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# The Promise Scotland Newsletter



## Thank you for your commitment to keeping the promise.

This newsletter is here to give you updates on our work, work happening to keep the promise across Scotland, and opportunities to get involved. If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to [hello@thepromise.scot](mailto:hello@thepromise.scot).



## Review:

The Promise Scotland's work from  
August 2023 to March 2025

This month we published the latest review of the Promise Scotland's work. The review covers the activity undertaken as part of the organisations strategic work programme, Focus on the Promise, between August 2023 and March 2025.

In this review we look back on the progress made in:

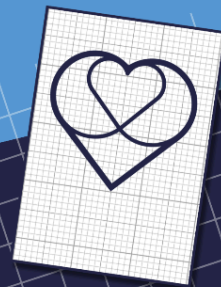
- Telling Scotland's story of change
- Our national projects and groups
- Support across Scotland and working locally
- Strategic support and guidance, working with the Oversight Board and the Independent Strategic Advisor
- Our four focus areas

A huge thanks to all our partners, organisations and individuals across Scotland who are taking forward work to keep the promise every day.

[Read more here](#)

## The Promise Design School: September Sprint

Funded places available to support teams working to keep the promise to find solutions



For those working in the 'care system' there can be a lot of challenges when making the changes that are needed to keep the promise. The Promise Design School is the place where you can take these challenges and find a solution, following the best practice in service design.

This sprint will take place across two days (10 and 24 September) giving people a chance to:

- Work through a problem with guided facilitation
- Challenge assumptions
- Step into other people shoes to see what the problem is like for them
- Develop solutions that can work for those using services, and those working in them.

The Design School is perfect for small teams of between 3-5 people and is open to anyone working to keep the promise, from social work, education, service delivery, third sector to health etc.

## Applications close on 6 August so get yours in today!

[Sign up here](#)

**Update.**  
Plan 24-30's route maps are **frequently updated** with progress on Scotland's plans to keep the promise.

**Understand.**  
Plan 24-30's route maps help organisations across Scotland **understand what's happening** to keep the promise, and where they can get involved.

**Align.**  
Plan 24-30's route maps help make sure Scotland's plans to keep the promise **fit together** in a joined-up way.

How **Route Maps** help Scotland **keep the promise** 

It's been a year since Plan 24-30 launched, and a lot has been developed over the last 12 months. Find out more about the changes made since the launch and how the route maps will evolve through to 2030 to keep Scotland on track to keep the promise in these two new updates:

- **How will the Plan 24-30 route maps help Scotland keep the promise?**
- **The route maps are in progress**

[Click here](#)



The Oversight Board has appointed six new members, all of whom bring a wealth of experience and skills, which can help them in their role of reporting on the progress made to keep the promise.

[Read more here](#)

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## On our Radar

The Promise Scotland is working to make sure the new [Bill](#) is fit for purpose, so that it can do as much as it can to keep the promise.

We've advised the Scottish Government on developing policy, consultations and legislative approaches and we'll be updating the care community and the workforce on the shape we think the legislation needs to take as it progresses through Parliament.

The Education, Children and Young People Committee have now launched their call for views on the Bill. The closing date for submissions is 15 August. You can find more information [here](#).

