manager for Infants, Children and Young People) at NHS Ayrshire and Arran and their Corporate Parenting Task Force.

As a Corporate Parent and key partner in ensuring the health and wellbeing of our children in care, NHS Ayrshire & Arran recognises that we need to respond to our Corporate Parenting duties, as well as the findings from the Independent Care Review and barriers to change identified in Oversight Board Report 1.

We recognise the need to interpret what The Promise means for us as a health board. Working in collaboration with our partners, we will design change around children, young people and their families.

At the start of the current three-year period as Corporate Parents, we revitalised the NHS Ayrshire & Arran Strategic Corporate Parenting Group, and clearly articulated our overarching vision.

Development of the NHS Ayrshire & Arran Strategic Corporate Parenting Group and the NHS Ayrshire & Arran Corporate Parenting Task Force

To take forward our vision, the NHS Ayrshire & Arran Corporate Parenting Task Force has key decision makers as work stream leads. The group aims to improve outcomes for and to fulfil our statutory health duties to infants, children and young people (ICYP) under the care of Corporate Parents in Ayrshire and Arran. It contributes to the overarching aims of the NHS Ayrshire & Arran Corporate Parenting strategy, as well as the aims of our East, North and South Ayrshire Corporate Parenting structures and plans.

This group provides a vehicle for pan-Ayrshire collaboration across services.
To celebrate Care Experienced Week 2022, we shared a report on our progress as a Task Force this year. For more information, please contact Laura Doherty - Public Health Project Manager for Infants, Children and Young People.

Dawn Parker, Participation Lead for the NHS AA Corporate Parenting Task Force said:

“The participation workstream of our Corporate Parenting Task Force has used The Promise as a framework for looking inward at our own systems. This will help us to better understand how we engage and support our young people and their wider families.

“We have learned the value of a shared approach across Ayrshire that is rooted in rights-based practice. We know that we now have to look at the language used across our systems and how we communicate with children, young people and their families.

“Moving forward, we are looking at the impact of our Task Force workstream activity using children’s rights and wellbeing impact assessment tools as only then will we be in a position to progress to the next level of meaningful participation, which will support young people’s direct involvement in how we shape service design and delivery.”
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COLLABORATIVE TRAINING SESSIONS

Dates for the diary

Navigating Convictions for Fair Recruitment
Monday 30th January 2023
Book Here

Mental Health and Corporate Parenting
Thursday 9th February 2023
Book Here

Sex, Relationships and Reproductive Health
Tuesday 14th February 2023
Book Here

Education, Learning and Corporate Parenting
Tuesday 14th March 2023
Book Here

Health in the Care Experienced Community
Tuesday 28th March 2023
Book Here

Click here to see our training offer for 2022-23

for Care Day
February 17th 2023
Are you a Proud Corporate Parent? Do you want an opportunity to shout about the work you’re doing for Care Experienced people, while learning what others outside of your own sector are doing?

We’re looking for Corporate Parents who are passionate, driven and excited about Corporate Parenting to connect with other like-minded individuals based not on locality or sector, but a desire to make a difference for the Care Experienced community.

CORPORATE PARENTS TOLD US they wanted more opportunities to collaborate and ways to keep Corporate Parenting on the agenda.

CORPORATE PARENTS WANTED real, tangible examples of positive Corporate Parenting from other organisations which they can learn from/adapt for their own teams.

INTRODUCING The Who Cares? Scotland Collaborative Corporate Parenting Network: a space for Corporate Parenting pioneers to come together and collaborate and share Corporate Parenting plans and ambitions in an informal, exploratory way.

Together we can improve the lives of those with care experience. We look forward to hearing from you!

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This year the Training and Education team have trained 2,380 people, across 79 sessions. And we have delivered 14 themed training events.

We created 10+ guidance resources and videos.

"Training excellent - applying it to each organisation should be next step"

"Tell as much people as often as possible about the important messages you shared with us"

"I wanted to let you know about the fantastic response to our animation. Our colleagues have come forward to learn more about the group and our members are getting in touch with them to offer support."
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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