



VSCSF – 28 January 2025

Updates from relevant Partnerships and
Meetings



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 **TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2026**

 **10am - 4pm**

 **GRANGEMOUTH STADIUM,
Kersiebank Avenue, Grangemouth,
FK3 00E**

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**FREE event for third sector
groups to meet and
speak with funders**

Falkirk Funders Fayre

- ▶ 10:00 - 16:00, Tuesday 17 March 2026, Grangemouth Stadium, FK3 0EE.
- ▶ FREE event for the third sector, charities, community & voluntary groups and social enterprises to meet diverse funders and learn about national and local grant opportunities.
- ▶ Ask questions, get application guidance and hear from speakers on topics like alternative funding and the use of AI in funding applications.
- ▶ Book your place via [Eventbrite](#) or contact CVS Falkirk: 01324 692000 / info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk



Integrated Children's Services Plan

- The Falkirk ICSP is a three-year strategic partnership plan aimed at improving outcomes for children, young people and families in the Falkirk area.
- It is led by the Children's Services Planning Partnership. The plan:
 - Sets a shared vision for improving wellbeing, safety and opportunity.
 - Is informed by data (e.g., post-pandemic JSNA, mental health surveys) and national policy frameworks such as Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC), The Promise, and UNCRC.
 - Structurally involves multiple statutory partners including the third sector.
- So, the ICSP isn't simply a council document - it is meant to reflect multi-agency joint work, including third sector involvement in planning, delivery, and monitoring.





Integrated Children's Services Plan

Subgroup Membership

- Next iteration of the Plan for 2026 – 2029 is being developed; with draft themes to be reviewed by SLG members at development session in February and further wider engagement on these.
- Previous plan demonstrates membership of third sector groups (right).
- Questions for us to consider:
- **Is third sector representation on these subgroups clear, consistent and supported?**
- **Are updates from these sub-groups being pulled back effectively to VSCSF?**
- **Are we enabling wider sharing, learning and participation across the sector?**

GIRFEC	The Promise/ Corporate Parenting	Children's Rights/ UNCRC	Employability	Learning & Development	MH & WB
Social Work C & F Service	Social Work C & F	Young Carers	FC Leaving Care Team	Children's Services	Educational Psychology
Health Midwifery	SCRA	Quarriers	FC Children's Services	Workforce Learning & Development	CMHWP
Education PS & HS	Education	Education	Community Learning & Development	Education	Third Sector
Third Sector	Third Sector	The Champs	LGBT	Educational Psychology	CAMHS
Police Scotland	Police Scotland	CLD	Employment Training Unit	Health	Trauma Informed Policy Officer
Police Scotland Educational Psychology	Scottish Prison Service	Third Sector	FV College	SCRA	Health Improvement
Workforce L & D	Forth Valley College	Go Youth Trust	Job Centre Plus	Housing	Primary Care
Health HV & School nursing service	Residential Services	Link Living	Skills Development Scotland	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service	GP
Housing	Housing		Link Living		
	NHS FV		Barnardo's		
	Falkirk Champs		NHS FV		
	Participation & Engagement Officer		FDAMH		
	Skills Development Scotland				



Getting it right for every child in Forth Valley Learning Event

- Regional Learning Event - Hosted by the Scottish Government in partnership with the Forth Valley GIRFEC Working Group.
- Purpose:
 - To explore effective, holistic practice for supporting infants, children and families.
 - Share learning and collaborate on the future role of GIRFEC in Forth Valley.
 - Strengthen multi-disciplinary working and clarity of roles across services.
- *Why it matters?* 20 years of GIRFEC (introduced 2006) - continues to underpin Scotland's national practice model for children's services.
- Event details: Thursday 19 February; 09:30–13:00 (tea, coffee & lunch provided); The Barracks, Stirling.
- Booking: Spaces are limited and by **invite only**; GIRFEC have freed up **2 spaces** for this Forum to attend. If anyone would like to attend from their service, please let me know directly and I will share the booking link with you.



Falkirk CPP: Healthy Weight & Obesity

- **Why this matters?**
 - Healthy weight is a complex, whole-system issue.
 - Significant impact on individuals, the NHS and communities.
- **Purpose of the CPP Development session (26 Feb):**
 - Bring together partners across the Community Planning Partnership.
 - Shape a whole-system, all-ages approach to healthy weight in Falkirk.
 - Explore the key contributing factors within our communities.
 - Collaboration & learning.
 - Opportunity to share practice, learning and evidence.
- If you are involved in relevant work, please you are welcome to share learning that could inform CPP approach. Useful approaches may be built upon or scaled across Falkirk.



Other Resources & Training

- Public Health Scotland has recently launched a [new resource](#) - a publicly accessible child poverty prevention dashboard.
- [Updates](#) to the Plan 24-30 Route Maps and the Promise Story of Progress have been made.
- Children in Scotland has developed a [resource](#) detailing UNCRC Incorporation and how it impacts the third sector and its relationship with children's services planning.
- Charity Excellence has several [free courses](#) on AI Safety for Everyone.
- [The Three Guineas Trust](#) - Holiday activity schemes for autistic children and young people



Other Resources & Training

- ORCA (Organisation Resilience Capacity Assessment) is available [here](#) for free. Organisations need to be members of CVS Falkirk to access this. My colleagues, Iain McIntyre and Euan Robertson are our Capacity Building Officer so if you want support with utilising ORCA, please contact them at:
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