



Learning, living and looking ahead in residential child care:

Listen to the past, live the present, shape the future

8 - 9 June 2016

Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow

Call for Papers

An opportunity to submit your proposal to present a workshop session

This is our call for papers for the SIRCC National Conference in June 2016. Our annual conference regularly attracts over 300 delegates, representing the residential child care sector and associated relevant professions.

We will invite keynote and plenary speakers, and welcome applications from workshop leaders to present at the conference. We are very keen to involve young people in leading or being part of presentations, as long as suitable support is in place from the lead organisation.

If you have an idea you would like to propose but are unsure about completing the **Workshop Application Form** please contact us and we will be happy to provide further support. Please complete and submit the form no later than Thursday 3 December 2015.

Application forms are available at www.celcis.org or by request from celcis.learning@strath.ac.uk.

If you require further information, please contact us by e-mail or by telephone on 0141 444 8529.

Conference theme

The Skinner and NRCCI reports, to name but a few, could safely be called landmark reports that were important milestones in the evolution of residential child care services in Scotland. They analysed the past, dealt with the present and looked to the future, naming residential child care as a significant cornerstone in the care of our most disadvantaged children and young people in Scotland.

We know relationships are vital at all levels and working together to implement policy and develop practice is essential for services to adapt, change and innovate. For many years there have been critical developments in education, legislation and lessons from inquiries. As a result we are listening to and learning from the voices of adults with care experiences, young people currently in and moving through residential care, and the staff who work with our children and young people.

So where are we now? Residential child care in Scotland is constantly evolving and moving forward and like any other service is responding to challenge and opportunity. There has never been a more important time for us to reflect, review and plan ahead for our children and young people.

And this is where you come in. We have no time to lose - we need you to share your practice wisdom, experience, ideas, and creativity to leap us further into the future.

During our conference, delegates will have the chance to hear from inspiring and thoughtful speakers, take part and learn from each other in a mix of workshop sessions, and to enjoy chatting and networking with colleagues. Our aim for this annual event is to provide a space for debate and challenge on important local, national and international perspectives on some of the most creative and exciting aspects of residential child care practice. And for delegates to leave energised and take what they have learned back in to their workplace.

Sub themes

The following sub themes are areas in which we are particularly interested in receiving submissions in the context of the conference theme:

- Children's rights and advocacy - protection, provision and participation rights
- Permanence - implications for policy and practice
- Children on the edge of care - how do we work together to meet their needs?
- Partnership working - understanding role and expectation
- Journey planning for children and young people - matching resources to needs
- Identifying and connecting services for disabled children and young people
- Family relationships - importance and impact
- Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014
- Institutional culture - unwritten rules
- Regulation and residential child care
- Working with risk - how does this impact on relationships and interaction between carers and children?
- The importance of creativity, stories, imagination, play and fun for our children and young people

Aims

We aim for this conference to achieve the following:

- Provide opportunities to showcase good practice, particularly in residential child care
- Be relevant for children and families practitioners
- Promote integrated services and multi-disciplinary/collaborative working
- Challenge and /or develop existing ideas
- Promote children and young people and their views
- Integrate evidence informed practice
- Respond to the needs of the residential child care sector
- Represent a wide range of styles and settings of services that address a diversity of needs
- Advance the policy and practice agenda
- Provide a range of national and international perspectives
- Ensure both practice and academic/research based inputs
- Provide opportunities for practitioners and leaders to share their knowledge of good practice