

**SCOTTISH PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL: UPDATE REPORT FOR CCWP*****Member Support***

1. Member Support in Edinburgh: a series of information & training sessions has been arranged for the next few months and emails with more details have been sent to Parent Councils by SPTC and Edinburgh City Council.
2. Member Survey: A copy of the member survey has been sent to all member organisations, to help SPTC make sure it is providing the support and services our members want.
3. AGM 2015: next year we are planning to combine our AGM with a Lecture from a high profile speaker: information to follow. Any member group (PC or PTA) can nominate a parent or teacher to the SPTC board: please consider taking up a role with SPTC.
4. Parents Voice: survey report on CfE and qualifications has been published. It is intended that the next survey will be on the implementation of PVG.
5. Backchat: we have redesigned Backchat so we are keen to hear members' views. From this issue, members will have to opt in to receive a paper version; otherwise it will be sent by email.
6. E-updates: we are refreshing our mailing list and asking everyone to re-subscribe so that we're not spamming folk who don't want our information! Subscription is simple on the website.

***What else is happening***

7. Children & Young People's Act: There will be a consultation on the draft guidance launched at the end of January/February. We will be consulting our members on their views, particularly on the Named Person and Data Sharing elements, so that this can be reflected in our response to the consultation.
8. Teacher Shortages: We sent a letter to the then Cabinet Secretary Michael Russell regarding shortages of teachers: we will be having meetings with civil servants to follow up. There has been very positive response from a number of local authorities and teaching unions.
9. Scottish Parliament Education and Culture Committee: Evidence was submitted regarding the Government's Budget for local authorities and SPTC has been invited to participate in a panel discussion on 4 November. In addition a meeting has been arranged with the Clerk to the committee, who plays a significant role in advising on the committee's work programme.
10. ParentZone: we have been working with other organisations and Education Scotland to help make sure ParentZone is parent-friendly and accessible. The new site will be launched soon.
11. School Inspections: Education Scotland is undertaking a long term review of the inspection process: we have been asked to contribute to the debate and are keen to hear from parents about their views and experiences. We are also working to develop and Information Session on the topic of school improvement and inspection.
12. SDS - My World of Work: SPTC is part of a parent forum set up to SDS to feed into the parent element of My World of Work. There is an online survey for parents: [https://www.research.net/s/mywowforparents\\_evaluation](https://www.research.net/s/mywowforparents_evaluation)
13. RespectMe: We are working on developing and delivering materials for parents to help them work with their children to prevent or deal with bullying.