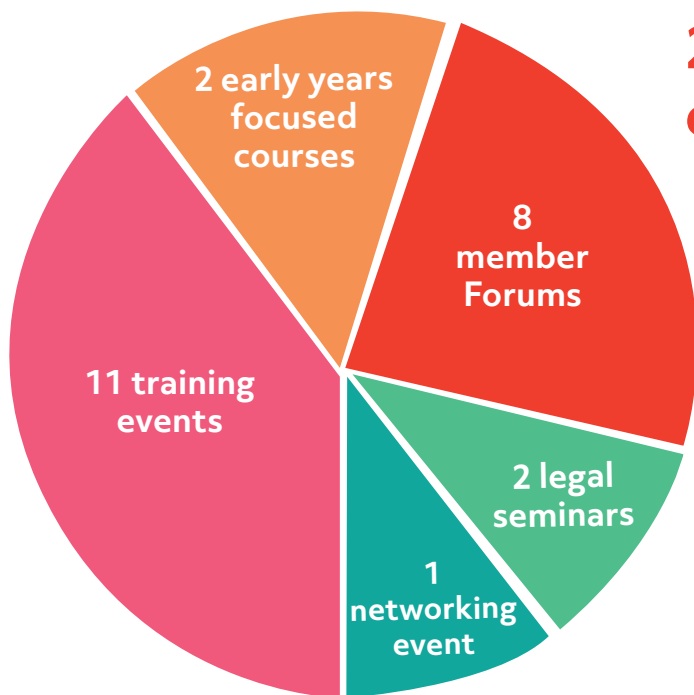


Children in Scotland

Free member events: 2018-19 review

Children in Scotland offers a diverse range of free members' learning events, shaped by members needs, and offering members opportunities to learn, network and contribute their views on a range of policy and practice related issues. We have gathered valuable feedback from members who have attended our events. This report provides an overview of anecdotal and statistical information about free member events between April 2018 and March 2019.



Learning events

As part of our efforts to strengthen the children's sector workforce we organise a comprehensive programme of training workshops, seminars, conferences and other events. This programme includes a range of free learning opportunities for Children in Scotland members.

Member feedback

- 98% of members rated the knowledge of their trainer as good or excellent
- 98% of delegates rated course content as good or excellent
- 96% of delegates rated trainer delivery as good or excellent

'Really good, interesting, engaging and confirms the things that I already know, with evidence to back up, and practical tools to use

5 Ways to Wellbeing

'Very informative course, breaking down complicated legal terms and policies into easy-to-understand and useful content.'

Guardianship and power of attorney

'Relevant, supportive and thought-provoking.'

Data protection: getting to grips with updated legislation

'Very clear presentation by an expert in charity laws.'

Understanding and embedding good governance

'I am involved in all recruitment and will ensure at least one panel member on each interview will have this knowledge.'

An introduction to safer interviewing

'Hearing discussion with other professionals and seeing different way of simply engaging with children. Really positive messages too.'

Listening to children and young people: exploring participative methodologies

'It was an amazing course that impressed me with its context and gave me an insight about the ACE study and the importance of resilience in children.'

Resilience film screening

'Thought-provoking, current, relevant.'

Brexit and the Children's Sector: A Voices Forum meeting with Mike Russell

Increased knowledge will improve my policy work and potentially for proposals.

Voices Member Forum

'This course has given me lots of food for thought and has helped me to focus on what we are trying to achieve.'

How to build a brand and help your organisation communicate with impact

'These courses are always good when you have a diverse set of delegates who you can share experiences with and hear about different settings.'

Inclusiveness for all: challenging gender stereotypes and building healthy relationships in early primary settings

'Excellent course, informative, well-paced, training was very well pitched...'

Substance use and young people

Members' Forums

Our members' Forums have been developed to meet the needs of the children's workforce while also providing the opportunity to bring members together with the ambition of influencing policy and practice.

Children's Sector Strategic and Policy Forum

This group meets at least four times per year and takes a pro-active and evidence-based approach to improving children's lives at a national level. Membership in 2018 was made up of Children in Scotland members who hold senior positions within the children's sector and Permanent Secretary, Leslie Evans. There were also up to five places per meeting for individuals in membership with specific expertise relevant to the topic under discussion. At the Forum, members pool their knowledge and expertise to come together and help identify children sector-wide solutions.

