

# Scottish Out of School Care Network

## Policy Newsletter, May 2010



*"Supporting play, care and learning"*

### Westminster Election 2010

#### Coalition Government

As has been well documented the Westminster government is now a coalition between the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats. Although many decisions are now a devolved matter for the Scottish government, we shall be lobbying the new government to maintain support and increase investment in out of school care as a necessary aid to supporting economic recovery and that childcare tax credits and vouchers remain in place.

#### Manifesto for Out of School Care

In the run-up to the Westminster election, SOSCN launched its manifesto for out of school care. 13 Westminster candidates signed up to our manifesto, four of whom are now elected MPs. We shall be contacting shortly all the successful candidates to thank them for their continued support of out of school care.

Candidate	Party	Constituency	MP
Willie Bain	Labour	Glasgow North East	YES
Catriona Bhatia	Liberal Democrats	Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale & Tweeddale	NO
Frank Doran	Labour	Aberdeen North	YES
Robin Harper	Scottish Green Party	Edinburgh East	NO
Kevin Hutchens	Labour	Angus	NO
Mark Lazarowicz	Labour	Edinburgh North & Leith	YES
John MacKay	Labour	Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	NO
John Mason	SNP	Glasgow East	NO
Elaine Morrison	Scottish Green Party	Argyll & Bute	NO
Mags Park	SNP	Glasgow North West	NO
Rhonda Reekie	Scottish Green Party	Aberdeen South	NO
Lindsay Roy	Labour	Glenrothes & Central Fife	YES
Clive R Sneddon	Liberal Democrats	Dundee East	NO

Overall 11 OSC workers; 32 Parents/ carers; 5 Management committee members and 1 support/development worker signed up to the manifesto. The 2010 Manifesto will also form the basis of the Manifesto for the Scottish Elections in 2011; we would hope for greater support for this campaign.

### Scottish Government Consultations

#### Current Consultations

*Education and skills Draft National Guidance: Under-Age Sexual Activity - Meeting the Needs of Children and Young People and Identifying Child Protection Concerns*

**Closing date: 23/07/2010**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/04/23154747/10>

#### Past Recent Consultations & Publications

**Scottish Government: Consultation on a national approach to anti-bullying for Scotland's children and young people (Closing date: 26/02/2010)**

**Scottish Government: Consultation on the options for the implementation of the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) (Closing date: 26/02/2010)**

[SOSCN responses available from [www.soscn.org/policy.html](http://www.soscn.org/policy.html)]

**Report of the Consultation Draft Guidance on Partnership Working between Allied Health Professions and Education** <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/03/30181342/0>

**Responses to the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Implementation Consultation on Significant Draft Scottish Statutory Instruments (SSIs), Regulatory Impact Assessment and draft guidance.**  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/04/16104119/0>

**Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme - Scottish Government Response to the Consultation on Significant Draft Scottish Statutory Instruments, Regulatory Impact Assessment and draft Guidance**  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/04/ConsultationReport>

**The Protecting Vulnerable Groups Implementation Regulatory Impact Assessment following consultation in 2009**  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/04/RIA2010>

## **Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC)**

### **Lead Practitioner Registration- IMPORTANT DEADLINE**

All individuals not already registered with the SSSC but working as a Lead Practitioner/Manager in an out of school care must send registration applications to the SSSC by the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010 to ensure registration by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010. [Any individual currently employed as a manager but not registered by the 30<sup>th</sup> November will not be allowed to work in a lead practitioner role.] For those individuals coming into post after 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010, they will have 6 months from the start of their employment date in which to become registered.

### **Level 9 Childhood Practice Award**

SOSCN is currently seeking further information from the Scottish Social Services Council regards the implementation of the Level 9 and the development of vocational courses in addition to the currently available BA in Childhood Practice. In the meantime, please visit the SSSC website which has detailed information about the Childhood Practice Award, including a Frequently Asked Questions section:

[www.sssc.uk.com/sssc/social-service-workforce-planning/the-new-childhood-practice-awards.html](http://www.sssc.uk.com/sssc/social-service-workforce-planning/the-new-childhood-practice-awards.html)

## **Research**

### **Growing Up in Scotland (GUS) Research**

GUS longitudinal study that follows the lives of a national sample of Scotland's children from infancy through to their teens. This is one of the largest studies of its kind ever done in Scotland and provides information that helps develop policies affecting children and their families in Scotland. The Growing Up in Scotland Research project has published its 4<sup>th</sup> year findings. For further information visit: <http://www.cfr.ac.uk/gus/>

## **SOSCN News**

### **SOSCN Conference 2010- CHANGE OF DATE**

Please note there is a change of date- the conference will no longer be taking place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June but later in the year.