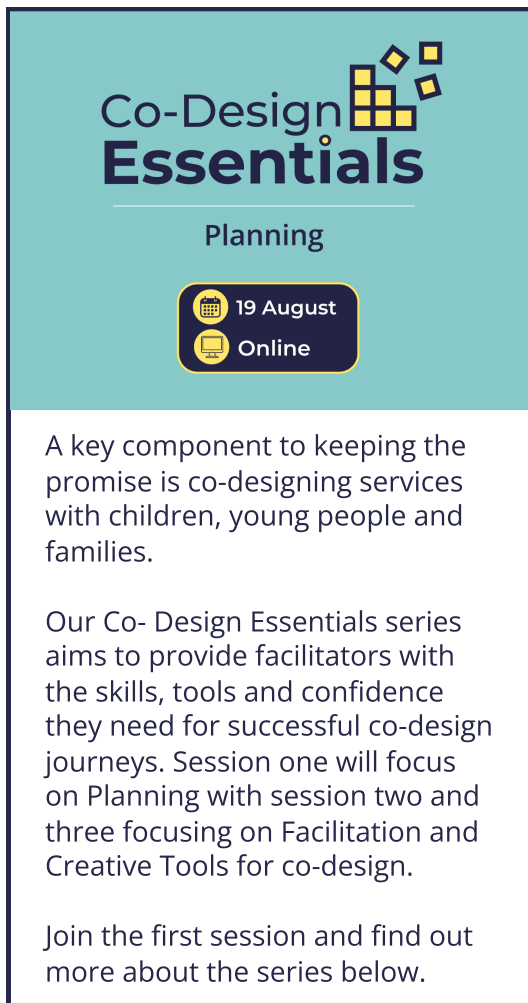
[You can read our Bill Briefing and further resources here.](#)

The Scottish Government published its [response](#) to the 'Reimagining Secure Care' report on 26 June. The response outlines the Government's current response to the significant pressure and constraints on the availability of secure accommodation in Scotland, and the phased approach they intend to take between now and 2030. The Promise Scotland will continue to work with Scottish Government and partners to ensure the recommendations are implemented.

[Read more about our Secure Care policy work here.](#)

We have responded to the Education, Children and Young People Committee's call for views on the Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill. The Members Bill was introduced to the Scottish Parliament by Daniel Johnson MSP on 17 March, and would create statutory guidance and duties in relation to the use of restraint and seclusion in schools. [You can read our response here.](#)

## Events



**Co-Design Essentials**

Planning

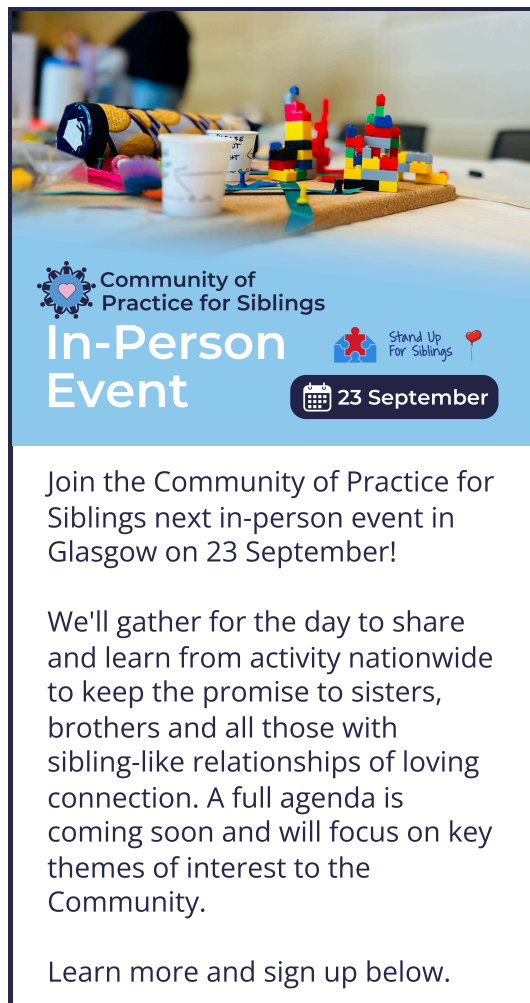
19 August  
Online

A key component to keeping the promise is co-designing services with children, young people and families.

Our Co- Design Essentials series aims to provide facilitators with the skills, tools and confidence they need for successful co-design journeys. Session one will focus on Planning with session two and three focusing on Facilitation and Creative Tools for co-design.

Join the first session and find out more about the series below.

