

# NEWSLETTER AND PROMISING PRACTICE

The Education and Engagement Team

2026 - 2027

Issue One



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# MEET 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**
- Spaces to **work in collaboration** with other Corporate Parents

We are here to help you on your journey to become a caring and supportive Corporate Parent to the Care Experienced community around you. All our training sessions and digital content are fully-informed by the voice of Care Experienced people - children, young people and adults who have lived experience of care.

We are delighted to present our offer of Support for Corporate Parents for 2026 - 2027. Our team has changed slightly this year. Management support is now provided by Donna, while Emma, Dionne and Jen continue to support you as before.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss any of the support available. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you would like to discuss any of the support available.

**Please click the image below to view our Offer or Support:**



# MEET THE TEAM



**Emma Brannigan - McQueen**  
Education and Engagement  
Coordinator



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Emma is the Education and Engagement Team Coordinator and has over nine years' experience at Who Cares? Scotland, having held a range of roles within the organisation.

Outside of her professional role, Emma serves on the Board of Directors for Creative Space Cumbernauld, an organisation led by Corporate Parents.

When Emma isn't working or volunteering you can find her on the ice! Emma plays with the Glasgow Thistles Women's Ice Hockey team.



**Dionne Harty**  
Education and Engagement Officer



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Dionne has worked at Who Cares? Scotland for 3 years. In her role, Dionne delivers training sessions to a wide range of Corporate Parents across Scotland and supports them in creating their Corporate Parenting plans. She also supports Jen in the development of our e-learning content and digital resources, leading on much of the team's written work and has contributed to policy work through supporting our responses to Scottish Government consultations.

Outside of work, Dionne loves reading and can often be found curled up with her dog, Flossie, enjoying a good book!



**Jennifer Flynn**  
Digital Education and Engagement  
Officer



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Jen has worked at Who Cares? Scotland for 4 years. She supports Emma and Dionne in facilitating learning sessions for Corporate Parents. Most of Jen's time is spent creating and managing the teams digital resources. She also manages, develops and designs our e-learning content.

Outside of work she is a keen photographer and can often be found on a ferry with her dog, Hamish, heading off to one of Scotland's many islands for walks and photo ops!

# OUR DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR CORPORATE PARENTS

Every year we update and create new **digital materials** to support and guide Corporate Parents. All our digital materials are shaped and informed by the **voices and experiences of the Care Experienced community**. This voice comes from data and evidence gathered from our advocacy work and participation with our members at the many influencing opportunities and our belonging and connection events that we host.

Resources available to you include:

- Case Study videos
- Guidance Documents
- Newsletters
- Self-Assessment tools

Head to our Resource Library and **filter by 'Corporate Parenting'** to see all our resources. We have many more planned for this year and will upload them to the library as they are completed.

## E-Learning Modules

We also have created an e-learning module for Corporate Parents called '**Care Experience and Corporate Parenting**'. This module is available to all Corporate Parents for you to host on your Learning Management System (LMS) for all your staff to access.

The module was written to give learners an understanding of how it can feel to be Care Experienced and some of the barriers that can be faced by people with experience of care. It also looks at the role of Corporate Parents in supporting Care Experienced people and the legal duties placed upon Scotland's 26 Corporate Parenting organisations.

We also have two additional modules available for colleges and university that cover the same areas with some additional FE/HE content.



**SUMMER FESTIVAL  
2026**



# Who Cares 2 Party?

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY – KIDS, ADULTS,  
AND EVERYONE IN BETWEEN!

JOIN US ON SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY IN  
GLASGOW FROM 1PM FOR A JAM-PACKED  
DAY OF SUN, SMILES, AND NON-STOP  
ENTERTAINMENT AT THIS YEAR'S SUMMER  
FESTIVAL 2026: WHO CARES 2 PARTY?

WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THRILLING  
ADVENTURES, DELICIOUS TREATS OR A  
PLACE TO RELAX AND SOAK UP THE  
SUMMER VIBES, WE'VE GOT SOMETHING  
FOR EVERYONE.

IF YOU KNOW ANY CARE EXPERIENCED  
PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND OUR  
SUMMER FESTIVAL THEY CAN REGISTER BY  
CLICKING BELOW!

**BOOK**

**NOW**

# PROMISING PRACTICE

In every newsletter we highlight promising practice from a Corporate Parent to **inspire you** and your organisation on your corporate parenting journey.

We are currently planning our newsletters for the year ahead and are looking for examples of **'Promising Practice'** to feature in upcoming issues.

What are you doing to **support** the Care Experienced community? Have you created a new service to meet a certain need? How have you **listened** to Care Experienced people and implemented changes to your work based? Have you created a process that you think would be useful to other Corporate Parents? Have you worked **collaboratively** with another Corporate Parent to host an event or jointly support people with care experience.

Please get in touch with us and let us know what amazing things you've been working on - [jflynn@whocaresscotland.org](mailto:jflynn@whocaresscotland.org)

These are some of the Corporate Parents we have featured in 'Promising Practice' in recent years:

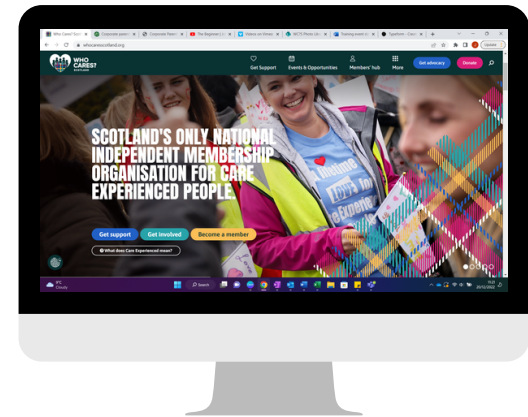
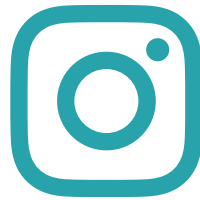


# GET IN TOUCH

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.



[corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org](mailto:corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org)



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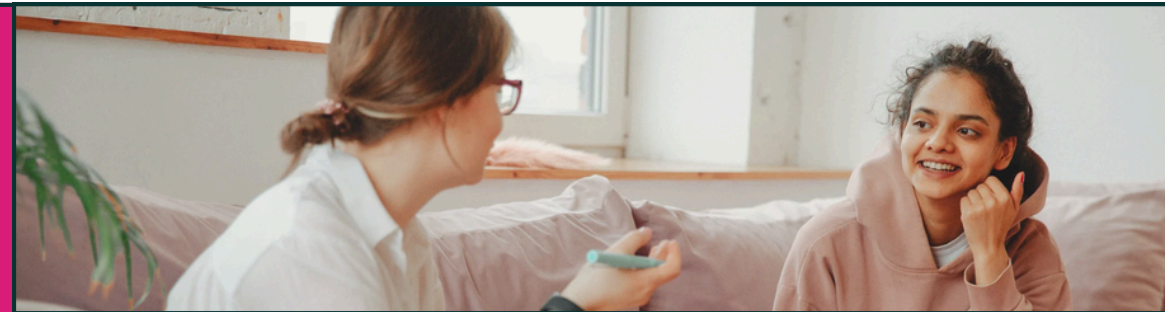
## ARE YOU CARE EXPERIENCED OR SUPPORTING SOMEONE WHO IS ?

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.**



**0330 107 7540**



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**Open 12 noon to 4pm Monday to Friday**