## **Out of School Care- Scottish Overview 2010**

SOSCN has produced an overview of out of school care which details: what out of school care is and its origins; the number of services currently in existence, legislation and regulation requirements; qualification and staffing requirements; what it means to be a quality out of school care; Aiming High Scotland; as well as the benefits and importance of out of school care in supporting children and families. This document is useful for informing parents, community planning partnership and education staff of the important role that out of school care plays in the lives of many families in Scotland today.

This document can be downloaded for free from our website [www.soscn.org](http://www.soscn.org)



## **Anti-bullying Policy Guidance for Out of School Care**

In partnership with RespectMe, Scotland's Anti-bullying Alliance, SOSCN has developed anti-bullying guidance for out of school care services. This can be downloaded for free from our website: [www.soscn.org](http://www.soscn.org) For further information on RespectMe: [www.respectme.org.uk](http://www.respectme.org.uk)

## **Out of School Care Worker Survey 2010**

Now in its third year, SOSCN's out of school care workforce survey provides vital detailed information about pay, conditions, qualifications and attitudes within the sector such as average pay, ability to access qualifications etc. The data gathered through this survey allows us to create a detailed picture of the workforce and where there needs to be further development and support.

Please circulate the survey as widely as possible amongst contacts- deadline for returns is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010. All entries received by the deadline will be entered in a prize draw. [Survey attached with this mailing, or go to: [www.soscn.org](http://www.soscn.org) ]

## **Other News**

### **Nancy Ovens Award for Play 2010**

The Nancy Ovens Award for Play recognise and encourage the contribution made by individuals, community groups, voluntary organisations, local authorities and others in the provision of good quality outdoor play experiences for children in a variety of settings. The Nancy Ovens Trust welcomes nominations from projects and facilities which exemplify good quality outdoor play provision.

Although the Awards are known primarily for play areas, Awards and Commendations are also made to childcare organisations with strong community links which promote outdoor play. Examples of past winners or highly commended organisations include the Yard Adventure Centre for children with disabilities, Broxburn Family Centre and Thornhill Out of School Club.

**Deadline for applications: 11th June 2010.**

Guidance and application forms are attached with this mailing; they can also be downloaded from [www.soscn.org](http://www.soscn.org)

## **Making Space 2010**

### **Architecture and design for children and young people**

An international award and conference promoting innovation, creativity and sustainability in design for children and young people aged 0-18.

Making Space 2010 international award is supported by the Scottish Government, Children in Scotland and the OECD's Centre for Effective Learning Environments (CELE). Making Space 2010 invites submissions from across the world for the most successful building or space (indoor or outdoor) for children and young people aged 0-18 (inclusive), completed between January 2005 and December 2010. These could include schools, nurseries, school-age childcare services, recreational, cultural or community centres for children, families and young people, combined services for this age group or services shared with other age groups, play areas or street furnishings such as school bus shelters. **Closing date: 8 August 2010**

For further information: [www.childreninscotland.org.uk/html/makingspace.htm](http://www.childreninscotland.org.uk/html/makingspace.htm)

## **Making Space International Conference**

### **7-8 October, Edinburgh with supporting events in Glasgow & Stirling**

The Making Space 2010 programme will culminate in two days of study visits to centres of excellence across Scotland and presentations from world-renowned architects, academics and practitioners.

It will encourage debate on the promotion of innovative design, allowing architects, planners and those working with young people in a variety of settings to share ideas and challenge conventional architectural approaches. Scotland has embarked on a major building programme and wants to share its vision, which is pivotal in achieving the goals of Scotland's broad curriculum. The conference will examine all aspects of the school learning environment, from buildings to furniture, and look at how these relate to visions of learning. For more information or to register to receive advance notification of early bird delegate and exhibitor rates, please contact Hannah Goodrum by [email](mailto:)

## **Other Events**

### **Children in Europe Conference**

#### **A Sense of Place**

#### **Environments, community and services for young children aged 0-10**

**8th June 2010, Drumossie Hotel, Inverness**

Place and community as well as families can shape children's lives, informing their sense of identity, social relationships and understanding of the world. Services have an important role to play in enhancing children's environments as well as in developing their understand of 'place' and community.

Contact Children in Scotland for further information:

[www.childreninscotland.org.uk/place](http://www.childreninscotland.org.uk/place)

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