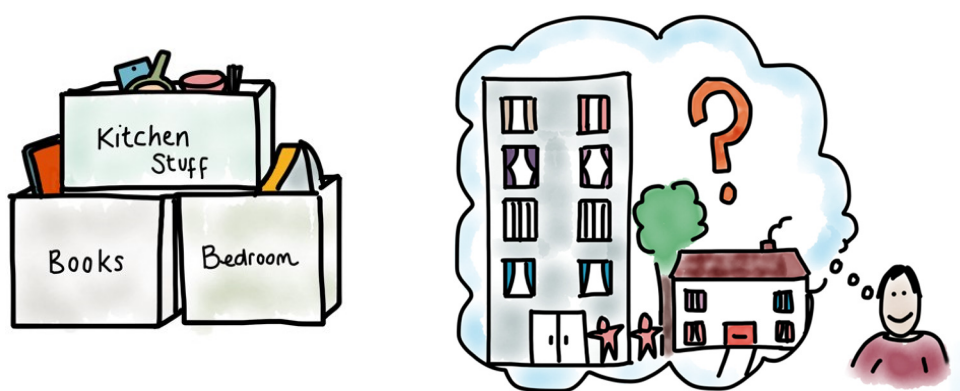




Home Sweet Home



Would you like to tell us your moving home story?

We are creating a new page on our website all about moving home. On it we will have information about :

- ★ How to get the ball rolling if you want to move home.
- ★ How you, your family or the professionals in your life can prepare for moving home
- ★ Different options for moving home
- ★ What you need to think about at each stage of the process
- ★ Personal stories from people who have already moved home they will share their tips and advice

If you have moved home and want to tell us about what it was like to make the move and what helped you along the way, please get in touch, We'd love to record your story and put it on our website. This will be a big help to other people who are thinking of moving and are looking for advice. You can email Gillian at gillian@edg-sco.org

We are planning for it to go live in November!

Belonging Network

Just a reminder that we are still meeting on Zoom every second Thursday 2pm-3.30pm.

Our meetings are fun and friendly. It's a safe space to explore what friendship is and how we can tackle any difficulties that might come up with keeping friendships going during lockdown.

The next dates are: 1st October, 15th October, 29th October and 12th November.

Email gillian@edg-sco.org or call 0131 476 0522 for more information. If you're not able to use Zoom but would like us to keep in touch, please let us know.

Stay connected with our blog too: <https://www.edg-sco.org/blog>

Here are two lovely poems about friendship from members of the Belonging Network.



Friends

When the rain came you offered me
a space under your umbrella.

When the snow came you offered me
a hot cup of chocolate to wrap my cold hands
around.

When the power went out you offered me
candles and a torch.

When the hot summer came you offered me
suntan lotion so I would not burn.

When life inevitably meant I lost people I loved
you came and sat by me.

Steve Mathieson



Rainbow- friendship

Dance with fairies,
Ride a unicorn,
Swim with mermaids,
Chase the rainbows
A friend in me
A friend makes me smile

Bright colours opening,
a world of my own.
A friend comes closer to heart
let us be friends forever.

like a Water glimmering
like a mirror of glass
come close to me my friend
look what's around you
A world of my own once again

A star is already born
we are born to be friends
A friendship we can see in our eyes
opening up our space
let us be free again.



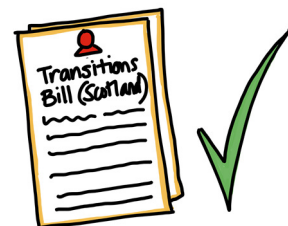
Fiona Dawson

Thanks to Fiona Dawson and Steve Mathieson for sharing these lovely poems with us.

Are you a keen writer? Do you have a poem you would like to share with us? Get in touch with Hels at hels@edg-sco.org and you could be in the next newsletter.

Transitions Bill Scotland

The Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions) (Scotland) Bill has been submitted to the Scottish Parliament. This Bill aims to improve the outcomes for children and young people with a disability in the transition that would support the young person from 16 until the support was no longer needed, or their 26th birthday.



The key ideas in the proposed Bill are:

1. The Bill would require the Scottish Government to introduce a national transitions strategy to improve outcomes for children and young people with a disability in the transition to adulthood;
2. The Bill would require the Scottish Government to appoint a Minister with special responsibility for transitions;
3. The Bill would require local authorities to introduce a transitions plan to ensure each child and young person with a disability receives appropriate care and support before, and during, the transition to adulthood.

Independent Living Fund



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Independent Living Fund (ILF) Transitions Fund

The aim of this fund is to help young people, aged between 16 and 25 living with disabilities with the transition after leaving school, or children's services, to be more independent, reduce isolation, and to participate in their community. You can apply for up to £7500 for the year and this means you can apply for more than one grant during the year, as long as the total costs are not more than £7500.

ILF Person Centred Planning Grant

The ILF also offer a smaller planning grant, if the young person is not sure what they want to do in the future. This grant is £800 and supports a Person Centred Planning process, which is a way of helping someone plan for their life. The process looks at the dreams and goals that the person wants to achieve and the support that they will need to achieve them. This can be a good first step before applying for the Transitions Fund grant.

EDG has worked with families through this grant and can facilitate your planning meeting.



You can get more information on the ILF website <https://ilf.scot>

Our Street, Our Town



We were delighted at the beginning of the year to receive funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and City of Edinburgh's Innovation Fund, to further our work with self-managing Care Co-operatives. This time we will be concentrating our efforts in South Queensferry and the surrounding towns.

Over the years our work in South Queensferry has taught us how isolated these towns are from the mainstream services based in the City. Many families must travel into Edinburgh to access services and some Edinburgh provider's workers will commute to South Queensferry; however, many others don't offer their services because it is too far for the workers to commute.

This has led us to try another way. We are hoping to form a Workers Co-operative and a neighbourhood self-managing Care Co-operative based in South Queensferry. So, we would like to bring local people together who might bring mutual exchange in their shared needs i.e. people who need support and those who could offer it. It is an exciting project that we will share with you in our newsletter over the next 3 years.

However, in the meantime, If you would like to learn more, please contact us.



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News from Ronald



Our good friend Ronald Akey has been enjoying being out and about - here he is pictured at Saughton Park. He wanted to share some good news with everyone that he has a new house! Very exciting. Good luck with your move Ronald!

Do you have good news to share with us? Get in touch with hels@edg-sco.org

Dates for your diary...

Our AGM will be on Zoom this year. It will be on 2nd December at 2pm. If you would like to take part please get in touch and we will send you the link to join in.

