

Kinship NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO OUR KINSHIP NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2023!

We wanted to contact all Glasgow's kinship carers to offer them a chance to attend our **Kinship Conference on 30/03/23 in the City Chambers**. We will be writing to everyone about this, with instructions for booking, but please note the date in your diary.

We are really looking forward to getting together as a Glasgow kinship community, and have arranged a programme which aims to support caring for young people with a background of trauma. We will be discussing Early Brain Development, Behaviour as Communication, The Importance of Relationships, Resilience, and Self Care.

There will also be a presentation about education and how to support young people to reach their potential at school. We will be welcoming colleagues from Glasgow Psychological Services, and from Glasgow's Virtual School and there will be opportunities to talk to other carers and staff throughout the day. We will also be joined by Quarriers, Children First, Welfare Rights and others for this event, and very much hope that **as many of you as possible can join us on 30th March**.



Scottish Child Payment

The Scottish Child Payment has recently changed, and many of our carers may now be eligible for this benefit for under 16s – it has no impact on the kinship allowance and is worth **£100 every 4 weeks**.

To qualify, the carer must meet the following criteria.

To qualify for a SCP you must be ordinarily resident in Scotland, be responsible for the child and have been awarded one of certain benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credits

- Income Support
- State Pension Credit
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

Claim online at **mygov.scot** or phone Social Security Scotland free on **0800 182 2222**, Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

Can also download a paper form from **mygov.scot** which when completed send to Social Security Scotland, PO Box 27155, Glasgow, G47DX

3rd Sector

Quarriers and Children 1st continue to work with us to support many of our kinship families, and have been providing opportunities for young people to get together, learn new skills and have some fun. The Spider Arts Project in November allowed some of our young people to show off their artistic skills and create a brilliant display!



Children 1st offered young people the opportunity to join their Bide Oot programme in September – and even enjoyed some sunshine!



“ Scotland must hold the hands of those who hold the hand of the child. ”

The Promise, Independent Care Review, 2020, pg. 20 (LH1)

As part of Glasgow’s response to fulfilling “The Promise”, we have been asking young people and their families what we could do better. Lots of young people have given us useful food for thought, and one of the things we are trying to change is the language we use when we write reports and talk about families. We want to **focus on what’s working well**, and to try and make assessments and reports easier to understand. For example, we now try to talk about “family time” and not “contact”, and try to say “brothers and sisters” instead of “siblings”.

As kinship carers, we would love to hear from you on this issue and would welcome any comments – positive or negative – on how we communicate information to you and to other people.

Please let us know by sending an email to:

KinshipNews@glasgow.gov.uk

We are always looking for ways to better support our kinship families, and are launching some online resources through the Glasgow website in the coming weeks. We’re keen to know what you think of them, and how best we can **support you in the future**.

The website can be accessed at **www.glasgow.gov.uk/kinship** and we’d be delighted to hear your views or any contributions to the next newsletter – please email us at:

KinshipNews@glasgow.gov.uk

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 30th March at the conference.

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