

Children in Scotland

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Young people lead call for action

***Children in Scotland* asks politicians to put children first**

Young people will join Children in Scotland members from across the children's sector in putting their own questions on the future for children and young people directly to politicians including Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning Michael Russell and Shadow Cabinet Secretary Des McNulty at Children in Scotland's hustings event on Thursday in Edinburgh.

Ruth Wishart will chair the event, which calls on candidates from all the main parties to commit to the 10 goals outlined in Children in Scotland's election Manifesto *Smarter Services and Better Childhoods*. Questions from Children in Scotland's members and young people will range from additional support needs to educational funding and school closures.

The event coincides with the publication of the April issue of Children in Scotland magazine, which features an exclusive interview with First Minister Alex Salmond that completes our series of interviews with party leaders.

Notes to Editors

1. The Children in Scotland Hustings will take place at the offices of Scott Moncrieff, 3 Exchange Place, Sempie Street, Edinburgh on Thursday 31 March from 6.00–8.00 pm.
2. *Children in Scotland* is published monthly and is the only magazine to cover all areas of the Scottish children's sector. Interviews have been published with Scottish Liberal Democrat leader Tavish Scott in January, Scottish Conservative leader Annabel Goldie in February, Scottish Labour leader Iain Gray in March and First Minister Alex Salmond in April, and are available on request: contact Tracey Francis on 0131 222 2419.
3. **Children in Scotland** is the longstanding national agency for the whole of the children's sector, reaching over 250,000 individuals through our extensive membership of more than 450 statutory agencies, voluntary sector organisations, professional associations and community groups. For further information visit www.childreninscotland.org.uk.

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