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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.

Programme for Government 2025-26

The [Programme for Government](#) was published on Tuesday 6 May – a year out from the next election. It included the announcement of the Children and Young People (Care) (Scotland) Bill (previously referred to as the Promise Bill) to be introduced ahead of the summer recess.

The Promise Scotland has a new webpage that sets out what must happen in law and legislation to enable Scotland to keep the promise in the manner set out by the Independent Care Review, in particular The Rules report, and in Plan 24-30. We have also created a range of documents to support the Scottish Government, and all those interested in creating legislative change.

[Click here to read more](#)

On our Radar

A webinar held by Edinburgh Napier University took place on 29 April on restraint and restrictive practice. Chloe, The Promise Scotland's Policy Lead, presented and shared with those attending what the Independent Care Review heard about restraint, what the promise concluded and what The Promise Scotland is doing to support and monitor the conclusions of the Independent Care Review.

We have created a new page on our positioning on [Secure Care](#), noting our concern about the ongoing capacity issues.

The Promise Scotland will be attending the Scottish Conservatives' Party Conference on 14 June at Murrayfield in Edinburgh. We will be holding a joint fringe event with [Who Cares? Scotland](#), hosted by Roz McCall MSP, focusing on the importance of voice and ensuring it is embedded in Scotland's work to keep the promise.



**Working to keep
the promise?**

Sign up today

 Perth

 19 June 2025

Our fourth in-person Promise Learning Collaborative will take place in Perth on Thursday 19 June 10am – 3.30pm. This event will focus on the Plan 24-30 foundation People – supporting the workforce and the system around them.

The event is designed to provide equal space for presentations, networking and learning, based on feedback from the sector. Those signing up before 23 May will have the opportunity to input on their work around the foundation of People and vote on what they learn about on the day.

[Sign up here](#)

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Information Sharing Survey

Calling all data protection specialists and frontline workers!

Urban Foresight is working on the next phase of the '[Understanding and overcoming barriers in data and information sharing](#)' project which explores what actions public sector agencies across Scotland can take to overcome information and data sharing barriers relating to care experienced children and young people.

They are looking to hear from data protection specialists and frontline workers from across Scotland about data protection toolkits and training for engaging with care experienced children and young people.

If this is you, please complete our short survey to share your thoughts to help improve data sharing **by 30 June**.

[Click here](#)

What has The Oversight Board been doing since Report THREE?

Find out more about their continued work to understand and support the change needed to keep the promise



David Anderson
Chair

The Oversight Board have continued to engage with people across Scotland to help create the change they identified was needed to keep the promise in their Report THREE.

Chair of The Oversight Board, David Anderson, shares more about what this looks like and how they will continue to drive those with power to work at pace.

[Read more here](#)

Upcoming Events



Co-Design Cafe 

Exploring and managing power balance in co-design teams

30 May at 11 am

Join the Promise Design School for an opportunity to come together with others working to keep the promise to share wins, learning, and challenges in your co-design



 Community of Practice for Siblings

In-Person Event  Siblings Reunited

17 June 2025

Don't miss your chance to join the Community of Practice for Siblings

journeys.

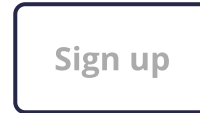
This session will focus on balancing and managing power dynamics in co-design teams to ensure everyone's voice is heard.

Click below to learn more and sign up.



next in-person event on 17 June!

The overarching theme of the day is Voice and Participation. We'll be exploring how we support children and young people in holding their important moments, memories, and aspects of their sibling and sibling-like relationships, whether they live together or apart. Learn more and sign up below.



Resources and Opportunities

Siblings Data Cafés

The [University of Edinburgh 'Sibling Café' team](#) are looking for care experienced adults (16+ years) and the supporters of care experienced children/adults in Scotland (e.g. foster parents, residential carers) to come along to their online 'Sibling Café' on 30 May.

The cafés are a space to talk about what is important about sibling relationships and how the sibling relationships of care experienced people could be better supported. You are more than welcome to bring your sibling or siblings you support to the café, but you don't need to, to be able to come along.