Sign up



Community of Practice for Siblings

**In-Person Event**

Stand Up For Siblings

23 September

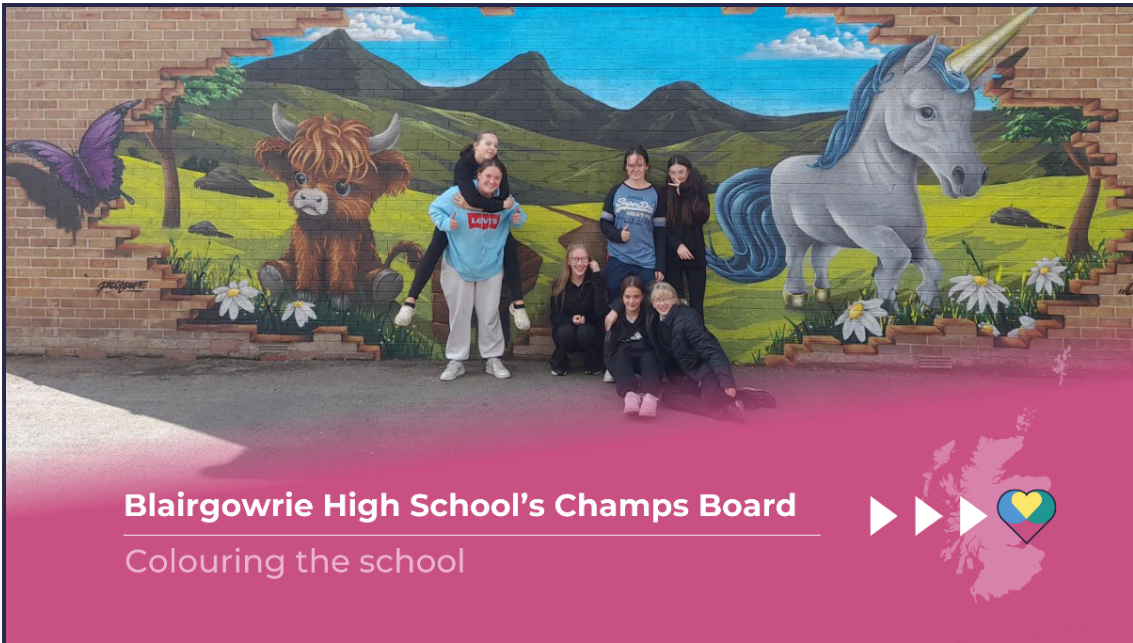
Join the Community of Practice for Siblings next in-person event in Glasgow on 23 September!

We'll gather for the day to share and learn from activity nationwide to keep the promise to sisters, brothers and all those with sibling-like relationships of loving connection. A full agenda is coming soon and will focus on key themes of interest to the Community.

Learn more and sign up below.

Sign up

## Resources and Opportunities



### Story of Change in Action: Colouring the school

To mark 2025 as the halfway point to keeping the promise, we are sharing stories of change in action from across the country to reflect on positive changes and highlight learning that can be carried forward as Scotland continues to work to keep the promise by 2030.

This story of change focuses on the Blairgowrie High School Champs Board and their journey to create two incredible graffiti murals at their school – helping them to work as a team, while tackling stigma.

[Read more here.](#)



**“More of the young people are attending their meeting – or making sure their views are shared if they don’t attend. Professionals have also fed back that these meetings can feel better and have better outcomes. Rights-respecting practice is at the centre of all of it.”**

**Frances Maguire**

Service Manager, Independent Care and Review Team (Children and Families) – Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership

### Story of Change in Action: Creating Emotionally Safe Environments

This story of change focuses on Glasgow's My Meeting/My Plan model and how it is helping to create emotionally safe environments for the children and young people they support.

