

Newsletter and Promising Practice



The Education and Engagement Team

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The Education and Engagement Team @ Who Cares? Scotland



The Education and Engagement team at Who Cares? Scotland is funded by Scottish Government to support Corporate Parents across Scotland. The offer includes:

- Live, bespoke training sessions to learn about care, Care Experienced people and Corporate Parenting legislation
- Support to create and develop Corporate Parenting Plans
- Digital learning materials and e-learning modules
- Spaces to work in collaboration with other Corporate Parents

If you would like to find out more about the support we offer please get in touch.



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Our newest resources

Brand new Care Experience and Corporate Parenting Module available from the CDN LearnOnline

As part of our e-learning work we have collaborated with the [College Development Network](#) to create a fresh new e-learning module on Corporate Parenting and care experience for people working in Scotland's colleges.

The module will help users gain a better understanding of what care experience is and their duties as a Corporate Parent. The module also explores the college journey for Care Experienced students and explores what services and support colleges need to provide Care Experienced learners.

The module is available to all staff from Scottish colleges via College Development Network's digital learning portal – [CDN LearnOnline](#) or through your college's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) with your college login.

This will replace the current module on Corporate Parenting (on [CDN LearnOnline](#)) which was retired at the end of June.



Our newest resources

Self Assessment Tool for Corporate Parents



We have created a [Corporate Parenting self-assessment tool](#) and are excited to announce that this is now available for you to access on the [Resource Library](#).

We have designed this tool to assist you and your organisation in your role as a Corporate Parent to evaluate your effectiveness and to enable you to reflect on areas you may wish to strengthen.

The results from this tool are private and you do not need to share these with our team or other Corporate Parents, however, if you would like to discuss your results and collaborate with your fellow Corporate Parents or discuss any support our team can offer please do get in touch!

Promising Practice - NHS Scotland



NHS Scotland recently got in touch with us here at Who Cares? Scotland with a very kind and generous offer.

Their training team have 50 iPads in nearly new condition which have been offered to Who Cares? Scotland.

Our Membership and Participation team were delighted to be offered the devices and hope to be able to use them to support our digital participation work. We know some members will struggle to complete our surveys, questionnaires etc so we want to reduce the barriers for members to be actively connected to us by offering .



We also want to reward members for their time and effort, so some of our future competition prizes will feature an iPad or 2 as a prize!

For our events and local groups, it will allow us to connect with members in a different way where traditional ways of communication may be an issue.

Promising Practice Communities that Care Renfrewshire

Renfrewshire Council has become the first Local Authority in Scotland to fully embed a training programme to support Care Experienced pupils in all its schools.

Renfrewshire council has rolled out the [Communities that Care Whole School Approach](#) training programme, which was developed by Who Cares? Scotland, to every school in Renfrewshire over the last nine years. Two of the schools, Kirklandneuk Primary and St Peter's Primary, were recognised for their work in this area in last year's [Corporate Parenting Awards](#).

Laurie Goldie, project manager at Who Cares? Scotland, said: "It's been incredible to see how this project has been embraced in Renfrewshire. The aim has always been to tell a new story about care and challenge the stigma faced by Care Experienced people. We've done this by delivering training to teachers and the entire school staff team. We give them tools to address stigma within the classroom before it has even had a chance to form."

On June 24th an event was held in Paisley to recognise and celebrate the completion of the programme and featured speakers from the council, including promise manager Maurice Gilligan, Caitlin MacLean (St Peter's Primary school), and Andrew Mitchell (Active Schools Coordinator).

Maurice Gilligan said: "We are proud to be the first local authority to embed the Communities that Care programme across our schools. This achievement reflects our deep commitment to delivering on The Promise – ensuring every Care Experienced child feels understood, included, and supported to thrive within their community."



Amazing new offers for Who Cares? Scotland members.

Our Membership and Participation team have been working hard to secure a range of fantastic offers for members of Who Cares? Scotland.

Please share these opportunities with any Care Experienced people you support or work with, you can find out more on our website – www.whocarescotland.org



Opportunity for Care Experienced people: What is Caring Scotland?

