

# GETTING IT RIGHT FOR SEPARATED AND UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN IN SCOTLAND

## Programme team

Paul Rigby is a Lecturer in Social Work at the University of Stirling. Over the last ten years, Paul has worked in research, policy and practice development in local authorities and academia on issues of exploitation of separated and vulnerable children. Paul is presently managing an Erasmus+ project – ‘Improving the protection and wellbeing of children in Europe: enhancing the curriculum’, which brings together a number of partners across Europe to enhance the training and skills of professionals working with children in need of support, especially those on the move.

Dr Daniela Sime’s expertise is in the area of equality and social justice for children and young people. Her projects have aimed to inform policy and practice development to improve children’s lives in areas such as education, child poverty and social exclusion, parental involvement in education, children’s equal access to public services; migration and children. As principal investigator, Dr Sime is currently managing an ESRC-funded grant entitled ‘Here to stay? Identity, citizenship and belonging among Eastern European migrant children in the UK’ and she has extensive experience of working with migrant youth, including refugees. An important area of her work is the social impact of research on policy and practice.

Pierre Cazenave is Terre des Hommes Migration Programme's Senior Advocacy Advisor. Based in Budapest, Pierre is responsible for the technical oversight of the global policy and advocacy initiatives implemented by Tdh migration programme at global level. Prior to this, Pierre was lecturing European Union Law and International and European Human Rights Law at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon – Sorbonne, and at the University of Bucharest. Pierre also supports through trainings and lectures Central European University's legal studies department in Budapest, focussing on Human Rights and advocacy in Europe. He is the author of numerous publications and operational guidance focussing on refugee and migrant children and children victims of trafficking. Pierre started his career as a humanitarian worker in the Middle East, South Asia and South East Europe.

Mirren Kelly is a Policy Manager at COSLA (the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities) which represents all 32 local authorities in Scotland. She works in the Migration, Population and Diversity Team which has responsibility for policy issues relating to migration to Scotland in all its forms (including asylum seekers and refugees), human trafficking, population and demographic change and provides oversight of equalities and human rights issues and also hosts the Strategic Migration Partnership for Scotland. Mirren is the policy lead for UASC and human trafficking within the team.

Ravi Kohli is Professor of Child Welfare at the University of Bedfordshire. He has published widely in the field of forced migration, focusing on policy and practice in the care of unaccompanied children. Between 2010-2013 he co-evaluated the first system of Guardianship for asylum seeking children in Scotland. In 2013 he was a specialist adviser to the Joint Committee on Human Rights on the human rights of unaccompanied migrant

children in the UK. In 2015 Ravi led a team in the evaluation of a UK Home Office funded trial of independent child trafficking specialist advocates for children who are trafficked internally and across borders. He is a qualified social worker.

Marion Macleod works for Children in Scotland, the national network for the children's sector in Scotland and manages and leads projects that promote best practice in child rights and child wellbeing. Part of her remit is developing new project ideas, managing policy team staff, responding to consultations on policy and legislative issues, representing Children in Scotland in numerous external settings, in Scotland, the UK and Europe, and giving presentations at events on issues relating to children, in Scotland and in other countries. Marion has a degree in Modern History from the University of Glasgow, and postgraduate qualifications in Social Work and Social Services Management from the University of Edinburgh. She is a qualified and highly experienced social worker, and worked in local government as a practitioner, planner and manager before joining Children in Scotland in 2008. Marion is a member of Eurochild's National Partner Network and the Care Inspectorate's Early Years Advisory Group.

Catriona MacSween has worked in the refugee sector for over 13 years working as a caseworker for adult asylum seekers before focusing her interests on the needs of separated children. Catriona joined Aberlour in June 2010 in the post of Service Manager for the Scottish Guardianship Service and she has been instrumental in developing and delivering the current model of Guardianship in Scotland. Catriona has extensive experience of working with separated children through the complex asylum, trafficking and welfare processes. She has a significant insight into the challenges that separated children face in Scotland and to date she has worked with over 380 young people who are seeking international protection in the UK.

Keith Moore-Milne is a Team Leader with Glasgow's Asylum & Roma Team – a specialist social work team that works with and supports all of the Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children in Glasgow, as well as Roma children & families in South Glasgow. Keith has worked in Sudan and Romania in the past and is a practicing Mental Health Officer.