

May 2014 Update

Consultative Committee with Parents

1. Cruinn Còmhla: A new project manager has been appointed, and the training and development officer has been replaced. Work is progressing well with the pilot local authorities of Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City, Fife, Falkirk, Clackmannanshire, Stirling and Glasgow.
2. Conference and AGM 2014: The 2014 conference Parents Working Together attracted more than 70 delegates to the Edinburgh Training and Conference Venue.
3. Parents Voice: Survey on the role of religion in education has been issued.
4. Referendum: Advice for Parent Councils is being included in the May issue of Backchat.
5. Children & Young People's Act: SPTC remains concerned about the impact of the Named Person on parents and families, and is working with other concerned groups planning a conference on the topic in June.
6. Audit Scotland: SPTC has been part of a consultative group on a report due to be published soon into the spending of local authorities on education services and the ways in which improvements are measured and implemented.
7. Skills Development Scotland: SPTC is working with NPFS as part of a parent reference group for Skills Development Scotland.
8. STUC: Meeting held to discuss Modern Apprenticeships and means of communicating information to families.
9. Learning Festival: SPTC will join with NPFS to host Parent Connections at the Learning Festival in September. The plan is to run a programme of events and discussions along with various partners: registration is open from 28 May.
10. General Teaching Council Scotland: We will be working with GTCS to develop 'User Guides' for parents to teaching standards and Professional Update.
11. Pupil Inclusion Network Scotland: We have been approached to offer advice on the development of guidance for parents on policy and practice around school exclusions.

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