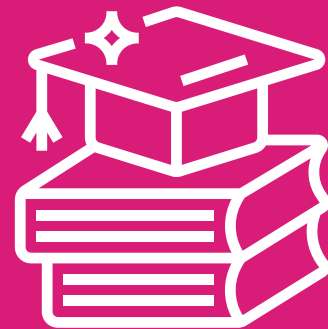




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Education and Engagement Support for Corporate Parents

2023-2024

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An Overview

The Education and Engagement team at Who Cares? Scotland offers **fully-funded support** to Corporate Parents across Scotland. The offer includes live, bespoke learning sessions to learn about care, Care Experienced people, Corporate Parenting legislation as well as support to create and develop Corporate Parenting Plans, supporting learning materials and consultation time with Who Cares? Scotland staff. This information pack provides additional information on each of these offers and how they can benefit you and your organisation.

Who Cares? Scotland is funded by the Scottish Government to support Corporate Parents across Scotland. As such, we report to Scottish Government on the Corporate Parents who are engaging well and positive practice we have identified. **We are really keen to ensure all Corporate Parents are represented in our reporting**, so please connect with us to enable this.

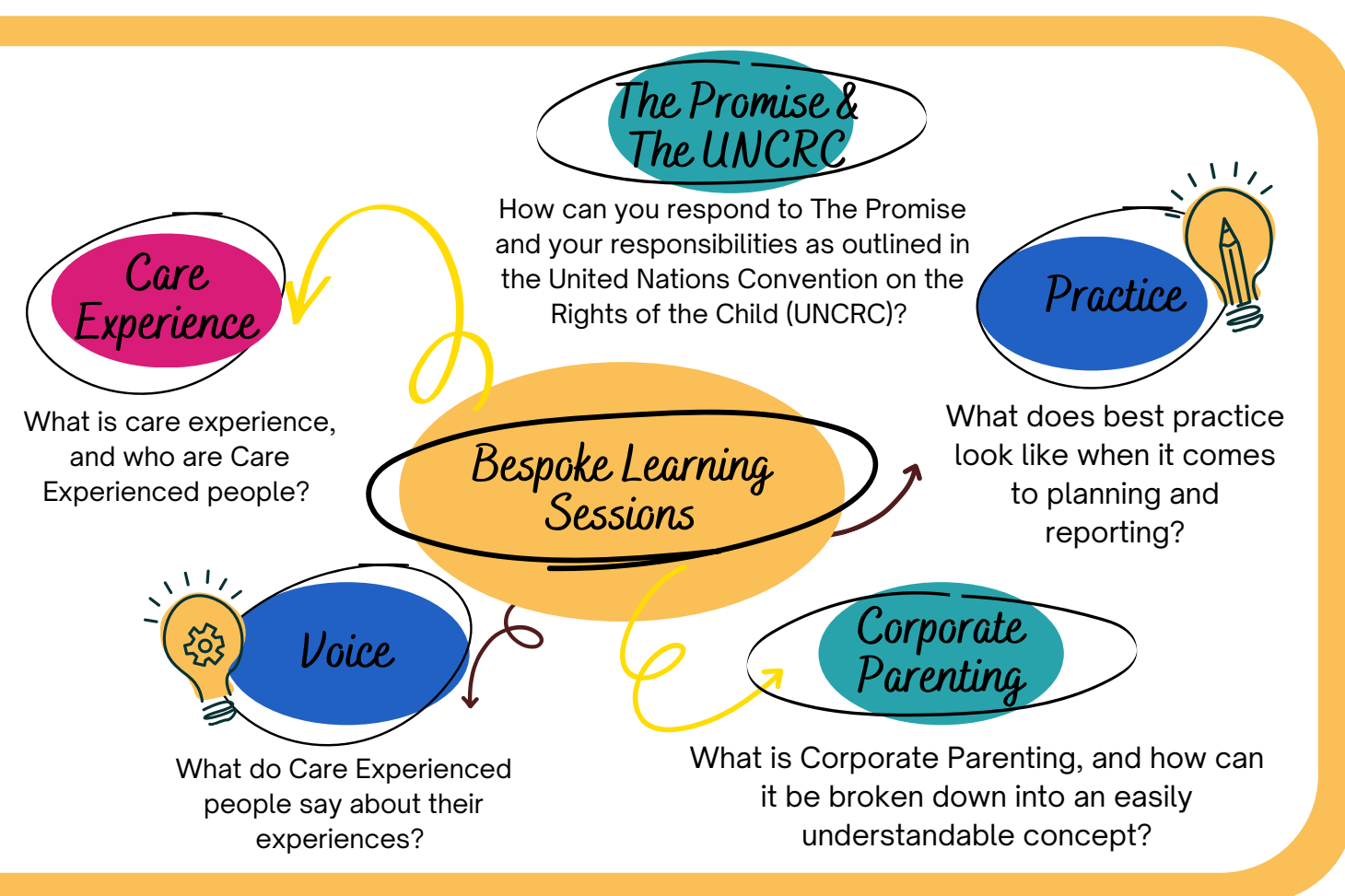
There is no cost to you receiving support from the Education and Engagement team, so please use this resource to maximise your impact as a Corporate Parent.

'Very engaging and I learned a lot about childrens' experiences. I hadn't considered it deeply from their point of view.'

