

Across projects, events, engagement and services, we're proud of our successes and the impact we've made over the past year. Here, statistics and summaries of key areas of work help tell the story.

## Our Policy, Projects and Participation work



We've supported and collaborated with **308 children** and young people, **ranging in age from three to 26**, across **16 projects and the Access All Arts Fund**.

This has involved engagement with **31 out of 32 local authority areas** in Scotland.

Children and young people have been supported to share their views and influence policies on a wide range of themes including:

- Children's rights and the UNCRC
- Arts (Access All Arts, Living Museums, live music and its impact on mental health)
- Supporting children with care experience (Home & Belonging and InTandem)
- Education
- Recovery from the pandemic.



These are just some of the opportunities where children and young people have been supported to share their views and influence policy:

- Meeting with Education Committee members after the Scottish elections in May 2021
- Sharing views with the Head of GTCS Pauline Stephen and having them published in *Teaching Scotland magazine*
- Meeting with Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills Shirley Anne Somerville and the COVID-19 Education Recovery Group Committee in July 2021
- Publication of the Inclusion Ambassadors' vision of what inclusive education should look like, in August 2021
- Our children and young people's advisory panel Changing our World met with Minister for Children and Young People Clare Haughey MSP in November and April to share their work and ideas and to hear about her plans
- Participants in the Rights Right Now! project presented to the Scottish Government's UNCRC Strategic Implementation Board in March 2022.

Within our policy work, we have scrutinised and submitted responses to **25 Scottish Government policy consultations**.



Our Children's Sector Strategic Forum was reconvened in September 2021, with **30 senior representatives from our membership** coming together regularly to influence change. We also supported the reconstitution of the Children and Young People's Cross Party Group after the 2021 elections, and continue to act as joint secretariat with YouthLink Scotland.

In addition to our core Policy, Projects and Participation activity, **259 delegates** took part in **30 events** organised by the Supporting the Third Sector Project. This included **16 sessions of UNCRC training** in summer 2021 attended by **114 participants from across the third sector** in Scotland.

## Our Events



One of our priorities is leading and developing the children's sector workforce. A key part of this is our learning and events programme, which is tailored to meet the specific needs of the workforce in Scotland. Our learning programme encompasses commissioned training, webinars covering a wide range of themes and issues and our eLearning hub.

Across the programme in 2021-22, we delivered **90 online learning sessions** to more than **2,000 delegates** and supported **14 organisations** (including local authorities and Creative Scotland) with bespoke training.



Delegates from the following nations have attended our webinars:

- UK: Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales
- Australia
- Azerbaijan
- Canada
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Pakistan
- Puerto Rico
- Serbia
- Spain
- United States.

## Our digital engagement



We continued to grow our profile and build connections across our digital channels over the past year, including:

- **169,685 page views** on Children in Scotland's website
- **52,302 page views** on the Reach website which provides advice and support to young people about additional support for learning



- **27,171 followers** on our Twitter account (an increase of 5% on the previous year)
- **23,978 page views** across our digital publications including Insight, our new bi-annual magazine for members launched in November 2021 and our Learning Guides (published every June and January).

## Our services and funds



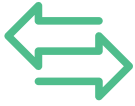
We manage national services and funds that provide practical support, advice and representation for children, young people, parents and families throughout Scotland.



**Enquire** – the Scottish advice service for additional support for learning

In the last financial year, Enquire has responded to **1,755 queries** to its helpline (a 28% increase on 2020-21). Through its website and outreach, it has issued **2,619 guides** to additional support for learning to parents and carers. **Ninety-eight per cent** of 80 evaluation respondents rated the service they received as **"excellent"**.

Reflecting on the support they'd received, a caller to Enquire said: *"I really feel like a weight has been lifted. I feel much more informed about how to approach the school and about [my child's] entitlement. I didn't know where to start and someone had recommended Enquire. I am so glad I called."*



### Resolve

**Sixty-seven mediation cases** were delivered by Resolve: ASL across **15 local authorities**. Resolve continues to be the largest provider of ASN mediation in Scotland.



### My Rights, My Say

Established in 2018, My Rights, My Say is an independent service supporting children aged 12-15 with additional support needs to have their say in decisions about their education. In the last year, the service has **supported 190 referrals across 28 education authorities**. As with the previous three years for the service, autism and mental health continue to be the most prevalent additional support need with **63%** of all referrals received for MRMS this year being for **a young person with autism**.



### Our managed funds

The Access to Childcare Fund supports childcare solutions that enable more accessible and affordable childcare. In 2021-22, **£1,108,231 was awarded to 15 childcare providers** to make services more accessible and affordable for low-income families, particularly the six identified priority family groups most at risk from living in poverty as set out in the **Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan**.

The Early Learning & Childcare (ELC) Inclusion Fund provides funding to ELC settings to support children with additional support needs. In the last financial year, **£307,811 was awarded through the fund to 249 settings**.

## Our membership



As the national network dedicated to improving children's lives, our active and committed membership is essential to achieving our vision that all children have an equal chance to flourish.

At the close of the financial year 2021-22, we had **450 members**, including **14 local authorities** and **27 new members**. This broke down to:

- **More than 250 charities, statutory bodies and organisations** across Scotland
- **14 local authorities** responsible for around **650,000 of Scotland's children and young people**
- **131 nurseries, schools and universities** (this figure includes after school clubs, sports clubs, libraries, care services and residential care homes)
- **50 individual professionals**.