



# ToYAC

Together for Young Adult Carers

Working in partnership with  
decision makers

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# Why support young carers

- to have a childhood
- similar life to young people who are not carers
- have fun
- support health & 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) Bill

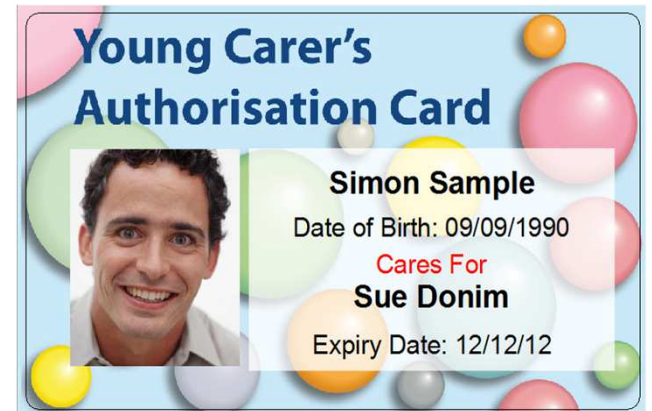
- Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)
- improve outcomes for all children and young people
- child-centred approach
- Children's services plan
- Named person
- Child's Plan
  - targeted intervention



**The Scottish  
Government**  
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# New developments

- Funding of College Development Network
- Work with Higher Education sector
- Young Carers Card
- Resource toolkit for secondary schools
- Opportunities for All
- Young Carers Rights Charter
- Self-directed support
- Further legislation
- New website 'Matter' <https://matter.carers.org/>



# 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!



<http://www.syp.org.uk/care-fair-share-W21page-476->





**Thank you!**

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