



# Parenting Newsletter April 2016



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### Feedback

If you would like to submit an article for the **June 2016** issue please send it to [the editor](#) by 9 May.

### Thanks!

Thanks to all those who contributed to this bulletin including Gary Clapton, Jane Hartley, Lesley Kelly, John McAteer, Jim McCormick, Miriam Morris, Sue Palmer, Sam Pringle, Clare Simpson and Nick Thorpe.

## Welcome

Welcome to the **Parenting across Scotland Parenting Newsletter** for parenting practitioners. Whether you work directly or indirectly with families or the policies which affect them, it will keep you up to date with what's happening in parenting across the UK.

## News

### PAS is on the move

From 1 April PAS is be based at the Children in Scotland offices, Level 1 Rosebery House, 9 Haymarket Terrace Edinburgh EH12 5EZ.

### What's making UK children so unhappy?

Sue Palmer, chair of the new Upstart campaign, argues that parents in a hyper-competitive consumer society are deeply confused about two essential ingredients for positive self-image and emotional resilience: LOVE and PLAY. Neither can be bought in the shops, but marketers are skilled in making families confuse love with 'stuff' and convincing them that play is the same as 'toy consumption' and screen-based entertainment. **Upstart is looking for your ideas and contributions to support a kindergarten stage for children.**

### Capability Scotland survey

Capability Scotland has launched a 1 in 4 Poll survey about living with a disability. It looks at disabled people's experiences of using public transport, accessing suitable housing and paying for social care.

The poll provides an opportunity for disabled people and their

## Editorial policy

The PAS Parenting Newsletter will include any copy that may be of interest to its readers in the PAS community. We will notify you if we are unable to include an item. Copy submitted for publication is accepted on the basis that it may be edited to ensure coherence within the publication. The views expressed by individual contributors do not necessarily reflect those of PAS.

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**Let us know** if there's anything you'd like to share in the next issue.

## Parenting across Scotland

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supporters to have their opinions on these issues heard at a national level. A voice which politicians, the media and the general public cannot ignore.

Please complete **the survey** and have your views heard.

## Events

### Business futures

21 April 2016, Glasgow

Major demographic changes are taking place within Scotland's workforce which are highly significant for employers. This Family Friendly Working Scotland (FFWS) seminar is aimed at employers, practitioners supporting people in the labour market and anyone interested in understanding more about changing workforce demographics. PAS and FFWS will also launch a **new report into kinship care and employment**.

Check out **what's coming up**. If you are planning an event, send us the details and we'll post it on our website.

## Policy

### A Scotland without poverty

We know a great deal about how to fight poverty argues Jim McCormick in his blog for JRF. He explains that JRF's manifesto briefing affirms the need for an all-age plan to boost incomes and cut the cost of essentials, but also to improve the education, housing and work prospects of **low-income families**.

### Policy update

Check out our **policy page** for a round-up of recent policy issues, including a challenge in the UK Supreme Court to the GIRFEC Named Person provisions; the consultation on raising the age of criminal responsibility to 12; and important research into poverty.

## Parenting practice

### Kinship carers with teenagers need support

A new five-week parenting support programme (CARE) is aimed at kinship carers looking after teenagers because these are parents who need significant support. **Find out more about CARE**.

**See more about kinship care and employment**

## Resources

### Around the world with Bookbug

Bookbug Week 2016 takes place between 16 and 22 May, with hundreds of free events for children and babies across the country. This year's theme, **'Around the World with Bookbug'**, will inspire children and adults to explore songs and rhymes from around the globe.

### **Year of the Dad**

A year-long celebration of the difference a great father can make. Listen to the song; read the media coverage so far; and **sign up here**.

The presentations from the popular first conference in February are **now online** with more events planned.

### **Where's Dad?**

Do we need to move from having to prove the value of fathers to designing services which include rather than marginalise them? Are services and policymakers saying one thing but showing another? **Gary Clapton argues that it is 'win, win'** to stop depicting women as sole carers with the sole responsibility for the health, welfare and safety of children and families.

## **Research**

### **How does technology affect family life?**

The Centre for Research on Families and Relationships, together with PAS, has developed a knowledge exchange programme looking at the effects of technology on families through **childhood, family life and older age**.

### **Kinship care: a barrier in and to employment**

PAS commissioned Scotinform to **conduct research with kinship carers** because of the significant work-related issues which affect kinship carers after they assume care of a child.

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