



Childcare for All Project Overview

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The Childcare for All project will build a potential third sector response to the issues identified in the Dundee Fairness Strategy around affordable and accessible childcare provision. The project will initiate research into options for models for provision of affordable childcare which take account of location, accessibility, affordability and availability beyond Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

The work of the Dundee Fairness Commission undertook a detailed investigation of a broad range of factors associated with poverty. Over 42 000 people in Dundee live in the top 15% ranking of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2016 (SIMD) which makes up 37% of the city's population. Its recommendations were ambitious and endorsed by Dundee City Council and the Dundee Partnership as a whole. This project aims to build on the momentum and commitment generated by the Commission and the strategic thinking and community engagement that informed it by responding to local needs including with debt, stigma, and unemployment.

A steering group of community, third sector and public partners have been working towards a local response to these issues which could take the form of a sustainable, affordable and accessible childcare social enterprise. The Steering group has formed that wants to develop a new shared response to the provision of childcare in the city supporting children and families who need affordable care.

Dundee Social Enterprise Network (DSEN) is the lead partner. DSEN has 10 years experience of supporting people and communities to set up, develop and grow successful social enterprises. DSEN's membership includes 45 established social enterprises and over 30 aspiring members along with 6 corporate / associate members. Together DSEN membership employs over 730 people with a combined turnover of £23.7 million. Funds have been secured from the Aspiring Communities Fund to take the Childcare for All project forward.

Partners

The partners in the Childcare for All project are Dundee International Women's Centre, One Parent Families Scotland, Dundee City Council and Dundee Social Enterprise Network. These are the organisations that form the project's Steering Group although others may still join the group.



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