

Together

State of Children's Rights Webinar Series

Special Protection Measures

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aberlour – scotland's children's charity

Our vision is to transform the lives of the children and families we work with and, through this, contribute to building a fairer and more equal society

- Scotland's largest, Scottish only children's charity
- We work with vulnerable children, young people and families throughout Scotland, in around 50 locations across the country
- We help to overcome significant challenges, like growing up in and leaving care, poor mental health, the impact of drugs and alcohol on family life, living with a disability or the impact of poverty and financial hardship
- We aim to provide help and support at the earliest opportunity to prevent problems becoming intractable or spiralling out of control

JustRight Scotland

Scotland's Legal Centre for Justice and Human Rights

Our vision: Collaborative Social Justice

- We use the law to **defend** and **extend** people's rights
- Create collaborative projects – with legal and non-legal partner organisations – that cross disciplines, sectors and borders to pool expertise and resources to meet those gaps

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Scottish Guardianship Service

- We support unaccompanied asylum-seeking and trafficked children and young people (UASC) – all have arrived in the country without their parents or adult family members
- Service began in 2010 – since then we have supported more than **650** UASC
- The service is delivered in partnership with the [Scottish Refugee Council](#)
- It is a rights-based service that aims to ensure UASC's rights are recognised, supported and protected
- The UASC we help have experienced significant trauma in their journey to get here, often fleeing war, terror or persecution – they also face being on their own in a new country, encounter language and cultural barriers, and have to navigate the complex asylum, immigration and welfare systems
- Our guardians help and support UASC to navigate these challenges and processes, by: **providing information and advice; acting as advocates; and providing practical and emotional support** to help them live and settle in Scotland
- The [Human Trafficking and Exploitation \(Scotland\) Act](#) 2015 made the service a statutory service, funded by the Scottish Government, and places duties on public bodies to refer UASC to the service