



Freeport Plus RLXY-XTEE-YYSH  
Coalition of Carers in Scotland  
10 Kinnoull Avenue  
DUNBLANE  
FK15 9JG

## what can the coalition do for us?

By joining the Coalition you will be strengthening the Voice of Carers in Scotland. Members also benefit from the support and information they receive from our Network Coordinator and other Coalition members.

As a member of the Coalition you will receive:

- An invitation to 4 meetings a year throughout Scotland for two carers and one staff member. Meetings cover subjects such as Care 21, The Kerr Report and Carers Health and Wellbeing
- The provision of information and support through e-mail updates, our Website, briefing papers, seminars and workshops
- Free courses on monitoring and evaluation

You may also want to contribute to:

- The collation and submission of local experiences and concerns to contribute to the national picture of service provision and to national consultation and policy formation.
- Consultation events and Focus Groups to establish best practice and common concerns
- Local impact studies to monitor the impact and implementation of national objectives at a local level

If you would like more information about The Coalition of Carers please feel free to contact our Network Coordinator for an informal chat. Contact details are as follows:

Claire Cairns  
Network Coordinator  
The Coalition of Carers in Scotland  
10 Kinnoull Avenue  
Dunblane  
FK15 9JG  
Tel: 01786 825529  
E-mail: [coalition@carers.net](mailto:coalition@carers.net)  
Website: [www.carersnet.org](http://www.carersnet.org)

  
of carers in Scotland

# coalition of carers in scotland

who we are  
what we do  
how to join us



# who we are

The Coalition of Carers in Scotland is a network of over 70 local carer organisations, seeking to provide mutual support and collective strength to local carer-led groups. Since 1998 carer organisations from all local authorities in Scotland have been represented.

The Coalition is unique in bringing together carers and carer workers from across Scotland. Quarterly meetings take place in different parts of Scotland and are open to two carers and one staff representative from each carer-led group.

The Coalition aims to



provide networking, information and mutual support to carer-led organisations in Scotland



bring carers and workers together to explore issues, analyse developments and identify key issues confronting carers in Scotland



develop a collective response to key issues enabling members of the Coalition to bring their concerns to the attention of interested parties at local, regional and national level

Until March 2005 the Coalition was a largely self-financing network supported by voluntary contributions of member groups. In 2005 we secured funding from the Scottish Executive for the primary purpose of employing a Network Coordinator.

# what we do

The Coalition of Carers in Scotland provides a unique insight in the collective needs of carers and the way legislation and national policies impact on carers locally.

Since 1998 the Coalition's contribution has been recognised by the Scottish Executive, Scotland's Parliament, the NHS and local authorities, and we work in close partnership with other Scottish carer organisations.

Coalition representatives serve on national committees and working groups, and have contributed much to the development of policy, legislation and good practice. The Coalition also helped establish recognition of "carers as key partners in providing care".

In partnership with Carers Scotland and the Scottish Executive the Coalition developed "Joint Futures for Carers", a three-year project designed to develop local partnerships with carers as full partners.

In October 2003, the Coalition set the agenda for the development of new guidance to NHS Boards on NHS Carer Information Strategies.

Over the years, the Coalition helped develop a broad consensus in carer politics and a collective approach to issues affecting carers. Coalition members have learned from and with each other, and collectively form the backbone of Scotland's carers movement.

# how to join

Membership of the Coalition is open to all local carer-led projects, including young carer projects, or specific carer groups, such as carers of mental health service users or minority ethnic carers.

Please use this form to apply

Name of the group:

.....

Contact name and address with postcode:

.....

.....

.....

.....

Telephone and e-mail details:

.....

.....

.....

Please choose your annual contribution from our sliding scale of affiliation fees:

£100 (well funded)

£ 75

£ 50

£ 25

£ 10 (unfunded)

Please make cheques out to "Coalition of Carers in Scotland"

