

## The quarterly newsletter on the work of the Inclusion Ambassadors

December 2021

Welcome to the first edition of the Inclusion Ambassador Update. It shares some of the points raised at recent meetings, includes a reminder of the resources available to support work around inclusion, and details how you can share progress and good practice.


### 1. Talking the talk

#### October Meeting: Priority planning

Our October meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the Inclusion Ambassador Vision Statement for Additional Support for Learning published in August for the Scottish Government (see resources and helpful reads) and identified priorities for the group over the next few months.

#### November Meeting: Transition from school

In our November meeting, we spoke to the group about transition journeys from secondary school.



We heard positive experiences around work experience opportunities, access to careers advisors and the availability of focused PSE classes. However, the group shared they would like more career advice meetings and for earlier preparation for leaving school, with support for beginning discussions around transitions beyond schools to start in S3 or S4.

Valuable lifeskills the group saw as key included how to keep themselves safe and happy, how to travel independently and money management.

**Action:** We will be sharing what the group told us with decision makers and it will feed into a future response to the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill.

*If you would like more information or would like to hear more detailed feedback from the meetings, please contact Parisa.*

### 2. Dates for your diary

Our next meeting will be online in January 2022 and we will continue our discussion on transitions.

We are hopeful that our meeting in early March will take place in-person and we will be in touch with you to organise this.

### 3. Inclusion resources and helpful reads

**The Inclusion Ambassadors have a dedicated web page** on the Children in Scotland website which includes latest news from the group, as well as links to some of the output from the group including their Vision Statement and Annual Report (both published in August 2021).

[Click here to visit the website and look around](#)

**The group have developed a pledge pack.** This is a practical resource developed by the group and designed to facilitate a commitment to key steps to improve inclusion in your school.

[Click here to view and download the pack](#)

The Pack also has an accompanying **FAQs document**, to support its use.

As part of the Additional Support for Learning Action Plan published by Scottish Government, the Inclusion Ambassadors developed a **Vision Statement for success for children and young people who have additional support needs.** The statement is intended to provide a guide for decision makers and practitioners.

[Click here to view](#)

*A hard copy of the pledge pack and the Vision Statement can also be made available on request. Please contact Parisa if you would like a printed copy mailed to you.*

### 4. Get involved

We would love to hear how you are actively supporting the work of the Inclusion Ambassadors. This could be by using the resources we have included to further develop your own policies and practice.

We would also love to hear about how you are creating space for young people with additional support needs to be involved in decision making. For example, by creating your own version of the Inclusion Ambassadors locally or feedback from carrying out the above activities with pupils.



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