GIRFEC SPRING EVENT 2024

EMPOWERING PARTNERSHIPS and RELATIONSHIPS: navigating GIRFEC in Aberdeenshire

Improving wellbeing outcomes with children, young people & families

Wednesday 1st May 2024 | 9.30am-3.30pm
Woodhill House, Aberdeen, AB16 5GB

PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

9.30-11.00 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Council Chambers

11.00-12.45 MORNING WORKSHOPS

Committee Rooms

12.45-13.30 LUNCH

1.30-3.15 AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

Committee Rooms

3.15 CLOSING REMARKS

Council Chambers

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We hope you have a great day, engaging with discussions and networking with colleagues.

There will be information on display of a number of voluntary organisations working in particular areas and across Aberdeenshire.

Check your workshop allocation at registration desk - please stick to your allocated workshop to ensure capacity of room/workshop.

Tea and coffee are available for you to help yourself, however please note that food and drink is not permitted in the Council Chambers. Bring your own lunch with you.

Twitter: use #GIRFECEvent to record your thoughts throughout the day.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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Laurence Findlay Chair of the GIRFEC Strategic Group

SHORT PRESENTATIONS

Children and Young People's Services Plan	Nicola Kenyon
Corporate Parenting Thematic Group	Andrew Dick
Mental Health Thematic Group	Carron Douglas
Disabilities/ASN Thematic Group	Sharon Napier
Whole Family Wellbeing Thematic Group	Jude Richards
Youth Services Thematic Group	Lynne Thomson
Learning & Development Group	Ashley McGregor
CYP Rights and Participation Group	Tracy Davis
Tackling Poverty and Inequalities	Annette Johnston
Child Protection Committee	Jacqueline Duffin

Introduction to the rest of the day Erin Dicks

Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action · Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership · NHS Grampian · Aberdeenshire Council · Police Scotland

MORNING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1

- Empowering Voices:
  The Promise in practice (Primary)
- Empowering Voices:
  The Promise in practice (Secondary)
- Working Together for Children & Young People's Wellbeing: Local GIRFEC Groups
- Trauma Informed Practice
- Child Protection Committee:
  who we are and what we do.

WORKSHOP 2

- Navigating the Transition Journey
- Supporting Children & Young People's Mental Health
- Trauma Informed Practice
- Working Together for Children & Young People's Wellbeing: Local GIRFEC Groups
- Child Protection Committee:
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AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1

- Practitioner Skills: the importance of CLPL within GIRFEC multi-agency practice
- Supporting Children & Young People's Mental Health
- Along the GIRFEC & Child Protection Continuum
- Getting Ready for UNCRC Incorporation
- Child Criminal Exploitation: Let's make the invisible visible.

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Leigh Jolly — Vice Chair GIRFEC Strategic Group

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Empowering Voices: The Promise in Practice (Primary) with Kellands Primary, Michelle Podlesny and Caroline Brunton. Co-designed and hosted by children from Kellands Primary School, this workshop will explore how we can better listen, act upon and embed their views in all we do.

Empowering Voices: The Promise in Practice (Secondary) with Gordon Schools and Holly Robertson. Co-designed and hosted by young people from The Gordon Schools, this workshop will explore how we can better listen, act upon and embed their views in all we do.

Child Protection Committee: who we are and what we do with Jac Duffin and CPC.
Join us to gain an insight into the functions of the Child Protection Committee, including continuous improvement, data analysis, communication, and learning from Learning Reviews. Be part of our continuous improvement journey.

Working Together for Children and Young Peoples Wellbeing: Local GIRFEC Groups with Nikki Forsyth, Shona Reynolds and Jenny Law. This workshop focuses on Aberdeenshire GIRFEC Groups, the role of the rep and resources available to assist LGG's. We will also hear a good practice example of a LGG in action from Portlethen GIRFEC Group.

Getting Ready for UNCRC Incorporation with Rebecca Spillane, Improvement Service.
With a focus on children and young people's human rights this workshop will look at new legislation and what this means for us all in meaningfully supporting and promoting human rights in our work.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Trauma Informed Practice with Lynn Miller and Gordon Hay.
The Scottish Government has made a commitment to preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and to supporting the resilience and recovery of all children and adults affected by psychological trauma. It is the ambition of the Scottish Government and COSLA to have trauma-informed services and workforces that recognise where people are affected by trauma and adversity. To support this ambition, the Scottish Government established a National Trauma Training Programme (NTTP), led by NHS Education for Scotland (NES), in 2018. This workshop will walk you through the resources and key messages for implementation. It will provide a reflective space with activities to help us consider a multi-agency approach that will enable all services and organisations across Aberdeenshire to embed a truly trauma-informed and trauma-responsive culture within the workforce, systems, and services that we can be proud to deliver.

Understanding our roles and responsibilities along the GIRFEC and child protection continuum with Louise Goodall, Margit Matthews and Jac Duffin. Join us for the launch of our newly updated GIRFEC Guidance which will focus on key changes within our current Aberdeenshire guidance, including our new Child's Plan template and a focus on how chronologies can be used as a tool to support with assessing risk.

Navigating the Transition Journey with Sharon Napier and Tracy Davis.
A workshop looking at the different tools and resources available to young people with additional support needs and their families during the transition into early adult life. This workshop will include the draft Aberdeenshire Transitions Charter and Checklist, young people's rights and the Principles for a Good Transition.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Practitioner skills: the importance of CLPL within GIRFEC multi-agency practice with Ashley McGregor, Lindsey Anderson and Nikki Forsyth. To work together we all need to speak the same language - to achieve this core multi-agency training is essential! During this workshop the Learning and Development group will highlight the GIRFEC ALDO portal and share how the resources can be used to develop your own practice or team/agency development. Practitioners from the Garioch Partnership will share how they have used the live multi-agency workshop resources to enrich practitioner learning and inter-agency understanding. There will also be an opportunity to share your views on your Child Protection training needs.

Child Criminal Exploitation- Let's make the invisible visible with Erin Dicks and Claire Smith.
This workshop focuses on raising awareness of Child Criminal Exploitation looking at what it is, who is affected, how to spot the signs of someone being exploited, what is County Lines and what you can do about it. It will have a particular focus on the North East of Scotland, including case studies and allow you to develop your understanding of CCE in a safe environment.

Supporting Children and Young People's Mental Health with Kooth with Tom Finch.
Explore key mental health challenges children and young people are facing in Aberdeenshire and how Kooth is engaging with these through our digital mental health platform. This interactive session is a chance to share insights and expertise around children and young people's mental health, develop some tools for managing our own wellbeing, and hear about Kooth's work across the local authority.