

Member discussion themes: Voices Forum January 2019



Voices brings together the diverse knowledge, skills and experience of our members to seek solutions for the most pressing issues affecting children in Scotland today. We used the first meeting of 2019 to find out what our members' policy priorities are, and to identify areas where we can work collaboratively to achieve our goals for 2019.

In October we launched our 25 Calls campaign to improve children's lives. At this meeting, we shared our thoughts about what we feel the next steps for these calls should be and used the four call themes to facilitate open discussions about issues that resonated with our members.

Below is a summary of the areas of discussion. As an immediate result of the meeting, several of our members have agreed to draft responses to the calls which focus on their areas of expertise and interest. These will be published on our website and social media channels over the coming weeks. We will be sharing a more detailed overview of action resulting from the meeting shortly.

If you'd like to find out more about Children in Scotland Membership and voices forum, visit childreninscotland.org.uk.

Supporting children, young people and families

Investing in relationship based whole family support

Creating safer spaces for teenagers

Challenging stigma around accessing services

Improving education, skills and learning experiences

Pupil Equity Funding, and issues experienced so far

The role of the third sector in the development of Regional Improvement Collaboratives

Tackling systemic issues in the delivery of education

Championing early years and family support

Concerns about ELC expansion and school mental health counsellor plans

Strengthening rights and participation

Rights and participation as underpinning all areas (rather than being seen as a separate subject)

Support for voting rights for young people and UNCRC incorporation

Developing digital values and supporting safe participation in online campaigns

Supporting meaningful consultation with young people

Challenging Inequalities

Valuing high quality evidence when reporting on inequality

Supporting universal services and family support in the early years

Raising awareness of poverty as a driver of health

Tackling stigma