

CONSORTIA MEMBERSHIP

Benefits and Services 2022-2023

Annual Cost: £3250 + VAT



Adoption & Fostering Alliance Scotland

WHAT'S ON THIS YEAR?

Each agency will have the opportunity to attend four Consortia meetings as well as two Pan Scotland Meetings. On top of these regular meetings, we will also be providing four Legal Surgeries, a Research Conference and piloting monthly "lunch and Learn" Sessions. Details about some of these events are listed below:

LUNCH AND LEARN SESSIONS

- Supporting Carers Learning and Development - 11 January 2022
- Understanding and Using Research in your Practice - 01 February 2022
- Preparing for Foster Carer Reviews - 01 March 2022
- Report Writing - 05 April 2022
- Identifying Potential Kinship Links Early for Children - 03 May 2022
- Checks and References in Fostering & Adoption Assessments - 07 June 2022

LEGAL SURGERIES

North East of Scotland Consortia

06 April 2022

16 November 2022

West of Scotland Consortia

08 April 2022

28 September 2022

RESEARCH CONFERENCE: 10.00AM - 1.00PM

Conversations with a purpose: *talking, active listening and engaging with children and young people in kinship, fostering and adoptive families*

03 October 2022

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ABOUT THE CONSORTIA

AFA Scotland hosts 2 Consortia (West & North East) funded by a separate membership fee, providing a local forum for members to hear about, and share latest developments in policy, legislation, practice and research.

The purpose of the Consortia is to help agencies to support the staff who are directly involved in adoption and fostering work. While AFA's national forums allow a representative from each agency (normally a manager) to participate in Scotland wide meetings, the Consortia are focused on providing advice, guidance, support and training opportunities to the much greater number of staff who are directly involved in the provision of services. Because it is a relatively specialist area of work, it is often particularly difficult for agencies to give social workers and others involved in progressing adoption and permanence plans, access to the full range of knowledge required and the opportunities to develop their skills.

CURRENT MEMBERS

WEST OF SCOTLAND CONSORTIA

Facilitator: Jane Steele

Argyll & Bute Council
Barnardo's
East Ayrshire Council
East Dunbartonshire Council
Inverclyde Council
Glasgow City Council
North Ayrshire Council
Renfrewshire Council
South Ayrshire Council
South Lanarkshire Council
St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society
West Dunbartonshire Council

NORTH EAST OF SCOTLAND CONSORTIA

Facilitator: Rhona Pollock

Angus Council
Barnardo's
Clackmannanshire Council
Dundee City Council
Fife Council
Highland Council
Perth & Kinross Council
Stirling Council

CORE BENEFITS

- Quarterly meetings at which input is provided from a range of AFA Scotland staff including our Legal Consultant, Researchers and on occasion, external speakers.
- Two Pan Scotland Meetings providing an opportunity for the two consortia to meet. Members have particularly appreciated the chance to hear about and explore the significant differences between practice in the West and East of the country.
- Monthly, 1-hour "Lunch and Learn" sessions providing an opportunity to learn more about the current topic with the AFA team and other practitioners in your community of practice. Each agency can send two delegates to each session.
- As part of our commitment to support members in the work being undertaken to promote best practice in permanence, new online legal surgeries which will provide practitioners with the opportunity to send questions in advance or attend and ask on the day.
- Sharing documentation about the development of best practice across the country and then discussing how this can be put into practice locally.
- Easy access to information about latest developments in policy, practice and legislation across Scotland and more widely in the UK.
- Opportunity to develop and enhance the direct skills involved in adoption, fostering and kinship care work, which staff frequently find difficult to access in any other way.