



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

23rd Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 18 September 2012

Present:

Clare Adamson	Marco Biagi
Neil Bibby	Neil Findlay (Deputy Convener)
Stewart Maxwell (Convener)	Joan McAlpine
Liam McArthur	Liz Smith
Jean Urquhart	

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Kinship Care:** The Committee took evidence from—

Aileen Campbell, Minister for Children and Young People, David Blair, Head of Looked After Children Policy, and Leona Solley, Policy Officer - Looked After Children Unit, Scottish Government.

2. **Petition PE 1420:** The Committee considered petition PE1420 by Teresa McNally, on behalf of Clacks Kinship Carers, on recognising the real value of kinship carers and giving them parity with foster carers across Scotland. The Committee agreed to keep the petition open and to seek further evidence.

3. **Creative Scotland - one year on:** The Committee took evidence from—

Matt Baker, Public Artist;

Andrew Dixon, Chief Executive, Creative Scotland;

Gwilym Gibbons, Director, Shetland Arts Development Agency;

Francis McKee, Director, Centre for Contemporary Arts.

The meeting closed at 12.23 pm.

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