

# ToYAC

Together for Young Adult Carers

Working in partnership with  
decision makers

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# Some background

- 1992 – national research group set up at Loughborough University
- 1994 – first young carers projects set up in Scotland
- 2014 – 38 dedicated young carers services providing support
- Surveys indicate that there are around 100,000 young carers in Scotland

# Why support young carers

- to have a childhood
- similar life to young people who are not carers
- have fun
- support health and wellbeing
- support education
- life outside of caring

# Why support young adult carers

- embarking on adult life
- work, training, Further Education, Higher Education
- transition point
- below average age of carer – different needs, aspirations, wants
- might not be living with cared-for person

# The Young Carers Strategy

- Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)
- Additional Support for Learning
- Identification
- Assessment
- Information and Advice
- Training
- Workforce development
- Employment
- Short Breaks
- Health and wellbeing
- Young adult carers



# Manifesto commitments



- Carers Parliament
- Kite-mark (Employers Caring for Carers)
- Short breaks
- Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)  
- and others



# **Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014**

- Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)
- improve outcomes for all children and young people
- child-centred approach
- Children's services plan
- Named person
- Child's Plan – targeted intervention

# New developments

- Funding of College Development Network
- Hope to work with Higher Education sector
- Young Carers Card
- Resource toolkit for secondary schools
- Opportunities for All
- Young Carers Rights Charter
- Self-directed support
- Carer legislation



# Challenges

- hidden young carers
- income – no entitlement to carer's allowance for full-time student carers
- joined-up services for adults
- sustainability of young carers projects
- workforce development
- young carers and young adult carers – views count!

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**Thank you!**

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