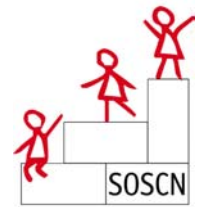


Scottish Out of School Care Network

Policy Newsletter, April 2008



"Supporting play, care and learning"

Policy News

Scottish Government & COSLA - Early Years & Early Intervention Policy Discussion

Despite only having 4 weeks to respond to this consultation which was launched on 18th March, SOSCN received more than 20 responses from the sector using a "Standard Response" form- these have all been submitted to Government along with our own detailed response. SOSCN also attended a consultation event run by the Government and COSLA where we again represented our concerns and issues regarding the document, as it currently stands.

The next stage of the consultation process will be the setting up of various "task groups", each of which will look at specific issues and tasks relating to the policy. Task groups can be contacted by stakeholders to share concerns or provide input. SOSCN will be involved in one of these groups- we shall update when further information is available. In the meantime, SOSCN's written response is available online at www.soscn.org

Future for Food in Scotland Discussion

Closes: 25/04/08

At the start of April SOSCN held two free consultation events which were attended by 20 delegates from across Scotland representing voluntary, private and public sectors. The input at both these sessions has resulted in two responses, additional to the one submitted by SOSCN. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Responses will be available online at www.soscn.org from 25/04/08.

Consultation Responses

OSCR- "Meeting the Charity Test Guidance Consultation" (www.oscr.org.uk)

Closed: 7/04/2008

SOSCN's response is now available online at www.soscn.org

Current Consultations

Scottish Government- "Taking Forward The Government Economic Strategy: A Discussion Paper on Tackling Poverty, Inequality and Deprivation in Scotland"

(www.scottishexecutive.gov.uk/Publications/2008/01/30131443/0)

Closes: 02/05/08

Within this discussion there is the need to emphasise the vital role out of school care plays in allowing parents of school-aged children access employment, training or education opportunities.

Scottish Social Services Council – "Consultation on issues relating to workers in seasonal services"

(www.sssc.uk.com/News+and+Events/Projects+and+Consultations/Consultation+on+issues+relating+to+workers+in+seasonal+services.htm)

Closes: 05/05/2008

Scottish Social Services Council- "Consultation on rules and requirements for awards developed from the Standard for childcare practice 2008"

(www.sssc.uk.com/News+and+Events/News/Consultation+on+Rules+and+Requirements+for+awards+developed+from+the+Standard+for+Childhood+Practice.htm)

Opened: 25/03/08

Closes: 9/05/08

Scottish Government- "Consultation on the proposed change to the fitness requirements for Providers, Managers and Employees in Care services regulated by the Care Commission"

(www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/02/19150117/0)

Opened: 25/02/2008

Closes: 16/05/2008

Consultation on changes to the fitness provisions for providers, managers and employees of care services regulated by the Care Commission.

Scottish Social Services Council – "Continuous Learning Framework Consultation"

(www.sssc.uk.com/Education+and+training/Continuous+Learning+Framework/Continuous+Learning+Framework.htm)

Closes: 30/05/2008

Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC)- "Consultation on proposed amendments to the SSSC's Conduct Rules"

(www.sssc.uk.com/News+and+Events/Projects+and+Consultations/Consultation+on+proposed+amendments+to+SSSC+Conduct+Rules.htm)

Closes: 30/06/2008

Scottish Labour Party – "Getting It Right for Every Child" (Consultation document attached with this newsletter)

Opened: 03/03/2008

Closes: summer 2008

With their consultation, the Scottish Labour Party want to know what the key challenges for Scotland's children today are and to hear views on some positive ideas the Party is thinking about taking forward.

