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Welcome to Together's latest e-newsletter.

We would like to wish all our members, supporters and partners a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year. This is our last e-newsletter for 2011 so we would like to thank all of our members and supporters for all you've done over the past year to promote children's rights in Scotland and for the support you've shown for Together.

We would like to take this chance to welcome Aileen Campbell MSP as the new Minister for Children and Young People and wish the former Minister, Angela Constance MSP, all the best in her new role as Minister for Youth Employment. We look forward to working with them both in

the coming year.

Is there anything you'd like us to highlight for your organisation in our next e-newsletter? Send your latest news and events to [Mirka](#) by 9th January to make sure you're included in our next edition. Feel free to forward this e-newsletter onto interested colleagues and friends.

News

Aileen Campbell to be new Minister for Children and Young People

by *the Scottish Government*

The Scottish Government has announced that Aileen Campbell MSP has replaced Angela Constance MSP as Minister for Children and Young People. Ms Constance MSP is now the new Minister for Youth Employment, a newly created post.

» [Read the full article here.](#)

Get In Campaign

by *Save the Children*

The Get In Campaign seeks to enable all young people to Get In to leisure activities and reach their potential. Save the Children Scotland Ambassadors are running the Get In campaign to secure better access to leisure activities for Scotland's poorest young people.

» [Read the campaign briefing here.](#)

Tackling poverty across Scotland

by *the Scottish Government*

Scotland's Regeneration Strategy sets out a £175 million programme of investment to support the country's most disadvantaged communities.

» [Read the full article here.](#)

Resources

Pocket book of children's rights

by *UNICEF UK*

Designed for primary schools this beautifully illustrated booklet explains the 42 articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

» [Read more about the Pocket Book of Children's Rights here.](#)

Extra support at school: The rights of looked after children

by *Enquire*

The law says that all looked after children should have the extra support they need to get the most out of their education and achieve their full potential. Enquire has published a new briefing paper that explains the rights of looked after children under the Additional Support for Learning Act.

» [Download a free copy of Enquire's briefing here.](#)

Doing ok? Children and young people's views on what affects their mental health

by *the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships*

This briefing highlights the findings from a consultation which was undertaken with specific groups of children and young people in order to inform the NHS Health Scotland draft framework for children and young people's mental health indicators.

» [Download the briefing here.](#)

Launch of human rights toolkit for disabled people

by *Inclusion Scotland*

The toolkit has been developed in consultation with disabled people from around Scotland. Its key purpose is to provide disabled people and their advocates with the tools they need to realise their human right to live independently.

» [Download the toolkit here.](#)

Consultations

Call for submissions: UNCRC General Comment on children's right to health

by *Child Rights International Network*

Deadline: 6th January 2012

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child contains obligations relating to children's right to the highest attainable standard of health and healthcare (article 24). The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child is drafting a General Comment on the right to health of children under eighteen and is looking for submissions from non-governmental organisations.

» [Read how to contribute to the General Comment here.](#)

The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 - The Children's Hearings (Implementation of Secure Accommodation Authorisation) (Scotland) Regulations 2012

by *the Scottish Government*

Deadline: 23rd February 2012

The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 makes provision for the implementation of secure accommodation authorisations. The draft regulations set out the process for the Chief Social Work Officer when deciding whether to implement or not a secure accommodation authorisation or remove a child from secure accommodation.

» [Read more about the consultation here.](#)

Improving advocacy for children & young people

by *the Scottish Government*

Deadline: 29th February 2012

The Scottish Government is consulting on how to ensure that every child and young person has their voice heard in decisions that affect them.

» [Learn more about the Consultation on Advocacy for Children here.](#)

Events

Improving outcomes for vulnerable children and young people

by *Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland (CELCIS)*

Date: 25th January 2012

Location: Edinburgh

Scotland's children's services face a tough challenge: to prioritise high quality services for vulnerable children and young people on a diminishing budget. For many, this has required restructuring service provision: identifying quality assured services that get positive, sustainable outcomes and cost less. This conference offers an opportunity to consider models that meet these criteria. It will also provide guidance on what to look for when designing / commissioning services for vulnerable young people.

» [Learn more about the event here.](#)

Building on the rights of children and young people

by *Holyrood*

Date: 27th January 2012

Location: Edinburgh

This conference will seek to open the debate around children and young people's rights by bringing together professionals from all areas of children and family services. It will look at where we are now, where do we need to improve, and what can we do moving forward to enshrine children's rights in Scotland.

» [Learn more about the event here.](#)

Keeping it in the family

by *Children 1st*

Date: 30th January 2012

Location: Perth

This free conference aims to celebrate the success of kinship care families. It will provide the opportunity for CHILDREN 1ST and participants to learn about what works for kinship carers and their children and to consider how these successes can be replicated with every one.

» [Learn more about the event here.](#)

Online seminar series on the UN Disability Convention

by *the Scottish Human Rights Commission*

Dates: 16th January, 13th February, 12th March 2011

Location: Online

Based on the evidence disabled people have provided so far, SHRC are holding a series of four, free, online seminars that aim to relate the Disability Convention to what you have told the Commission are the key issues facing disabled people in Scotland.

Forthcoming seminar dates and themes are: 16 January 2012: Getting Justice; 13 February 2012: Independent Living; 12 March 2012: Children and Young People

» [Learn more about the seminars here.](#)

Funding

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

During 2012, the Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust is seeking to fund projects that work with The Homeless; Addiction; Asylum and Refugees; Tackle Sexual and Domestic Abuse; Support Prisoners and ex-Offenders and Medical projects. There are two closing dates for applications in 2012 (1st June and 1st November 2012).

» [Find out more about the Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust here.](#)

Better Breaks

The Scottish Government aims through this funding to improve the provision of, and access to, quality short breaks for disabled children and their families, especially where children and young people have multiple support needs.

» [Find out more about the Better Breaks fund here.](#)

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