

**Cross Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on  
Shared Parenting**

**Draft Minutes of meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Meeting via Zoom 1800 - 2000 hours**

**Agenda**

**1 Welcome and introductions**

**Present: Fulton Macgregor MSP (convener), Jeremy Balfour MSP**

**Megan Farr (CYPCS), Anne Wilson (Childrens Health Scotland), Julie Gracie (New ways For Families), John Forsyth and Ian Maxwell (Shared Parenting Scotland), Chris Mieзитis (Fathers Network Scotland), Rosanne Cubitt (Relationships Scotland), June Loudon (Grandparents Apart), Kerry Knox (Families Outside).**

**Wendy Georgeson, and Simon Stockwell (Scottish Government).**

**Speakers: Cara Cooper and Rod Finan (GIRFEC), Claire Ross (New Ways For Families)**

**2 Apologies**

**Sarah McFarlane (Connect), Eoin Keane, Cheryl Brown (Midlothian Sure Start)**

**New members and changes**

We have two new corresponding members – Paul Bradshaw director of the Growing Up in Scotland research study who presented to our meeting last November and Public Health Scotland.

Siobhan Brown MSP has asked to be kept in touch about our meetings.

Eileen Brownlie has retired from Relationships Scotland. The Group wished her well and thanked her for her contributions to our work over these past years.

**3 Minutes of March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**Minutes of the March (inquorate) meeting were approved.**

**4 GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD:**

**Cara Cooper and Rod Finan from the (GIRFEC) team presented an overview of the development of GIRFEC including information on its links to other policy areas, the recent consultation activities and planned next steps.**

**5 NEW WAYS FOR FAMILIES:**

Claire Ross, Training Manager, Shared Parenting Scotland.

Shared Parenting Scotland is piloting a programme called New Ways For Families that empowers parents with the skills and insight to find their own way to put their children ahead of their urge to battle each other.

**6 Parenting Apart**

Rosanne Cubitt, Head of Practice for Family Mediation and Relationship Counselling at Relationships Scotland, explained the Parenting Apart sessions run by Relationships Scotland and its distinctive approach to encouraging parents gain perspective on issues that arise in separated parenting.

**7 Future work**

**8 AOB**