Glasgow City HSCP
Health and Social Care Partnership

KINSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new relaunched Kinship Newsletter – you may have received this by text, email or by post – or possibly all 3!

We want to share helpful and useful information and ideas and to do this effectively we need your help.



We know that the real experts in kinship care are the carers who do it every day, 365 days a year, and that there is a wealth of experience and knowledge amongst our Glasgow carers that we'd like to share. We have set up a dedicated email address – Kinshipnews@Glasgow.gov.uk and would be delighted to receive pictures, stories and suggestions for future editions.

You can also post us anything you'd like included - please send to

Kinship Newsletter
SW Services
35 Church St
Partick
Glasgow G11 5JT

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Glasgow City Council

SOCIAL WORK NEWS



We now have 3 kinship teams in place covering the whole city -

North East
(Parkhead Office – 0141 565 0140)

North West
(Partick Office – 0141 276 3112)

South (Gorbals Office – 0141 276 8840)

We also continue to work closely with our 3rd sector partners, Quarriers and Children 1st, so we can get the right support to families at the right time. We are in the process of updating the Glasgow website, and we are also developing some workshops and information sessions that we hope you can access online later in the year.

We have sessions planned on Education and Kinship care, Digital Resilience and Staying Safe Online, Sexual Health for both under and over 12s, and Attachment and Trauma. Let us know if there is anything else you'd like to see.

Some of our staff took part in the recent Kinship Care Week that was held online in March, and were very impressed at the information and support that was available.

Many of the presentations and webinars are available through the following link -

https://kinship.scot/kinship-care-week-2021/

You will find information on Understanding Trauma and Helping Recovery, Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Legal information and much more! There is also a helpline -

Kinship Care Helpline: 0808 800 0006

KINSHIP CONFERENCES- GET INVOLVED!

In the past we have held kinship conferences in our local areas to encourage carers to get together for support and to swap information and advice.

Due to Covid restrictions we weren't able to hold one in 2020, but are looking at how to do this safely in 2021. We'd be delighted to hear from you about what you'd like to see and hear, and will keep you posted about our plans.

If you have comments or suggestions please let us know by sending an email to:

Kinshipnews@Glasgow.gov.uk
Kinship Care Helpline: 0808 800 0006



QUARRIERS AND CHILDREN 1ST - PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Meet the team

Quarriers support some of our kinship families in the North of the city and Children 1st offer support to families in South Glasgow.

Some of the young people they work with were involved in programmes over the Easter school break, and really enjoyed the opportunity to connect with friends and in some cases enjoy the sunshine!



Quarriers ran an online wellbeing programme, and were delighted at the comments from young people who enjoyed all the different activities.



Quarriers Kinship Support Team





One of the activities was to make an "End of Lockdown Wish List"..... what would be on yours?

Let us know by emailing Kinshipnews@Glasgow.gov.uk

CREATIVE CORNER

We know that our young people are very talented, and like to express themselves in lots of different ways!

We've included some artwork from young people in the North of the city who drew pictures about their family, and would be really pleased to include any you might want to send us for the next newsletter – email to: Kinshipnews@Glasgow.gov.uk







And this young person clearly has a future in the Masterchef kitchen!



Training Opportunities

We know that sometimes it's difficult for young people to know what they want to do once they leave school, so we have gathered together some useful links to organisations that can provide support and training opportunities.

Let us know what other areas you'd like us to Spotlight for next time – Kinshipnews@Glasgow.gov.uk

All young people living in a Kinship placement aged 16 and over attending full time education at college or university, will be entitled to the **CARE EXPERIENCED BURSARY of £440 per fortnight.**

POSITIVE CHOICES

Aged 16-24? and looking to develop your skills for employment, college or further training? The perfect opportunity to develop your skills for the world of work, boost your confidence and make new friends.

What's involved?

CV & Cover Letter Workshop
Customer Service Level 2 Award
Health & Wellbeing Sessions
Interview Techniques
Guest Speakers & Workshops
Budgeting Skills
Fun & Engaging Activities

Right Track Scotland Ltd

Small steps, big futures....

Employability Fund Stage 2

Employability Fund Stage 2 offers individual Personal and Core Skill support to young people with identified barriers to participation in mainstream Training, Education and Employment options. The majority of participants in this Programme will be referred by Skills Development Scotland.
NOW RECRUITING ALL AREAS!

