



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Children in Scotland welcomes new partnership agreement with Children in Northern Ireland**

Children in Scotland has agreed a new partnership with Children in Northern Ireland that will bring significant benefits to members of both organisations.

The partnership means that Children in Scotland members will be able to learn more about policies and practice in Northern Ireland and the opportunities for further collaboration.

Building on their relationship forged through the 4 Nations Child Policy Network, the agreement creates greater opportunities for members of both organisations to learn and share information on a two-way basis.

Mrs Pip Jaffa OBE, Chair of Children in Northern Ireland said: “This partnership is a very exciting development in terms of exchanging information and sharing practice for the benefit of children and young people in Northern Ireland and Scotland.”

In addition, the agreement will help yield greater insights into the functions and workings of the devolved Scottish parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly for members of both organisations.

Children in Northern Ireland will also now be contributing to the dissemination of Children in Europe magazine as a result of the partnership, in the context of stronger contribution from other parts of the UK into the English language edition of the magazine.

This development comes in advance of the special one day Children in Europe conference *An Appetite for Life? Young Children, Food and Eating*, to be held in Dunfermline on 25 August.

Bronwen Cohen, Chief Executive of Children in Scotland, said: “We are very pleased to be able to make this partnership agreement. Alongside the work we do with Children in Wales and the National Children’s Bureau, it will result in significant benefits for both our members and members of Children in Northern Ireland, and an increased understanding of the workings of the Scottish parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly.”

#### Notes for editors:

- For more information on the upcoming Children in Europe conference, go to [www.childreninscotland.org.uk/eur](http://www.childreninscotland.org.uk/eur)
- Children in Scotland is the national agency for voluntary, statutory and professional organisations and individuals working with children and their families in Scotland. It exists to identify and promote the interests of children and their families and to ensure that relevant policies, services and provisions are of the best possible quality and able to meet the needs of a diverse society.
- *Children in Europe* is a magazine for everyone working with and for children from 0-10 and those interested in children’s issues. It is published simultaneously in eight

languages by a network of national magazines. It aims to provide a forum for ideas, practice and information and contribute to the development of policy and practice and European and national levels. It is published in the UK by Children in Scotland, the national agency for voluntary, statutory, and professional organisations and individuals working with children and their families in Scotland, with the support of the Bernard van Leer Foundation.

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