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Look, Listen and Learn: a one-day conference promoting children and young people's participation in local government

Dear colleague

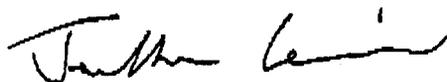
Involving service users in the planning and delivery of services is an increasingly important part of the work of local authorities and related organisations. With all the signs pointing to record levels of youth disaffection with the decision-making process, involving children and young people in service planning could not be a higher priority.

Children in Scotland, with the Scottish Local Government Unit, is organising a one-day conference to look at the case for involving young people in the planning and delivery of local government services, and to examine practical approaches to promoting their participation.

The event takes place in Stirling on Friday 9 May, and programme and booking details are included in the enclosed leaflet.

We very much hope you will be able to attend, and to contribute to a lively forum for discussion between a broad cross-section of professionals working with and for children and young people and their families.

Yours sincerely



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BOOKING FORM
LOOK, LISTEN AND LEARN
9 MAY 1997, STIRLING

To book a place, please complete and return the form below to: Scottish Local Government Information Unit, Room 507 Baltic Chambers, 50 Wellington Street, Glasgow G2 6HJ. Tel: 0141 226 4636 Fax: 0141 221 8786

Registration fees:	Members*	Non-members
Statutory/ large voluntary agencies	£95	£110
Small voluntary agencies/ Individuals	£60	£75

*Members of SLGIU and/or Children in Scotland

Please book a place for the following person(s) at the conference:

(COMPLETE BELOW IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

Name(s): _____

Position: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

I enclose a cheque/postal order for \$ _____ made payable to SLGIU

I wish to be involved for _____ place(s) at the conference at a rate of each

Invoice to be sent to (if different from above)

Name: _____

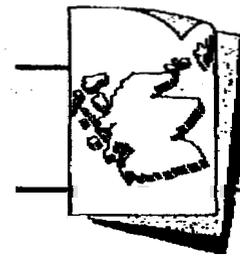
Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Disabled access: Stirling Council Offices has disabled access.

Other requirements: For other facilities, eg. creche, special diet, please contact Scottish Local Government Information Unit.

Cancellations: Cancellations received before 25 April will be refunded a processing charge. No refunds can be made after this date, although substitutions may be made.



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**PROMOTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
 PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

FRIDAY 9 MAY 1997

STIRLING COUNCIL OFFICES, VIEWFORTH, STIRLING

**Organised by the Scottish Local Government Information Unit
and Children in Scotland**

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PROGRAMME AND BOOKING FORM

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One-day conference

Friday 9 May 1997

Stirling Council Offices, Viewforth, Stirling

This event will set out the case for involving young people in decision-making in the delivery and planning of local government services, and will explore practical ways for local authorities to create opportunities for children and young people to become involved in those decisions.

Contributors to the event include local authority elected members and officers, children's rights workers, writers on involvement and participation and young people who have received local authority services, each of whom has their own story to tell about participation.

Convincing children that democracy works for them could not be a higher political priority. This event will provide clear, practical evidence that it is possible to develop strategies for involving children and young people, and that doing so can produce exciting and unexpected results. It will be an opportunity to share positive experiences with others and will provide participants with new ideas to take back to their own authority.

Who should attend?

This conference will be relevant to elected members and senior officials from corporate and service departments in local authorities as well as representatives from other public agencies, voluntary organisations and community groups involved in working with children and young people.

PROGRAMME AND CONTRIBUTORS

Chair

Councillor Rosemary McKenna, former President of COSLA

Keynote speaker

Bea Campbell, author and journalist

Why local authorities must listen to children and young people

Councillor Corrie McChord, Leader of Stirling Council

Ann Drummond, member of Who Cares? Scotland

Practical approaches to promoting participation by children and young people

Councillor Gordon Archer, Glasgow City Council

Carolyn Willow, National Children's Bureau, author of *Hear Hear*, a resource guide for local authorities on young people's involvement

Drama presentation by Stirling Youth Theatre

Workshop sessions

Listening to children looked after by local authorities

Involving children and young people in planning recreation services

Corporate strategies for listening to children and young people

Involving children and young people in schools

Workshop contributors include Who Cares? Scotland, City of Edinburgh Council, Stirling Council, Newcastle City Council and the Participation Event Group

Panel session involving speakers and young people

Registration 9.30 - 10.00 am

Close of conference 4.30 pm