

Cross Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Shared Parenting

Tuesday 16th November 2021

Meeting via Zoom 1800 - 2000 hours

Agenda

1 Welcome and introductions

2 Apologies

3 New members and changes

4 William Fabricius

William is Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Arizona. He is in Scotland for a few days en route to presenting at the Nordic Conference on Shared Parenting and Gender Equality in Oslo later this month and has agreed to talk to the group and take questions about research in the area of sharing parenting after divorce or separation.

<https://iresearch.asu.edu/profile/11230>. Arizona has had legislation in place since 2013 presuming equal shared parenting after divorce.

5 Presentation on Growing Up in Scotland. Paul Bradshaw

Paul is Director of the Scottish Centre for Social Research (ScotCen) and Project Director of the Growing Up in Scotland study (GUS). ScotCen have been delivering GUS on behalf of the Scottish Government since 2005. Paul will provide an overview of the study revealing details of the rich data collected on children and families to date and how GUS has provided evidence for Scottish Government policy.

6 Sharing Parents: Jamie Wark

Jamie is a fourth year student of psychology at Glasgow University. He was a funded intern with Shared Parenting Scotland during the summer and carried out a small research project among young people at the university on their perceptions of relationships with their parents in intact and also separated families. The reflections of young people who have experience of accommodating to the decisions of their parents is under-researched and under reported in Scotland.

7 Future topics

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