



Voluntary Sector Children's Services Forum

“Working together, sharing our knowledge skills and resources to support children, families and communities to reach their full potential”.

Friday 19th March 2021
10pm – 12pm
Zoom

Attendees

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| Susan Milne | Christians Against Poverty |
| Winnie Delaney | Aberlour |
| Karen Head | Barnardos |
| Scott Malcolm | CVS Falkirk |

Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

The Chair welcomed forum members present and introductions were made. Apologies were noted as above.

Review of Previous Minutes

We apologised for not sending out the previous minutes and agreed to send out with the minutes from this meeting.

Freeform Discussion and Catchup

Child Poverty Action Group - Last meeting – hear the voice of people who are experiencing poverty – how do we share that voice with the working group.

Winnie told us of one of her clients whose child could not be placed within the education system.

Children in Scotland

have received some funding to run a free training programme that I think might be really useful for some of the families you support.



It is called Talk Learn Do and it is about helping children aged 3-11 to understand family money in an age-appropriate way.

What happens is that staff or volunteers attend our half-day online course. They do not need to have any training or financial experience – a friendly, approachable manner is much more important! They then work through the resources with parents at a time that suits them, either one-to-one or in groups – whatever works for them.

We are funded to provide the materials for free and to support them with any aspects they need a hand with. There is more info on our website, and if you would like to chat then I would be very happy to do so.

Please could you let me know what you think? We would love to have you onboard, and it would be brilliant if you could please forward this to anyone else who has families who would benefit from it.

Christians Against Poverty

Training for secondary children on money and money management – been in some schools

Money management online course - <https://capuk.org/i-want-help/courses/cap-money-course/introduction>

CAB

Online videos regarding money and money advice for adults and children

Fairer Falkirk

Producing an information sheet helping people determine what benefits they are entitled based on the “Cash First” model.



Children's Commission Leadership and Planning Group

Looking at the key priorities:

- Corporate parenting
- CYP futures
- Family support
- GIRFEC
- MHWB

These priorities will inform future working groups.

Fairer falkirk, Child Poverty group, Child mental health and wellbeing group – link into CC rights and engagement group????

CC Rights and Engagement Group

Working on an awareness raising for UNCRC to be hosted on practitioner pages

AOCB

Actions

| Action | To be completed by | By date |
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| create instructions for MS Teams how to access install etc | Scott Malcolm | April 30 th 2021 |
| Scott to share ERE information doc | Scott Malcolm | April 30 th 2021 |