



# The extraordinary ordinary: The power of everyday care

9 – 10 June 2020 | Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow

## Call for contributions

### About the conference

The SIRCC conference is a standout, annual event in the calendar for those working in residential child care in Scotland. Since our launch, we have explored some significant themes, including the power of relationships, culture, aspiration, the care journey, and pushing the boundaries of the system we exist within. We are in a unique place in Scotland, with the political and societal commitment to children creating a culture where we can reflect, constructively challenge, plan for the future, and encourage new possibilities in residential child care. As one of our keynote speakers declared at our 20<sup>th</sup> conference last year, 'Scotland, the world is watching'.

### Theme

We know the importance of intentionally and consistently using little or seemingly ordinary things to support healing and development in children and young people's lives over time, and inspired by a focus on the strong, positive roles we can provide for children in care, we are turning our focus to the power of the everyday. Themes such as risk, trauma, parenting, love, language, and physical restraint may be relevant to this focus on the everyday, and there will be space to challenge, debate, discuss and share experiences with your peers and with young people themselves. There will be a true participation focus, with the clear voices of people with care experience included across the programme.

### Is it for me?

We welcome contributions from a range of residential practitioners at all levels, young people and adults with care experience, academics and researchers, and partners working alongside the residential community. We encourage a co-production approach to workshop and poster preparation and delivery with care experienced young people and / or in partnership with another service provider or corporate parenting organisation.

If you're not sure about whether to apply, but have a potential idea, please get in touch, or if you've never applied or delivered a workshop before, don't be deterred – we're here to help and support.

### Poster presentation

This year, we also encourage the presentation of research, practice models or other relevant content that can be displayed as a poster. You can apply to present a poster using the same application form and the guidelines are on the conference web page. For more information or guidance, please contact Michelle McCue using the details below.

### Guidance:

- Please return your workshop or poster application form to [celcis.learning@strath.ac.uk](mailto:celcis.learning@strath.ac.uk) by Friday 31 January 2020.
- If you have any enquiries about the application process or would like support to fill in the form, please contact Michelle McCue at [celcis.learning@strath.ac.uk](mailto:celcis.learning@strath.ac.uk) or on 0141 444 8500.

**Social media** – we may ask you to work with us to produce a short video or blog in the lead up to, during, or after the conference, to allow us to share conference resources.

## **For further consideration**

The following themes and areas have been explored, challenged and highlighted as important during the life of the SIRCC conference. They continue to remain true today and all of them play out in our everyday efforts in residential child care – please consider these when writing your application:

- The promotion of children's rights and advocacy
- Relationships with staff, children and young people, families, and beyond
- Touch, love and compassion
- The importance of creativity
- Rhythms, routines and rituals
- Challenges of bedtime and sleep
- The use of arts, sports or other activities to promote development
- Understanding behaviour as a form of communication and our response to it
- Helping children manage transitions
- The whole journey for children and young people
- Permanence and residential child care
- Inquiries over the years and their impact
- Language – the way we talk and write about children and young people
- The environment we work and live in – risk, procedures and rules
- Policy, regulation and legislation
- Culture changes across the years
- Supporting residential staff and young people within the LGBTQ+ community
- Decision-making, finance frameworks and commissioning
- Residential services for disabled children and young people

## **Conference aim**

The conference will provide an inspiring space for those working and living with and within the residential child care community. It is two days with a packed and inspirational agenda where you can learn, develop and share good practice and challenges. Across the programme we'll hear from inspiring keynotes, debate and develop ideas within plenary sessions, advance and integrate the policy and practice agenda, listen deeply to the views of children, young people, and care experienced adults, and provide a range of practice, academic and research based speakers.

We want to deliver a conference that belongs to the residential community, where we can come together for two days and be challenged, inspired, fired up and proud, and we need your input to do that.