

Families Outside

Families Outside is a national charity that works solely to support families affected by imprisonment in Scotland

It works to mitigate the effects of imprisonment on children and families providing information and direct support for individuals and professionals.

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voicing the needs
of families affected
by imprisonment

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Chris's Story

'What is it about visiting dad that's hard?'



'When I have to leave him cos I don't know when I'll see him again. I really miss him'.

About half of men and two-thirds of women in prison are parents of dependent children.



Every year in Scotland, an estimated 27,000 children are separated from a parent through imprisonment.



Barriers

School/Prison Link Initiative

- School reports
- Pieces of good work
(Miss You Box/Golden Time)
- Parents Nights
- Transition meeting in the prison
- Prison Education Department
- Authorised absence

And more...

- Course choice interview in prison
- Final review from off-site learning centre
- Video link parents night
- Signing consent forms
- Email prisoner

Wider Initiatives

- Children's visits
- Film night
- Music workshops
- Video Interaction Guidance
- Dad's and daughters dance



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