

Adoption Week Scotland 2019

18th – 23rd November

Programme of Events

Family Event: Saturday 16th (Edinburgh)

Join our large family event for adoptive families in Scotland in celebrating Adoption Week Scotland 2019. Our private event will be a chance for families to meet other adoptive parents and children and enjoy a fun activity. There will be refreshments for parents and children, face painting and arts and crafts, as well as the opportunity to have sole use of a soft play area. Spaces will be limited, so we advise early booking: scotland@adoptionuk.org.uk

Parliamentary Event: Tuesday 19th (Edinburgh)

Adoption developments in Scotland

Rona Mackay, MSP is hosting this special parliamentary event at which the Minister Maree Todd will highlight the messages of adoption week. It will also showcase recent developments in adoption work in Scotland including the Mapping Adoption Support project and the publication of the Adoption Journey preparation book. This event will have very limited numbers, so please get in touch if you are keen to attend:

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Practice Exchange Event: Wednesday 20th (Glasgow)

What does best adoption support look like for everyone involved?

Building on the 2018/19 Mapping Adoption Support project that every adoption agency in Scotland contributed to, this event will be run in conjunction with CELCIS and the Adoption Task Force. It will be an opportunity to learn about some of the positive work being undertaken by local authorities and voluntary agencies.

Two places available per agency: scotland@adoptionuk.org.uk

Storytelling Event: Thursday 21st (Edinburgh)

Sharing adoption stories

The Storytelling event will feature writing by people who have their own adoption stories to tell – partly based on an anthology of work produced by adopted young people at workshops in the Scottish Poetry Library this summer and featuring the Scot's Makar, Jackie Kay, who has written about her own adoption journey, to critical acclaim. Due to limited space, by invitation only, with representatives from across the sector - so please get in touch if you are keen to attend.

Information Roadshows: Tuesday 20th - Friday 23rd

Look out for details of information roadshows taking place in your local areas. All agencies across Scotland will receive an Adoption Week Scotland pack complete with a DVD offering information about services provided by Scotland's independent adoption services that can offer information and advice alongside your local agency about the adoption process: Scotland's Adoption Register, Adoption and Fostering Alliance (AFA) Scotland and Adoption UK Scotland.

Family Event - Saturday 23rd (Glasgow)

Adoption UK Scotland are facilitating a family workshop for families living in Glasgow. To join us for this private event, please contact: scotland@adoptionuk.org.uk

For any activity you hold or take part in as part of Adoption Week Scotland, remember to share if you can: **#AdoptionWeekScotland** **#ourchildren** and make use of your poster and balloons. We would love to hear about your ideas and events – let us know your plans! scotland@adoptionuk.org.uk