Publications

House of Commons Scottish Affairs Committee - Child Poverty in Scotland

Third Report of Session 2007-08. Report together with formal minutes & written evidence.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmselect/cmsscota/277/277.pdf>

Throughout this document there is an argument for sustainable childcare, in the introduction it states:

"Access to affordable and suitable childcare is key, both for working parents and for those who wish to undertake training to improve their skills and employability. Parents of disabled children face a particular challenge in securing appropriate childcare." (p7)

SOSCN is a member of the End Child Poverty Campaign www.endchildpoverty.org.uk

Growing up in Scotland: Year 2

These are the results from the second year of a longitudinal study following the lives of a group of children as they grow up in Scotland.

www.growingupinscotland.org.uk

SOSCN Events

Scottish Out of School Care Network AGM 2008

Wednesday 14th May, 12 – 1pm

SOSCN Offices, Level 2, 100 Wellington Street, Glasgow

A buffet lunch will be provided with the opportunity to meet and network with other SOSCN members and staff. If you would like to attend, contact Finlay on 0141 564 1284 or finlay@soscn.org

“Different But Equal. Inclusive Care – Training & Awareness”

13th June, 10am – 4.30 pm

Radisson Hotel, Argyle Street, Glasgow

Following on from the success of previous conferences we shall be looking at ways of supporting children and young people with additional support needs, and their families, in mainstream and specialist out of school care. The day will provide delegates with the opportunity to hear about developments within the sector, discuss policy and good practice, and participate in practical training & awareness sessions. Keynote presentations & workshops will be given by nationally and internationally recognised and respected experts in the field of children & young people with additional support needs.

Confirmed keynote speakers:

Tina Green, Operations Manager, *The OSCAR Foundation (New Zealand)*
“Practice in New Zealand”

Theresa Casey, President, *International Play Association (IPA)*
“Inclusive practice internationally”

Lesley Hamilton, Out of School Care Development Officer, North Ayrshire Council
“Inclusive practice in Scotland”

Confirmed workshops:

Playworkers from The Life Skills Development Foundation (LSDF), Thailand; Capability Scotland; Epilepsy Connections; ENABLE Scotland; The Big Lottery. Certificates of attendance at practical workshops will be awarded which can be used towards CPD.

Delegate Rates

	Members	Non-members
Local Authority/ Statutory Organisations etc	£130	£170
Early Bird Offer- book before 9th May	£120	£160
Out of School Care Providers	£110	£130
Early Bird Offer- book before 9th May	£100	£120

*Cost includes all refreshments, buffet lunch and materials for the day.

Book now and take advantage of our early bird booking fee. For further information and updates check www.soscn.org/events.html

Scottish Out of School Care Network Conference 2008

NB Please complete one booking form per each delegate.

Different & Equal – Inclusive Care Training & Awareness

Booking Form

Name:		
Job Title:		
Organisation:		
Address:		
		Postcode:
Telephone:		
Fax:		
Email:		
Special Requirements: (Please note here any special requirements you may have, dietary or otherwise)		

Cost (please select appropriate)

	Members	Non-members
Local Authority/ Statutory Organisations etc	£130 <input type="checkbox"/>	£170 <input type="checkbox"/>
Early Bird Offer- book before 9th May	£120 <input type="checkbox"/>	£160 <input type="checkbox"/>
Out of School Care Providers	£110 <input type="checkbox"/>	£130 <input type="checkbox"/>
Early Bird Offer- book before 9th May	£100 <input type="checkbox"/>	£120 <input type="checkbox"/>

SOSCN Membership Number: _____

*Please note if your membership has elapsed, you will be asked to rejoin SOSCN or you will be charged the full non-member delegate fee.

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (Cheque number: _____)

Please make cheques payable to: The Scottish Out of School Care Network

I would like to be invoiced

Invoice address, if different from above:

	Postcode:
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Please return all completed booking forms before **Friday 6th June** by post to: SOSCN, Level 2, 100 Wellington Street, Glasgow G2 6DH, fax: 0141 564 1286

Cancellations: We regret that we cannot refund cancellations made less than three working days before a conference. All other refunds will be subject to a £40 cancellation fee.