Voices Forum

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. Combined with participation from children and young people, and outputs from our Children's Sector Strategic and Policy Forum, it is a powerful collection of voices calling on decision-makers to improve children's lives.

The Forum holds four events per year, complemented by opportunities for members to feed in their views and ideas remotely.

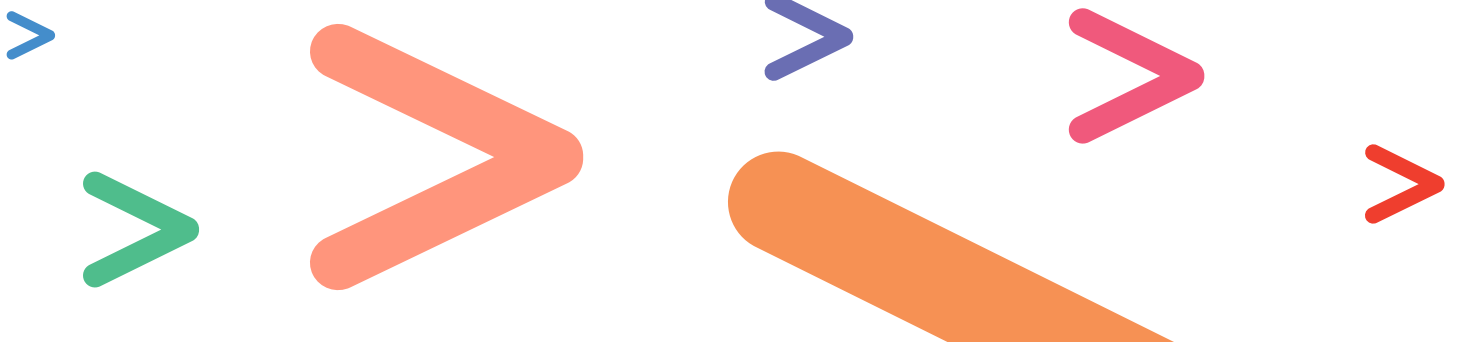
Networking event: Launching our 25 Calls campaign

Over 150 delegates joined us for our Members' Networking Event on 10 October 2018 at City Art Centre in Edinburgh, for the launch of our 25 Calls campaign, marking our 25th anniversary as Children in Scotland.

The event was an opportunity for us to thank members for making a difference to children's lives. It was also a chance for those working in the sector to meet, network, learn and debate the key issues facing the sector today. The 25 Calls campaign has continued to be a major focus of our work through 2019, with contributors from across the sector adding their voices to our calls for change. Find out more by visiting our website.

'Membership of Children in Scotland is very important in connecting policy priorities to a wider network of professionals within the children's sector to help enact positive change for people with learning disabilities.'

**Kenneth Fleming,
Engagement &
Influencing Manager
Scottish Commission for
Learning Disability**



“Membership is so valuable to us as an organisation. We know we are part of a wider community of people working to make a difference to children across Scotland and we benefit enormously from the expertise of the training team...’

Joanna McCreadie, CEO
Seamab

What next?

2019-20 will see us build upon the free Member event programme and offer a range of exciting learning opportunities.

One of the highlights will be our annual Networking Event taking place in September, where we will have an opportunity to mark the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and learn more about the different Children in Scotland projects involving children and young people. Other opportunities for our Members over the coming months include:

- Gambling education and prevention with young people and families, 4 June 2019
- Creating a campaign: 25 ways to make your mark, 21 August 2019
- Listening to children and young people: exploring participative methodologies, 19 September 2019
- Voices Forum meeting, 24 October 2019
- Voices Forum meeting, 20 January 2020

More details can be found on our website and the new Learning Guide which provides information on free member events taking us into 2020.

It's good to be part of a network of children and youth organisations dedicated to helping young people. It offers great opportunities to share good practice, learn from and inspire one another, and to aim higher for those we are championing.

Denise King, Chief Executive,
GirlGuiding Scotland

