



Crown Estate Scotland's Future Forum

Project Information Sheet

*Help shape the work of Crown Estate Scotland
by joining its Future Forum!*

Who is Children in Scotland?

Children in Scotland is a Scottish charity working to improve children's lives. We believe it is important to listen to children and young people about issues that affect them. We work to make sure that children's voices are heard by people who make decisions.

We are working on a project with Crown Estate Scotland to support their Future Forum to help influence their work.

Who is the Crown Estate Scotland?

Crown Estate Scotland is the organisation responsible for looking after land, seabed and other property across Scotland. This includes houses, farms, forests, buildings used by businesses, parts of the coastline and sections of the sea. Crown Estate Scotland does many different things including:

- Develop new environmentally friendly energy projects (e.g. wind power)
- Helping to make Scotland a better place for people to work, live and visit.
- Supporting local communities to thrive
- Helping people to learn about the environment and enjoy nature
- Supporting sustainable farming and fishing

Crown Estate Scotland wants to make sure the land and other property that they manage helps to benefit everyone in Scotland. To help them do this, they asked Children in Scotland to set up a Children and Young People's Forum so young people can help influence its work and activities.

You can find more information about what Crown Estate Scotland here:

www.crownestatescotland.com

What will the project involve?

The Future Forum will learn about the work of Crown Estate Scotland and share their views and ideas about how the organisation can develop in the future.

The group meets monthly online and we plan to meet at least once a year in person to visit one of the Crown Estate Scotland's sites. Children in Scotland will pay the travel and food costs when we meet face-to-face.

Why should I apply?

In the words of one of our members:



"It's lots of fun, you get to meet lots of new people and have more of a say than you usually would"

How will I take part?

The project is in its second year out of three. Successful applicants are welcome either to be part of the group for one or the remaining two years.

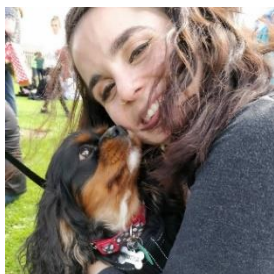
We are looking for children and young people aged between 11 and 21 years old. You don't need any specialist knowledge to take part – you just need to be interested in the project and willing to work as part of a team.

If you'd like to get involved but there is something stopping you, please get in touch and we'll see if we can help. We want to make it as easy as possible for people to take part.

What if I want to stop taking part?

This is a voluntary project and it's okay if you want to stop being involved at any point. However, if there is something you think we could do differently so that you can stay on the Forum for longer, then please let us know.

Who will I be working with?



"Hi, I'm Parisa."

It's great that Crown Estate Scotland is keen to involve more children and young people in their work. Working directly with children and young people is a wonderful part of my job and I am excited to continue working with the Future Forum."



"Hi, I'm David."

I really enjoy working with children and young people and hearing their views and ideas about lots of different topics.

I love spending time outdoors and I am excited to continue this project and learn more about the work of Crown Estate Scotland."

What do I need to do if I want to take part?

All you need to do is return the Application and Consent Form to Parisa by **5pm on Friday 22nd September 2023** to let us know you would like to be involved.

If you want more information or have any questions about the project, please get in touch with Parisa (pshirazi@childreninscotland.org.uk).

Thank you!