[Click here to learn more and sign up.](#)

Passion4Fusion Report "They Took My Child Too": Understanding and supporting African and racialised families in Scotland

[Passion4Fusion](#) was first formed in 2014 by a group of multicultural community volunteers with a shared determination to support the equality needs of Black and Multi Ethnic young-people and families in Edinburgh and the Lothians.

This new report addresses the urgent systemic issues faced by Black and racialised families within Scotland's care and educational systems.

[Read more here.](#)

Children in Scotland: Improving support for care experienced learners in schools

Check out this three-part eLearning series for Pupil Support Staff across Scotland to improve awareness and understanding of care experience.

[Access the online course and learn more about the in-person training day in Glasgow on 22 May here.](#)

Open University: Care Experienced Scholarship Opportunity

The Open University Care Experienced Scholarship offers ten full undergraduate scholarships to care-experienced young people aged 30 and under.

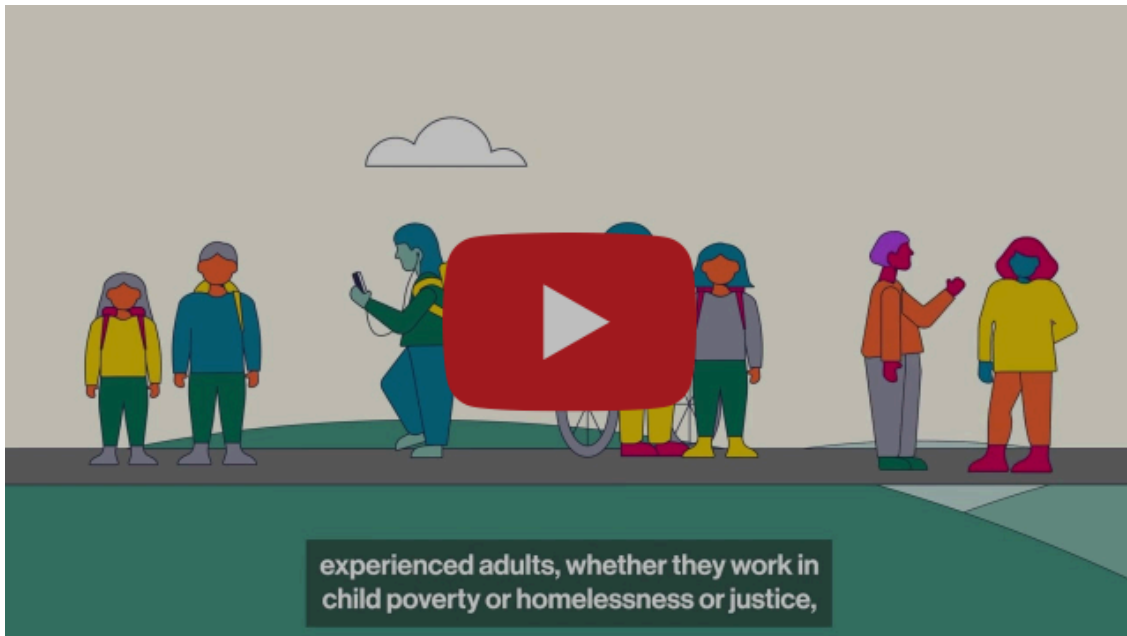
[Find out more and apply now here.](#)

Care Leaver Internship opportunity

The UK Government Civil Service Care Leavers Internship Scheme is an 18-month paid role within a government department which is aimed at care leavers who meet the below criteria:

- Eligible for leaving care support (you must have been in care for a minimum of 13 weeks, some of which must have been after your 16th birthday.)
- You must be aged between 18 and 30 years old as of 07/07/2025
- You must meet the [Civil Service nationality requirements](#)

[Applications open on 9 June. Find out more here.](#)



experienced adults, whether they work in child poverty or homelessness or justice,

Plan 24-30 sets out WHO needs to do WHAT by WHEN to keep the promise by 2030. Looking for more information or a way to share what the Plan means for you and others? Check out the new explainer video at <https://www.plan2430.scot/>.



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