

The Scottish Throughcare & Aftercare Forum

Board of Directors – 2007

Approved at the AGM on 5th December 2006

Helen Heatlie

Chair

Helen is Throughcare & Aftercare Manager for City of Edinburgh Council and was responsible for setting up the multi-disciplinary service. She has previously chaired the Forum's Central Regional Group and helped to establish the Tic Tac group for young people. Helen has been a member of the Forum's Hub group and was involved in the development of the Pathways materials and the inter-authority protocol for managing throughcare & aftercare work. Helen joined the Board as Chair at the AGM in 2005.

Pamela Kidd

Treasurer

Pamela is Assistant Director with the Dean & Cauvin Trust in Edinburgh and has been actively involved in working with young adolescents for a number of years, as a residential worker. Over the last few years she has been instrumental in the development and management of a throughcare and aftercare project that supports young people leaving care. One of her roles is that of fundraiser. Pamela was also actively involved in the Children's Hearing system as a panel member. Pam joined the Board as Treasurer in 2005.

Jamie Phillips

Vice-Chair

Jamie joined the Board in 2005. She has a wide range of experience in setting up and promoting groups for young people in and leaving care when she lived in Lancashire, England. She was involved in a European youth exchange and has organised events for young people, helped to run young people's groups and spoken at conferences. Jamie has also done advocacy work with young people in North Ayrshire.

Allan Kidd

Secretary

Allan is Service Development Manager with Moore House Care & Education, an organisation that provides residential schooling and throughcare and aftercare accommodation within the community. Allan was involved in the initial development of this service and managed the community housing teams that supported the young people. Allan has also worked in community based housing with adults with learning disabilities and is qualified in Health & Social Welfare and Care Management. He is also a volunteer officer in the Air Cadet Organisation. He joined the Board in 2006 and was co-opted as Chair in March 2007.

Chaz O'Donnell

Young Adult's Rep.

Chaz is involved with Move On in Edinburgh and has had personal experience of the care system. She has 3 years volunteering experience with Move On. Chaz has also worked as a volunteer mentor with two young care leavers and has trained young people and ran the cafe at the Cannongate Youth Project. She is trained to be a peer researcher and has interviewed young people with experience of the care system. Chaz joined the Board at the AGM in 2005.

Steven Nicol

Young Adult's Rep.

Steven joined the Board at the AGM in 2006 and has been involved with the Scottish Throughcare & Aftercare Forum for 4 years, mainly working as a volunteer with the Debate Project. He has 2 ½ years experience as the Debate Project Co-ordinator from 2003 – 2005, and now has an advisory role with the project. Steven has been actively involved in promoting the work of the Debate Project and the Forum. Steven is a Columba 1400 graduate and has previously worked with Barnardos Scotland to promote participation via their snakes and ladders workshops.

Bernie O'Beirne

Bernie is a Unit Manager with Aberlour Child Care Trust's Sycamore Project in Fife and joined the Board in 2005. She has worked in residential care, throughcare and aftercare and in the homelessness sector. She has served on management committees. Bernie is particularly interested in the educational aspects of the Forum's work and user involvement.

Julie Hunter

Julie is Senior Strategy Officer within North Lanarkshire Council's Housing Department and joined the Board in 2005. She has substantial experience of working in Housing, at an operational and strategic level and has developed council Homelessness strategies. Julie has been Chair of North Lanarkshire's multi-agency Homelessness Steering Group.

Alistair McFarlane

Alistair joined the Board in 2005 and is a Human Resources Consultant in Glasgow. He has worked in Human Resources and financial management for the private and educational sectors. He has applied his skills in a wide range of different voluntary capacities. Alistair is interested in good governance, business management and also has experience of freelance journalism.
