

News round-up: National Third Sector GIRFEC Project

Your fortnightly round-up of news about Scotland's third sector and children's services planning and delivery

It's Lisa from the Children in Scotland Communications Team here with your latest news round-up from the National Third Sector GIRFEC (NSTG) Project. Please get in touch with your information requests, content suggestions and Children in Scotland membership enquiries.

Training and events

Self-Directed Support Masterclass: Transitions

The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) and MECOPP (the Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project) are partnering to deliver the 'SDS Masterclass Series' in 2018-19. This second Masterclass focuses on the experiences of young people who access social care, transitioning between child and adult services.

Date: Wed 12 September 2018, Scottish Youth Theatre, Glasgow

Time: 13:00 – 17:00pm

Cost: Free

Book a place [here](#).

Wellbeing resources to support young people

This taster session is organised jointly by National Third Sector GIRFEC Project and Storyworlds Life. It provides a chance to explore the two resources: Wellbeing Bingo and Important to me: Scrambled. Come and see how these valuable tools could help you in your work with young people. The event is almost at full capacity, but we are keen to hear from you if you would be interested in attending as, even if a space is not available this time, we may run additional sessions dependent on interest.

Date: Monday 17th September 2018

Time: 9:30am - 3pm (approx.) with refreshment and lunch provided

Cost: FREE (limited to 2 places per organisation)

For more info including how to join the waiting list, please [visit this link](#).

Opening the school gates, building a culture of learning to tackle the attainment gap

This event, led by Children's University Scotland, in partnership with Children in Scotland and hosted by University of Strathclyde, brings together key policymakers and practitioners from across the education sector with leaders and influencers from academia, business, arts, culture and leisure.

The event is an opportunity to share knowledge, encourage debate and stimulate ideas on embedding the changes required to tackle the attainment gap in Scotland. The discussion will be framed by the recent Education and Skills Committee Inquiry and previous reviews on widening young people's access to learning opportunities.

Experts in the field will share insight into effective practices and highlight areas for further innovation that will make a tangible difference, focusing on the people, places and partnerships that can best support learning 'beyond the classroom'.

While this event is currently at full capacity, we are keen to hear from you if you would be interested in attending.

Date: Thursday 13 September 2018

Cost: FREE

[Find out more about the event](#)

[Email us to register your interest](#)

Other projects and resources

Supporting Disabled Children, Young People and their Families Resource - ALLIANCE Response

The Scottish Government has called for views on the content and format of a public resource that will look to provide information, based on the lived experiences of disabled children, young people, and their families across three pillars:

- rights and information,
- accessibility of support
- transitions.

The Getting to Know Getting it Right for Every Child team at the ALLIANCE held a consultation event on 12 June for members to add their views to help shape the ALLIANCE's response.

The response which was submitted to Scottish Government can be viewed [here](#).

Third Sector Interface Case Study: Midlothian TSI

In Midlothian the [Third Sector Interface](#) is key to strengthening preventative support for youth mental health. The TSI runs the Transform Project; a supported volunteering project for young people helping them gain skills and experiences.

Working closely with local partners the TSI has been instrumental in helping to secure £836,000 for a multi-agency partnership to get help early to children and young people suffering from mental health issues. You can read more about how Midlothian TSI is strengthening local youth mental health in this [TSI case study](#).

Pupil Equity Funding: Third Sector Experiences in Glasgow

A new report from the [Everyone's Children](#) project (which promotes and supports third sector organisations in Glasgow providing services to children, young people and families) shares third sector experiences of Pupil Equity Funding in Glasgow.

You can read findings and recommendations for the Scottish Government, GCVS and Glasgow City Council [here](#).

Consultation opportunities

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

- [Nutritional requirements for food and drink in schools](#)(deadline 29 August)
- [Supporting Disabled Children, Young People and their Families](#)(deadline 5 September)
- [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](#)