[Read more here.](#)

## **Sibling Café: Seeking care experienced adults and supporters to take part**

Are you a care experienced adult (16+ years) or the supporter of a care experienced child/adult in Scotland (e.g. adoptive parent, kinship carer, foster parent, residential carers)? If so, the [University of Edinburgh 'Sibling Café' team](#) invite you to come along to their 'Sibling Café' in-person at the University on **Friday 5 September 2-4pm**.

The café is a space to talk about what is important about sibling relationships and how the sibling relationships of care experienced people could be better supported. Your sibling, or siblings you support are very welcome to sign up too (if they are 16+ years), but you don't need to bring them to be able to come along.

[Click here to sign up for the café and for more information.](#)

## **Report - Exclusion labelled as support: Care Experienced children in Scotland's education system**

[Who Cares? Scotland](#) has produced a report for the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland to look at the barriers Care Experienced children face in education, and what needs to change.

[Read the report here.](#)

## **Third Force News Magazine June 2025**

Includes a report on Children in Scotland's annual conference and work to keep the promise.

[Read this edition here.](#)

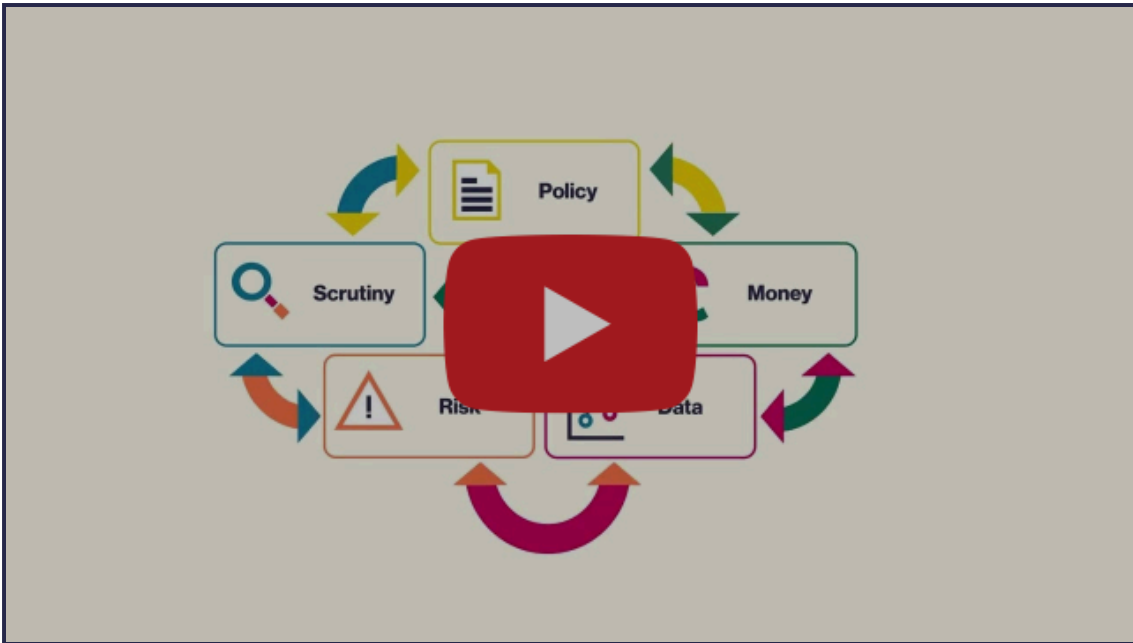
## **Providing early support to families in East Lothian - CELCIS**

This feature story looks at how East Lothian Council's Families Together programme, established through the Scottish Government's Whole Family Wellbeing Fund and supported by CELCIS, is providing early help for children, young people and their families.

[Read the story here.](#)

## **Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill - A summary produced by Our Hearings Our Voice**

[Read more here.](#)



Five areas have been repeatedly identified as the major bridges and barriers to keeping the promise: data, scrutiny, risk, money, and policy. Plan 24-30 connects these areas to ensure all changes made work together toward the same goal. Learn more here: <https://www.plan2430.scot/meeting-in-the-middle/>



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