



Project update

The NTSG project is nearing the end of its first 6 months funding period since it moved into Children in Scotland. We have been busy working across the core themes of connecting, influencing and engaging with colleagues in the third sector and beyond, to support better outcomes for children.

Recent project activity included our competition to identify two third sector delegates to participate in a major study visit, as representatives of the NTSG project. Our delegates will have the opportunity to share children's and youth work practice in Scotland, underpinned by GIRFEC; they will visit different settings in Helsinki to learn from Finnish practice in children's services, youth work and wider community support; and they will network with cross-disciplinary colleagues, strengthening knowledge exchange. The learning from the study visit will be disseminated through a range of channels from October.

We have also continued to support the children's services workforce through training opportunities. In August, we delivered a workshop in partnership with Children in Scotland's Participation Team on "*Listening to children and young people: exploring participative methodologies*", at which participants explored and shared resources and

practice on meaningful participation and engagement. This event was also supported by Glasgow Council for Voluntary Sector Everyone's Children Project. Yesterday we have joined up Storyworlds Life in delivering a workshop on "*Wellbeing Resources to Support Young People*". At the session, practitioners had a chance to explore two tools: Wellbeing Bingo and Important to me: Scrambled. A report is being developed at present and will be shared in due course.

Project Extension

The Scottish Government has recently committed to a further 12 months funding for the NTSG project, from October 2018, which is welcome news. We are now working to focus the outcomes and activities of the project for that period and will provide further details in our newsletters in the coming weeks.

[Visit our project page](#)

[Read the report on Participative Methodologies workshop](#)

Family Fund Year of Young People Event: Book a place

As part of "The Year of Young People", Family Fund is coordinating an event, sponsored by Bob Doris MSP, 6-8pm on Tuesday 25th September 2018, at the Scottish Parliament. At the event young people who are disabled or have a disabled sibling will:

- Share their talents and achievements;
- Give their views about the opportunities and experiences that matter to them and what changes need to happen to improve access to these;

- Show how Family Fund has helped them to access opportunities that have made a positive difference to their lives.

This is an opportunity to hear directly from young people about what that means in everyday life and what changes they'd like to see their MSPs deliver. **Places at this event are strictly limited** and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested in attending, please email comms@familyfund.org.uk Further details will be available closer to the date.

Reports on financial compensation for survivors of abuse in care in Scotland published

The SHRC InterAction Action Plan Review Group, in partnership with CELCIS has published a set of reports and recommendations regarding a potential financial compensation/redress scheme for victims/survivors of abuse in care in Scotland.

The recommendations are shaped by a consultation and engagement exercise, the first ever undertaken in Scotland to consider this specific matter. The main focus of this was a national consultation with victims/survivors of abuse in care. Throughout the design and delivery of this work the views of victims/survivors have been represented.

The reports and the recommendations have been submitted to the Deputy First Minister. The Scottish Government will now be considering this information.

[Read the reports](#)

[Read the recommendations](#)

Briefing on participation requests published

The Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) have released their new briefing on participation requests. Participation requests are a way for people to have their say about improvements they would like to see made to public services they use. Community groups in Scotland have been able to submit requests since April 2017, as part of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

The new briefing highlights that, based on feedback received, more information and support needs to be available for groups who want to make participation requests, amongst other matters.

[Read the briefing](#)

Voices Forum to discuss Planning (Scotland) Bill implications for children and young people

The built environment can affect opportunities to play, the food children and young people can access, their respiratory health, their physical safety and their access to green space. They will also live longest with the decisions made today, therefore it is essential they have the opportunity to influence them.

As the Planning (Scotland) Bill enters Stage 2, this meeting of the Voices Forum will give Children in Scotland members the opportunity to learn more about the planning system and to feed into our influencing work and ensure that the system is best placed to support children and young people.

The meeting will take place on 8th October at the Children in Scotland offices (Level 1, Rosebery House, 9 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh, EH12 5EZ).

[Enquiries and/or confirm your attendance](#)

Children and young people led First Ministers Question Time hits the screens

On Wednesday 12 September, 100 children and young people headed Glasgow for the first-ever FMQT for children and young people. A landmark participation event this Year of Young People, FMQT Next Generation aims to provide a platform for young people to have their views heard and acted upon by the leader of the country. You may have already seen **FMQT Next Generation featured on STV's 'Scotland Tonight' last Thursday**. If for any reasons you've missed it, it is **also available on STV Player from Friday 14 September**. It is also available on [YouthLink Scotland's](#) and [Children in Scotland's](#) YouTube channels, including the full event and question by question videos so you can choose what parts you want to watch.

[Find out more about FMQT: Next Generation](#)

[Watch a short video about the event](#)

Three new animations launched to help pupils across Scotland to feel more informed about their rights at school

Created by [Reach](#), the young people's service for Enquire – The Scottish Advice Service for Additional Support for Learning - the films were commissioned because of recent changes to the law which have extended children's rights in Scotland. Children aged 12 and over now have more rights than ever before to have a say in

decisions made at school about the support they need to get the most out of their education. The films are a great tool for helping pupils in Scotland feel more informed about their rights and more confident about having their say. Young people were involved in making the films, and they echo the feelings of many pupils having a hard time at school who aren't sure how to talk about what they're going through.

[Watch the videos](#)

Consultation opportunities

There are lots of opportunities for you to respond to consultations on issues of relevance to children and young people. You may be particularly interested in submitting a response to the following consultations:

- [A Culture Strategy for Scotland](#)(deadline 19 September)
- [Progressing Children's Rights in Scotland - An Action Plan 2018-21](#)(deadline 26 September)
- [Review of Part 1 of the Children \(Scotland\) Act 1995 and creation of a family justice modernisation strategy](#)
- [Protecting Children: Review of section 12 of the Children and Young Persons \(Scotland\) Act 1937 and section 42 of the Sexual Offences \(Scotland\) Act 2009](#)(deadline 14 November)
- [Local governance review: Democracy matters – your community, your ideas, your future](#)(deadline 30 November)



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