

Winter 2025

# Kinship News

## Welcome!

We are Dundee City Council's Kinship Team. In our newsletter, we aim to give you information on upcoming events and opportunities in relation to your caring role. We also want to offer support to you in whatever way we can. Please contact us if there is any support you feel may be beneficial to you, including anything you are worried about or if there are particular parenting topics you would like to know more about. Our duty phone line and email box is answered by social workers and support workers in the team, and we aim to get back to carers as soon as possible. Our contact details are on the next page.

We continue to host an informal group that all kinship carers are welcome to attend. The group is currently being held at Coldside Library (150 Strathmartine Road, Dundee, DD3 7SE) from 9.30am—11.30am on Thursdays during term-time. The library is easily accessible by many of the

## The Yard Dundee

### What they offer:

The Yard provides a safe, inclusive play environment for children and young people with additional support needs and children in kinship families. Their centre in the mid-Craigie area of Dundee offers supervised play sessions, creative activities, sensory play, and seasonal events. **Kinship families can access these sessions for free.** There will be experienced play workers at the session. For more information, staff at The Yard can be contacted on 07593 585 636 or email: [info@theyardscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@theyardscotland.org.uk)



## Intandem

### What they offer:

Intandem is a mentoring project for children and young people in kinship families. Young people are matched with trained volunteer mentors who meet with them regularly to build a trusting relationship, encourage positive choices, and support emotional wellbeing. This is for people aged 7-15. If you would like a referral to be made or some more information please get in touch with the Kinship Team.

## Useful Telephone Numbers

### Dundee Carers Centre

01382 200422

### Kinship Care Advice Service for Scotland

0808 800 0006

### Parentline Scotland

08000 28 22 33

### Kith And Kin

07983 081 007

### Citizens Advice Bureau

01382 214633

### Dundee City Council Welfare Rights

01382 431188



## Scottish Autism

Scottish Autism offers a variety of supports including drop ins, groups, an advice line and a live chat.

There is an upcoming drop-in on Wednesday 10th of December at Lochee Community Hub, 1pm—4pm.

The Scottish Autism Advice Line is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am - 4pm (closed on Wednesdays and at weekends)

To speak to a Community Advisor, call: 01259 222022

Website: <https://www.scottishautism.org>



## Animal Guardians—Scottish SPCA

Animal Guardians is a project that helps children develop empathy and compassionate behaviour towards animals. This is free service that provides one-to-one sessions with youth engagement officers to teach children or young people about emotions, needs and responsibilities. This is suitable for children aged 3 to 16 years. Please contact the Kinship Team for more information or for a referral to be made.



## Festive Activities

There are lots of different festive events happening around Dundee this season.

For more information about the Christmas village and other winter activities, please visit:

[www.leisureandculturaldundee.com/events/category/119](http://www.leisureandculturaldundee.com/events/category/119)



From everyone in the Kinship Team.

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Please get in touch if there is anything the Kinship Team can help you with