

Inclusion Ambassadors: The voice of experience

The Inclusion Ambassadors are a group of children and young people from across Scotland with a range of additional support needs. Children in Scotland works with the group to discuss issues that affect them and ensure their views are heard in decision-making relating to education.

Ensuring that the voices of children and young people are heard is key to upholding their right to education. It is also central to the Scottish Government's Additional Support for Learning Action Plan.

Based on our experience of working with the group, we have collated our Inclusion Ambassadors resources to help support practitioners and decision-makers to develop their practice in meaningfully engaging with young people with additional support needs.

These range from activities that can be done at school level to resource packs that can support strategic developments. Many provide example activities that you can use as a starting point for your work and to ensure you are listening to the voices of young people with additional support needs.

What is available?

Click on each title to access directly

Inclusion Ambassadors Engagement Pack

This document gives ideas about how to develop Inclusion Ambassador style projects in your school or area.

Additional Support for Learning Vision Statement

This outlines what our Ambassadors want from school and their learning environment. Does provision of additional support for learning in your school or area meet this vision?

Transition from school: reflective questions

In Spring 2022 we worked with the group and partners to provide reflective questions to improve support for transition from school.

Language and communication guide

The group has created a guide to good language and communication in schools. This can be used to inform and support teachers, pupils and peer groups.

Inclusion Ambassadors pledge pack

This can be used to reflect on the inclusion practices in your school or learning environment and commit to improvement, growth and learning.

Inclusion Ambassadors report (2021)

In 2021, we published a report based on the experiences of the group. You can use the report to identify issues to consider in your school or area.

The Inclusion Ambassadors on Reach.scot

The latest topics of discussion from the group, their experiences of school and more information about the members can be found on the Reach website.

Continued learning and targeted support

Free webinars

To support practice development in this area, we will be running a series of free webinars across the school year.

To register your interest, email Parisa Shirazi on pshirazi@childreninscotland.org.uk.

Tailored and active learning support

We are also looking to conduct some focused work with a number of local authorities and can provide tailored active learning support to develop practice in listening to young people with additional support needs.

From summer 2022, we will be working directly with three local authorities across Scotland to progress the work of the Inclusion Ambassadors and share how the resources can be actively used to improve inclusion and accessibility for those with additional support needs in an educational setting.

For more information on our local authority partnerships contact Chris Ross on cross@childreninscotland.org.uk

What can you do?

If you work in a local authority

- Share these resources through additional support networks and throughout your school network
- Engage with our active learning offer
- Join us at our free webinar — and share details with colleagues who may also be interested in attending
- Consider how you can use our resources to develop authority-wide approaches.

If you work in education

- Use these resources to support the views and improve the experiences of those with additional support needs in your school or educational setting
- Share examples with us of how you have used the resources in your setting
- Join us at our free webinar — and share details with colleagues who may also be interested in attending
- Encourage your local authority to engage with our active learning offer.

We believe these resources and opportunities can help develop and further good practice and to realise children's rights to education. Do please contact the team if you would like to discuss how these can best be used in your setting.



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