Employability Fund Stage 4

Employability Fund Stage 4 offers vocationally-specific support to enter targeted occupations or Employers eg: Hospitality, Childcare, and Customer Service although this list is not exhaustive. This Programme has fixed recruitment dates and is offered in partnership with key Employers. The majority of Referrals to Employability Fund Stage 4 will come from Skills Development Scotland. Please see information for Referral Agencies and Individuals below.

** MORE INFORMATION ON Welcome - www.rtscot.org **

YOUTHBUILD PROGRAMME

Construction programme for young people aged 16-24 years old and living in the Glasgow area who may have faced some barriers to entering employment

THE PROGRAMME IS SPLIT INTO 3 PHASES:

TRAINING - REHIS Health & Safety - SCQF Level 5
- CSCS Test & Green Labourer Card
- UKATA Asbestos Awareness
- Vehicle Reversing Marshall
- Employability & Personal Development

PLACEMENT · 2 Week Work Trial
- The chance to impress the employer by turning up every day on-time, with a good attitude and willingness to learn and work.

PAID EMPLOYMENT –
Paid employment period with the same general terms and conditions as fellow workers.
- You will have to perform to a high standard to continue employment.
    - THE PROGRAMME WILL BE DELIVERED OVER 4 WEEKS IN SMALL GROUPS OF 5 YOUNG PEOPLE ON A PART-TIME BASIS (5 X HALF DAYS)
    - £27.50 TRAINING ALLOWANCE PER WEEK
    - ZONECARD TO COVER TRAVEL
    - CONTINUED SUPPORT THROUGHOUT PROGRAMME TO GIVE YOU THE BEST
    - CHANCE AT COMPLETING TRAINING AND SUSTAINING EMPLOYMENT

** For more information regarding dates, availability and how to apply please contact 0141-550-3374 **

How it works

- 16-24 and out of work, education or training? OK great... read on.
- Join our FREE 10-week sport and employability courses.
- Support with work skills, life skills and getting you ready for work i.e. CV writing, Interview skills.
- 1-to-1 support with career advice and mentoring.
- Opportunity to gain SQA qualifications.
- Daily sports and fitness activities from our trained coaches.
- Opportunity for work experience placements with one of our great partners.
- Plus... training allowance and travel expenses paid (if eligible) and FREE Nike sportswear.

** MORE INFORMATION ON Glasgow | Street League**

Delivered by Celtic FC Foundation and funded by Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities initiative, Gateway to Employment is a bespoke employability and personal development project.

Aimed at young adults aged between 16 and 25, the project targets individuals who have offended, are at risk of (re)offending, or live in an area with a high risk of crime.

Taking place at Celtic Park across blocks of 10 weeks, the project itinerary includes a host of interactive employability and personal development workshops encompassing individual and group activity. Aiming to affect habitual change, participants also benefit from a rigorous curriculum of physical activity and health-focused initiatives. Throughout, Celtic FC Foundation work in partnership with a multitude of referral and external agencies to ensure we are delivering the best possible outcomes for participants.

At the conclusion of each project intake, participants attend a Celebration Event at Celtic Park, showcasing their achievements and voicing their ambitions for the future.

The CashBack Gateway to Employment initiative keenly aligns with Celtic FC Foundation's core values around Health, Equality, Learning and Poverty.

Working directly with individuals from difficult backgrounds, the project addresses root causes of poverty, ultimately aiming to reverse cyclical patterns of inequality constraining individuals and their families.

** MORE INFORMATION ON CashBack: Gateway to Employment | Celtic FC Foundation | charity.celticfc.net **

The On Route team is for young people aged 16-19 who need help to develop new skills and increase confidence before moving onto training, college, or employment. We offer you one to one support to help you create a plan that is right for you. We also offer a wide range of first step programmes and activities that will help you to make decisions about your future.

96% of young people who worked with the On Route Team successfully completed their action plan and moved on to secure placements in colleges, training courses and employment. If you are already being supported by SDS, please get in touch with your advisor to speak about your options moving forward.

** MORE INFORMATION ON On Route - On Route - Youth Employability Service **

Activity Agreements' help school leavers gain skills and confidence.

They're plans to help young people prepare for employment, training, education and/or volunteering.

You must
- be aged 16 to 19 years old
- not be in a job, education or training

You will:
- receive support from an Activity Agreement key worker
- work on an individual plan to help you reach your goals

Your agreement could include music, arts, sport or outdoor activities. You can also take part in group activities with other local participants and get involved in community projects.

You may be eligible for help with transport to Activity Agreement venues, lunches, and an EMA payment of £30 per week.