



## Parenting newsletter June 2019



### Welcome

Welcome to the [Parenting across Scotland](#) (PAS) newsletter. Whether you work directly with families or on policies which affect them, it will keep you up to date

with what's happening in parenting across Scotland.

You can also find resources for parents and carers, and practitioners, on the [Parenting across Scotland website](#).

## Policy update

Check out our [June 2019 policy update](#) for a round-up of recent policy issues, including the incorporation of the UNCRC, the introduction of Income Supplement, the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill, Best Start Grant and Pregnancy and Parenthood in Young People report.

## Parenting across Scotland seminar - Protecting children: a social model

This event celebrated the launch of *Protecting Children: a social model*. The book's key thesis is that the practices that have been developed to protect children need to be understood and located within a wider appreciation. For many families, especially those living in poverty, such practices are experienced as paradoxically over-intrusive and neglectful. The authors argue that another way is possible, and offer a message of hope of developing a social model of protecting children.

**Speakers:** Anna Gupta, Royal Holloway, University of London; Brid Featherstone, University of Huddersfield; SallyAnn Kelly, CEO, Aberlour and Clare Simpson, manager, Parenting across Scotland.

You can view all the [presentations on our website](#), included are reflections from Ewan Aitken, CEO, Cyrenians; John Devaney, University of Edinburgh and John Dickie, CEO, Child Poverty Action Group (Scotland).

## Upcoming seminar - 27 August 2019

### Supporting families: a rights based approach

A free, half day seminar from Parenting across Scotland and Home-Start Scotland on the importance of supporting families and taking a rights based approach to ensure that all families across Scotland can access family support without judgement or stigma.

**Speakers:** Karyn McCluskey, CEO, Community Justice Scotland; Judith Robertson, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission; Morag Treanor, Professor of Child and Family Inequalities, Heriot-Watt University.

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### Aberlour Sustain

Aberlour's new [sustain services](#) are supporting families in new ways to keep families together and avoid the need for children to be taken into care.

### Supporting families

[Read the findings](#) from the CELCIS review of the use of family support services to prevent children going into care.

### **Keeping children safe in their families (Lifelong Links)**

Lifelong Links aims to build lasting support networks for children and young people in care, [find out more about their work in Scotland.](#)

### **The Family Recovery College: For anyone concerned about someone else's alcohol or drug use**

Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs are [supporting families](#) to build skills, knowledge and confidence to help themselves and their loved one.

## **Events**

[Our calendar lists events](#) that may be of interest to people working with parents and families.

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