



**ASL Action Plan –
Enhancing experiences for children and young people
Thursday 11th March, 12pm – 1.30pm**

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**Sally Cavers
Head of Inclusion, Children in Scotland**

Sally is the Head of Inclusion at Children in Scotland, supporting the delivery of programmes in relation to additional support for learning and the early years. This includes leadership responsibility for the Enquire, My Rights My Say and Resolve services and leading the CHANGE: Childcare and Nurture Glasgow East project. She represents Children in Scotland on the national Additional Support for Learning Implementation Group.

Sally was previously Manager of Enquire at Children in Scotland with responsibility for delivery of the Scottish advice service for additional support for learning.

Sally is also a Trustee for Flexible Childcare Services Scotland and her local Scout Group. She has been learning British Sign Language for many years and still aspires to becoming fluent!



**Linda O'Neill
Education Lead, CELCIS**

Linda O'Neill is Education Lead at CELCIS, the Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection at the University of Strathclyde in Scotland. Linda leads projects in collaboration with national agencies, the Scottish Government and local authorities aimed at improving the educational outcomes and experiences of children and young people with care experience. Prior to joining CELCIS Linda worked as a children's services practitioner in a range of settings including social work and education; developing a particular interest in parental engagement, widening access and the effective local implementation of national strategic policy.



Jacqui Nimmo
Senior Education Officer (Inclusion, Wellbeing and Equalities)

Jacqui is Senior Education Officer at Education Scotland with responsibility for inclusion, wellbeing and equalities. Prior to joining Education Scotland as HM Inspector of Education, she held a number of posts in a large city local authority over a ten year period. This included Area Education Officer with responsibility for all mainstream and ASL schools in the south of the city and for Curriculum, Learning and Teaching citywide. Jacqui worked closely with Health and Social Work colleagues to support a collaborative approach to meeting the needs of children and young people in her role as Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) Officer for the city. As Quality Improvement Officer, she had a leadership role for inclusion, child protection and quality assurance.



Janette Kerr
Chair, Additional Support for Learning Officers (ASLO)

Janette has worked in education for around 25 years, of which 20 have been involved in supporting learners with additional support needs. In my current role as Education Support Officer for ASN Janette is involved in making changes and improvements resulting in a difference for young people and their families. Janette is also the Chair of ASLO, which she is thoroughly enjoying and learning lots too. She is also a mum of two children, one of whom has additional support needs.