Caring Scotland is a far-reaching listening project that will document the lives and experiences of at least 100 members of the Care Experienced community in Scotland. The project aims to raise the profile, celebrate the achievements, and foster empowerment of the Care Experienced community and is inspired by the practice of playwright and socially engaged theatre-maker, Nicola McCartney.

These stories have been shared through groups and one to ones as the artist listens and audio records. The story contributor chats over email with the artist to ensure the story contributor feels comfortable with the story they are giving to Caring Scotland.

- So far over 60 stories have been collected across Scotland.
- As yet there are low numbers in stories from people aged 50 plus and Caring Scotland would welcome anyone in this age in particular to connect with the project.
- They are also looking for New Scots who now call Scotland home, their care experience does not need to be in Scotland, to take part in Caring Scotland.



Their artists can travel to meet participants in a venue local to them, meet at NTS Glasgow or they can offer online story collection if this is preferred.

The collection of oral histories stories will form a Sound Collection at National Library of Scotland as well as live on National Theatre of Scotland website for audiences to connect with and listen too.

Throughout 2026-2027 National Theatre of Scotland will be touring an immersive installation inspired by the Care Experienced community they meet around Scotland for audiences to attend.

Do you know someone who might like to be involved? [Email Karen](#) from Caring Scotland or find out more about [Caring Scotland here](#).

Action on Advocacy Campaign

We are campaigning to ensure that every Care Experienced person in Scotland can access independent, relationship-based, advocacy throughout their life.

What is independent advocacy?

Independent advocacy ensures Care Experienced people know their rights and can make informed choices about their lives.

Whether it's helping a young person reunite with their brother or sister, signposting Care Experienced adults to critical housing support, or accompanying a young person to their Children's Hearing, **independent advocacy is a vital and valuable service for all Care Experienced people who need it.**

Why now?

Five years after the Promise, Care Experienced people still struggle to access independent advocacy when they need it most.

This right remains unfulfilled, with inconsistencies in provision across Scotland. **With the upcoming Promise Bill this year, we have the opportunity to change this and make this a statutory right.**

How can you get involved?

Issue a statement of support – If your organisation would like to back the campaign, get in touch [here!](#)

Visit the [Action on Advocacy](#) campaign website for:

- Downloadable social media graphics to help spread the word.
- An email template to contact your MSPs.
- Advocacy in Action comic strips—real-life case studies showing the impact of independent advocacy.

Read our stories in the [Advocacy in Action](#) series!

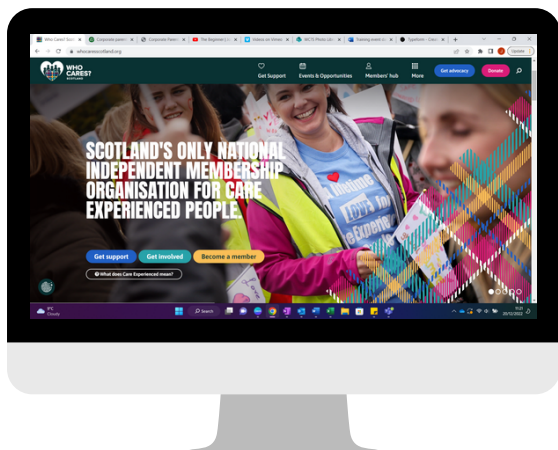


Get in Touch

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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Click above to visit our website.



ARE YOU CARE EXPERIENCED OR SUPPORTING SOMEONE WHO IS ?



Have you heard about our Helpline?

The term "**Care Experienced**" refers to anyone who is currently in care or has been for any length of time regardless of their age. This care may have been provided in many different settings, such as:

- **Kinship Care:** Living with a relative who is not your mum or dad
- **Looked After At Home:** With the help of social work
- **Residential Care:** Living in a residential home or school
- **Foster Care:** Living with foster carers
- **Secure Care:** Living in a secure accommodation
- **Adoption:** Living with adoptive parents



Our Helpline is for Care Experienced people and those supporting them. We offer connection, a listening ear, lifelong advocacy, support and signposting around these issues:

Finances . Benefits . Housing . Health . Employment . Education . Rights.



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