PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

10-11 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Council Chambers

11.05-12.30 MORNING WORKSHOPS

Committee Rooms

12.30-1.45 LUNCH & STALLS

1.45-3.10 AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

Committee Rooms

3.10-3.30 FEEDBACK AND EVALUATION

Committee Rooms

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Voice of the Child Week

6th-9th May 2025

VOICE AND PARTICIPATION OF THE CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON

Supporting our infants, children and young people to express their views, be heard and actively engage in decisions that affect their lives

Wednesday 7 May 2025 | 10am-3.30pm
Woodhill House, Aberdeen, AB16 5GB

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Check your workshop allocation at sign in desk - please stick to your allocated workshop to ensure numbers are kept to capacity of workshops.

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

Refreshments are available within your workshop rooms.

Please bring your own lunch to enjoy whilst visiting the numerous stalls located in committee room 5 and the main corridor.

Throughout the day record your thoughts on our X feed: @GIRFECAbshire using the hashtag: #GIRFECevent25

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Laurence Findlay Chair of the GIRFEC Strategic Group

SHORT PRESENTATIONS

Young People's Organising and Campaigning Group (YPOC) on Stigma.

Laura Lundy explores participation.

MORNING WORKSHOPS

- **Getting Children and Young People's Views by our Children's Rights Team Aberdeenshire Council***
- **Tools and Resources in Capturing the Voice of Infants, Children, and Young People***
- **Aberdeenshire Youth Rights Committee (AYRC) on Tackling Poverty and Inequalities***
- **Babies Matter: Amplifying Babies Voice in Multi-Agency Practice***
- **Gathering the Voice of Our Harder to Reach Young People**

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AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

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WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Getting Children & Young People's Views (Laura Stewart, Anne Riddle, Kimberley Grant & Laura Macaulay)

This is your chance to delve into the practicalities and importance of getting children and young people's views. A fun and exciting workshop that will give you time to consider and try out some resources that you can use to help build your own toolbox. We will also help you understand why it is important, by considering the legal and policy context. We will focus on the practicalities of talking and listening to children and young people, how we build relationships and make sure their views are part of decision making. Helping equip you with the knowledge and skills to put children's rights into action.

Gathering the Voice of our Harder to Reach Young People (Jennifer Law, Fiona Johnston & Heather Gillies)

It can be difficult to gather the views and perspectives of some young people, particularly in the upper stages of primary or at secondary age. They may come along to their meetings but give you one word answers or tell you they don't know. Join this workshop to discuss and share good practice on how to gather the views of our harder to reach young people.

Aberdeenshire Youth Rights Committee on Tackling Poverty & Inequalities (Rachel Lewis & Youth Rights Committee Members)

A workshop to explore what poverty and inequalities means to you and your organisation. We'll discuss the inequalities and barriers there are, and how we can empower young people to overcome them to provide equal opportunities for everyone.
How to work with young people as partners, using a right's based approach, and hearing what the AYRC have been up to the past year. We'll explore why it's important to work with young people and use their lived experience to make positive changes in today's society.

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Youth Participation in the Justice System (Victoria Doherty)

Children in conflict with the law are some of the most vulnerable in our society yet they are often excluded from safe spaces by the very adults charged with upholding their rights. This workshop will provide a brief overview of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024 with a focus on youth participation within the justice system.

Babies Matter: Amplifying Babies Voice in Multi-Agency Practice (Rachael McBride & Marie Balment)

This interactive workshop explores how Multi-Agency Professionals can recognise interpret and respond to infant voice.

Tools & Resources in Capturing the Voice of Infants, Children & Young People (Nicola Kenyon, Kirsty Kemp, Emma-Louise MacPherson & Michelle Podlesny)

This session will focus on the tools and resources available to effectively capture and amplify the voices of infants, children, and young people. During the workshop, we will introduce our latest guidance and tools, providing practical insights and strategies to ensure that the perspectives of the children and young people we work with are heard, valued and acted upon. This is an excellent opportunity to enhance your skills, share experiences, and learn from others.

Key Highlights:

- Exploration of tools and resources
- Introduction to our GIRFEC guidance on capturing young voices
- Interactive discussions and practical exercises

STALL AND INFORMATION AREA
COMMITTEE ROOM 5 AND MAIN CORRIDOR

For information following the event visit https: https://www.girfec-aberdeenshire.org/may-2025-event/