



**Education and Engagement
Support for Corporate Parents
2024-2025**

An Overview

The Education and Engagement team at Who Cares? Scotland offers **fully-funded support** to Corporate Parents across Scotland. The offer includes:

- Live, bespoke training sessions to learn about care, Care Experienced people and Corporate Parenting legislation
- Support to create and develop Corporate Parenting Plans
- Digital learning materials
- Spaces to work in collaboration with other Corporate Parents

This information pack provides additional information on each of these offers and how they can benefit you and your organisation. Who Cares? Scotland is funded by the Scottish Government to support Corporate Parents across Scotland. As such, we report to Scottish Government on the Corporate Parents who are engaging well and positive practice we have identified. We are really keen to ensure all Corporate Parents are represented in our reporting, so please connect with us to enable this.

There is no cost to you receiving the support outlined below from the Education and Engagement team, so please use this resource to maximise your impact as a Corporate Parent.



Live Training Sessions

The Education and Engagement team can deliver **engaging and interactive sessions** to board, senior management and leadership level within your organisation, including elected members within local authorities. Our sessions aim to support attendees' **knowledge and understanding of care experience and Corporate Parenting**. Our experienced Education and Engagement Officers will work with you to ensure the session is tailored to you and your organisation. The content of the sessions we deliver is **fully-informed by the voice of Care Experienced people** – children, young people and adults who have lived experience of care.

An individual session usually lasts around 3 hours to allow plenty of space for interaction and discussion, however we can be flexible on this to suit your workforce. It is encouraged that **all senior staff and board members** participate in learning about Corporate Parenting.

This session(s) can be delivered remotely, utilising platforms such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams, or an in-person session(s) can be offered.

If you would like to explore options for learning sessions for your organisation then we will allocate an Education and Engagement Officer to work alongside you to coordinate the input and ensure that it meets the needs of your organisation.

Email Us: corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org



Collaborative Learning Events 2024 - 25

Our collaborative learning events are useful ways to **connect with other Corporate Parents and share practice and learning**. An important duty of a Corporate Parent is to collaborate with other Corporate Parents to ensure support is provided to Care Experienced people. Utilising our advocacy evidence, gathered from across Scotland we are able to design and deliver thematic and collaborative learning events for Corporate Parents. These sessions are open to anyone working within a Corporate Parenting body and you are welcome to join more than one session. Each of these learning events is presented live on MS Teams.

THEMED LEARNING EVENTS

2024 - 2025



EQUALITY | RESPECT | LOVE

Housing

Tuesday 9th July

10am - 12pm



Finance

Monday 14th October

2pm - 4pm

Belonging

Monday 4th November

2pm - 4pm

Health

Tuesday 4th February

10am - 12pm

Experience of Services

Monday 31st March

10am - 12pm

Collaborative Corporate Parenting Network

The Collaborative Corporate Parenting Network provides a space for Corporate Parents to **connect, share practice and collaborate**. Facilitated by the Education and Engagement team, the network is currently comprised of around 30 Corporate Parenting bodies (both national and local), and we are always ready to welcome new members to join the network. Meetings are usually held online, with an agenda consisting of updates for the sector, presentations from Corporate Parenting members and CPD opportunities.

If you would like to join the network, please contact:

corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org



Digital Materials

Beyond the delivery of live sessions, we develop a range of digital learning materials which are hosted on our Resource Library. Examples of materials we have created include guidance documents across a range of relevant themes and engaging and informative videos, including case studies.

We also have high quality and engaging e-learning modules that you can roll out to all staff within your organisation, regardless of their role. Our modules have the voice of Care Experienced people at their core and are continually updated to ensure that they contain the most up-to-date evidence.

Our Digital Education and Engagement Officer, Jen Flynn, is available to discuss your digital learning needs and is always open to feedback on which resources you would find useful.

To contact Jen please e-mail - jflynn@whocaresscotland.org

Corporate Parenting Plan Support

We know that this is a review year and that many of you will be coming to the end of a plan cycle, ready to set your new plans. We can support you on this journey by delivering **interactive plan development workshops** to those responsible for writing your organisation's plan. These workshops will help you reflect on how you can evidence within your plan how you will meet your statutory Corporate Parenting duties, how to meaningfully incorporate the voices of Care Experienced people and how to ensure that the Care Experienced community are able to meaningfully engage with your plan.

We can also review draft Corporate Parenting plans, as well as the reports you submit to Scottish Government, offering recommendations on areas for improvement and strengths that can be built on. We can also share with you examples of promising practice being carried out by other Corporate Parents, intended to inspire and promote collaboration.

If you would like to discuss the consultation support on offer, please email: corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org



For more information on any aspect of our offer, or to express your interest in working with us, please do get in touch.



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