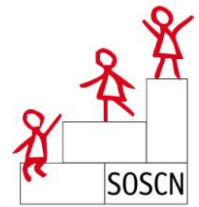


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"Supporting play, care and learning"

SOSCN News

SOSCN Conference 2010

Future Changes

Friday 26th November, Radisson Hotel, Glasgow

Last few places remaining. Further information: www.soscn.org/events.html

News

Scottish Budget- Additional Investment in 3rd sector services in the Early Years

In response to the Scottish Budget (17th November 2010), Irene Audain, SOSCN Chief Executive said, "I welcome the announcement of a further investment of £5 million to support third sector organisations delivering early years services, although, I await the finer details of this.

"Of the 1000+ out of school care services in Scotland over half are third sector organisations, many of whom are struggling in this financial climate, without statutory duties on councils to support them; either in direct funding or infrastructure support.

"In terms of further capital investment in the schools estate, this may be a golden opportunity to ensure that new or refurbished schools have plans built in to ensure that there is (free or low costs) space for the delivery of the complementary service school age childcare provides for children, parents, school and community.

"School age childcare services are doubly important in tough financial times, first as a lifeline for parents struggling to stay employed, and we also need to think about supporting more places, for vulnerable children, affected by poverty or disability, as the wider UK welfare cuts may impact heavily on their families."

Making Space Award- Success for Hyndland After School Care



Hyndland After School Care in Glasgow received a *Commended Award – Winner for Scotland* in the recent 2010 Making Space Architectural Award managed by Children in Scotland.

Representatives from Hyndland ASC, as well as the architects (Abozzo) and structural engineers (Hug & Santiago) on the project, received the award from Minister for Education & Lifelong Learning, Michael Russell, in recognition of the innovative adaptations to the "Affies" premises at a recent award ceremony in Edinburgh.

For further information visit SOSCN's blog: <http://soscn-updates.blogspot.com/>

Growth in the OSC Sector 2009 - 2010

According to the [Scottish Government's Pre-school and Childcare Statistics 2010](#) there is now a total of 1,199 out of school care services in Scotland, 108 more than last year. The number of "stand-alone" services has however dropped from 740 to 719.

Out of School remains the 2nd largest provider of group childcare in Scotland, behind nurseries but ahead of playgroups. Out of school care services (stand-alone) provide places for 32,750 children as opposed to the 139,080 provided by nurseries and 10,820 provided by playgroups.

Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme

The implementation of the PVG Scheme which will replace the current Disclosure system has been delayed until February 2011. For further information on the PVG Scheme:

www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/about/vulnerable-groups/

Current Consultations

Scottish Government

School Handbook- consultation

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/11/12102944/2>

Public consultation on requirements for providing information for parents and carers about their child's school ("The School Handbook").

Opened: 15/11/2010 Closes: 14/03/2011

Tackling Child Poverty Consultation

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/11/15103604/11>

Opened: 15/11/2010 Closes: 07/01/2011

SSSC Consultations

SSSC consultation on proposed changes to the Conduct Rules:

<http://www.sssc.uk.com/sssc/projects-and-consultations/sssc-consultation-on-proposed-changes-to-the-conduct-rules.html>

Opened: 12/11/2010 Closes: 12/02/2011

SSSC Qualified Workforce Survey

The SSSC would like to hear your views on the difference that a qualified workforce makes to the quality of social services. Please complete the short survey:

<http://www.sssc.uk.com/sssc/news/a-qualified-workforce-makes-a-difference.html>

Closes: 29/11/2011

Publications

A National Approach to Anti-bullying

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/330753/0107302.pdf>

Financial Impact of Early Years Intervention in Scotland

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Research/by-topic/children-and-young-people/EarlyYears>

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