University of the West of Scotland - 2023

Live Learning Sessions


The Education and Engagement team can deliver engaging and interactive sessions that work to support attendees' knowledge and understanding of care experience and Corporate Parenting. Our experienced Education and Engagement Officers will work with you to ensure the session is tailored to you and your organisation. The content of the sessions we deliver are **fully-informed by the voice of Care Experienced people** - children, young people and adults who have lived experience of care.



This session(s) can be delivered **remotely**, utilising platforms such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams, or an **in-person** session(s) can be offered.

An individual session usually lasts around **3 hours**, however we can be flexible on this to suit your workforce. We can deliver a one-off session or we can offer a programme of sessions to reach all layers and levels of your organisation. It is encouraged that all senior staff and board members participate in learning about Corporate Parenting.

If you would like to explore options for learning sessions for your organisation then we will allocate an Education and Engagement Officer to work alongside you to coordinate the input and liaise with your staff about their needs.

Email Us - 

Refresher Sessions

Refresher sessions allow Corporate Parents to engage in learning which **renews their knowledge** of their statutory Corporate Parenting duties. This **slightly shorter** session provides attendees with contemporary evidence of the issues and challenges Care Experienced people face when receiving support from Corporate Parents as well as consider how to deliver on the recommendations from The Promise.

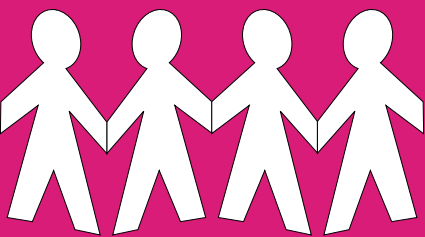
This session usually lasts around 1 hour 30 minutes and an Education and Engagement Officer will be allocated to work alongside you to identify your needs and design a **bespoke session** for you and your colleagues.

Collaborative Learning Events 2023 - 24

Our collaborative learning events 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 Corporate Parents to ensure support is provided to Care Experienced people.

Utilising our advocacy evidence, gathered from across Scotland and from Care Experienced people of all ages, we are able to design and deliver thematic and collaborative learning events for Corporate Parents. These sessions are open to anyone working within a Corporate Parenting body and you are welcome to join more than one session.

Each of these learning events is offered twice, on different dates and presented live on MS Teams. The content remains the same.



Maintaining Relationships

What do Care Experienced people say about maintaining important relationships? How can you support connection and family time to enable Care Experienced people to develop and sustain relationships that are important to them? Join Who Cares? Scotland as we take a look at important relationships in Care Experienced people's lives and how the Staying Together and Connected National Practice Guidance can guide your practice.

7th Sept
10.00 - 12.30

SIGN UP

18th Sept
14.00 - 16.30

SIGN UP



Live on MS Teams



Moving Around

Care Experienced people often have to move from home to home, without much choice about where they live - with many Care Experienced people communicating their wish to stay where they are. Join Who Cares? Scotland as we explore what Care Experienced people say about the impact of moving around and consider how we can support and ease transitions.

26th Oct
10.00 - 12.30

SIGN UP

31st Oct
14.00 - 16.30

SIGN UP



Live on MS Teams



Education & Training

Join Who Cares? Scotland for an online collaborative training event for Corporate Parents across Scotland where we will share some of the insights gained from our Care Experienced members about their experiences of education and training, and how Corporate Parents can best support them.

23rd Jan
17.00 - 19.30

SIGN UP

1st Feb
10.00 - 12.30

SIGN UP



Live on MS Teams

Digital Materials

Beyond the delivery of live sessions we can offer support in developing digital learning materials for internal use across your organisation. Examples of materials we have created include:

- Content for **e-Learning modules**, for integration into existing platforms
- **Guidance documents** across a range of relevant themes
- Engaging and informative **videos**, including case studies

Our Digital Education and Engagement Officer, Jen Flynn, is available to discuss your needs, and work with you to develop a bespoke digital package.

To contact Jen please e-mail - jflynn@whocaresscotland.org



[Click here to see
examples of our digital
resources](#)

Ongoing Support

As your organisation continues on its Corporate Parenting journey and works to embed the recommendations from The Promise, ongoing advice and consultation can be provided to ensure **positive practice implementation** and to keep abreast of developments across the sector.

We can **review your Corporate Parenting plan**, as well as any other relevant policies and commitments your organisation has made to Care Experienced people, offering recommendations on areas for improvement and strengths that can be built on. We can also share with you **examples of promising practice** being carried out by other Corporate Parents, intended to inspire and promote **collaboration**.

If you would like to discuss the consultation support on offer, please e-mail - corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org

**'The passion of the
facilitator made this a very
engaging and informative
session.'**

Care Inspectorate, 2023

'The training delivered was very powerful, particularly as it incorporated lived experience throughout. It has informed me that while so much work has been done already, there is still a long way to go in breaking down barriers for Care Experienced Young People.'

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, 2023

Collaborative Corporate Parenting Network

In 2022 the Collaborative Corporate Parenting Network was launched, providing a space for Corporate Parents to connect, share practice and collaborate. Facilitated by the Education and Engagement team, the network currently comprises of around 20 Corporate Parenting bodies (both national and local), and we are always ready to welcome new members to join the network.

Meetings are usually held online, with an agenda consisting of updates for the sector as well as presentations from Corporate Parenting members.

If you would like to join the network, please contact - corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org



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For more information on any aspect of our offer, or to express your interest in working with us, please do get in touch.

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