

NATIONAL PARENT FORUM FOR SCOTLAND

Welcome to our Autumn e-newsletter!

This is an exciting time of growth for the NPFS, having had our AGM in September we now have a new Leadership team and new local authority representatives.

Having been part of the NPFS for nearly 10 years I am proud and excited to take on the role of Chair and to continue the work that the organisation has already done to help every child to maximise their potential through their school life.

We stand on the shoulders of giants and I am pleased to have worked closely with previous chairs learning so much along the way. I have three children and have made it my mission to work at a National level to give them and all of their 700,000 peers the very best education that Scotland can offer, understanding that learning is so much more than what happens within the classroom.

We find ourselves in seemingly never ending unsure times and the NPFS are working with many partners to provide factual and understandable information for families.

I look forward to working with you all for the benefit of our children.

Margaret

Thank you to our outgoing NPFS Representatives

As with all organisations, there comes a time for knowledgeable, dedicated people to leave for pastures new. Four volunteers stepped down at our AGM in September, having worked on an impressive range of projects and fed into all of our work to see

improvements in education for all families. They have also been relentless in their work to support their local authorities and their fellow volunteers here at the National Parent Forum of Scotland (NPFS). We are indeed losing true assets of the NPFS, but we are sure that their selfless volunteering for families will further extend to other areas of their community.

At the NPFS we strive to help every child to maximise their potential through their school life, and the work that these reps have been involved in is testament to that.

Charlotte, Eric, Joe and Ian, thank you for your work on the Education (Scotland) Act 2016; Making Maths Count; Scottish Qualifications Authority Advisory Group; National Improvement Framework; Time for Inclusive Education and LGBT education awareness; the National Action plan on Parental involvement; Parental Engagement and Family Learning; Curriculum, Learning, Teaching and Assessment (CLTA) National Forum; tackling bullying, and work around family learning with physical education to name but a few.

We would like to thank Charlotte Harrison, Joseph McLachlan, Eric Lumsden, and Ian Aitchison for their work and to wish them health and happiness going forward.

We are pleased that we have new reps to cover the East Renfrewshire and Scottish Borders areas. We hope that the Parent Council's of Orkney and West Lothian will put forward a parent volunteer to continue the work of parental representation.

NOTES TO EDITORS

The National Parent Forum of Scotland is a national body led by and for parents. It is an influential national and independent body, working on behalf of parents with children in education across Scotland to

help every pre-school and school pupil maximise their potential.

The National Parent Forum of Scotland is comprised of volunteer parent/carer representatives from each of Scotland's 32 local authority areas. Please visit www.parentforumscotland.org for more details.

The National Parent Forum of Scotland represents parents and carers by engaging with them and parent councils, and we are involved in working with both local and national levels of government to make sure that parents and carers have a full and equal voice in our children's education.

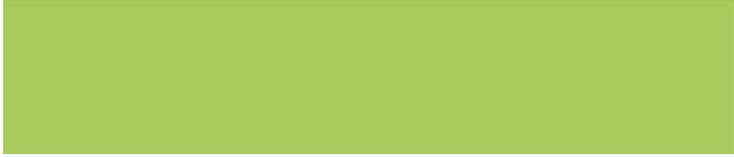
We aim to fairly represent all parents, and we appreciate that there are a wide range of views and opinions.

Enquire advice on talking to your school about Anxiety Related Absence

[Download the Resource here](#)

Outdoor Centres

We've heard from many parents who are concerned about the impact of Covid-19 on Outdoor Centres in Scotland. If this is something you are concerned about, you can sign the petition [here](#), asking for the Scottish Government to [#SaveYourOutdoorCentres](#)



Contact your local NPFS rep

Would you like to get in touch with your local NPFS rep and find out more about what's happening in your area and how you can get involved? Is there an issue you would like to raise with the Forum? Or perhaps you have an event that you would like the Forum to support. If so, you can find the contact details of all our local reps [here](#).