

**Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar:
Improving provision for children in care and care leavers: multi-agency working,
developing the workforce and support for those leaving care**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 3rd April 2019

Venue: Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22-26 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Jeremy Balfour MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Children and Young People
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Update from the Independent Care Review**
Jimmy Paul, Co-Chair of Workforce, Journey Group, Independent Care Review
Sue Brookes, Co-Chair of Workforce, Journey Group, Independent Care Review
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.20 **Improving provision for children in care: enhancing multi-agency collaboration, learning from best practice, and the key Review agendas of Love, Rights and Stigma**
Sarah Jane Linton, Board Member, Who Cares? Scotland
Sara Lurie, Director, The Fostering Network in Scotland
Mairi Graham, Acting Head Teacher, Middlefield School, Glasgow
Stephen McLeod, Head of Specialist Children's Services, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Liam Purdie, Head of Children and Justice Services and Chief Social Work Officer, South Lanarkshire Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Jeremy Balfour MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Children and Young People
- 10.25 - 10.55 Coffee
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Gillian Martin MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Prevention and Healing of Adverse Childhood Experiences
- 11.00 - 11.40 **Priorities for developing the workforce: training, recruitment and diversity**
Deirdre Fitzpatrick, Interim Head of Social Work, Scotland, The Open University
SallyAnn Kelly, Chief Executive, Aberlour Child Care Trust
Karen Ralston, Head of Children's Services, Highland Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 11.50 **Changing approaches towards care leavers**
Kenny McGhee, Throughcare and Aftercare Consultant, CELCIS
- 11.50 - 12.35 **Supporting care leavers, establishing greater support into further and higher education, expanding effective pathways into employment, and learning from those who have experienced care**
Claire O'Hara, Creative and Talent Development Manager, MCR Pathways
Rachel Hyslop, School Connect Manager and Named Contact for Care Experienced Students, Glasgow Caledonian University
Rhona Pollock, Legal Consultant, Adoption and Fostering Alliance Scotland
Ryan McCuaig, Board Member, Who Cares? Scotland and Care-Experienced Activist
Questions and comments from the floor with **Kenny McGhee**, Throughcare and Aftercare Consultant, CELCIS
- 12.35 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for the children in care system in Scotland**
Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Children and Young People
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Gillian Martin MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Prevention and Healing of Adverse Childhood Experiences
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences