



# the National Parent Forum of Scotland

Dear Ms Shaw,

I am writing from the National Parent Forum of Scotland as we are currently seeking to fill a vacancy for a deputy representative in your Local Authority area.

The National Parent Forum of Scotland was set up in 2009 to give parents an independent voice at a national level in Scotland: to discuss and raise educational issues of mutual interest, or concerns. We work in partnership with national and local government, and other organisations involved in education and wellbeing issues, to represent parents, in pursuit of our aim to help every pupil maximise his/her potential.

We do not ask that potential representatives have any prior experience, just a willingness to contribute to, and influence our children's futures. We welcome representatives with children currently in Early Years, Primary or Secondary education. We are actively encouraging those with an interest or involvement in ASL (additional support for learning) to participate, as this will be a priority area for NPFS going forward. We are also keen to promote equality and diversity and welcome representatives from minority ethnic and new communities. The representative role is a voluntary one, but fully supported by staff in our Edinburgh office, and all expenses such as travel are covered.

I appreciate that each Local Authority have different mechanisms in place for representative recruitment, so I would appreciate it if you could forward this to the relevant department, or indeed let me know if you would prefer that I contact schools in your area directly.

The local representative is Joe McLachlan and it would be very helpful if he could meet with any prospective deputy to ensure a successful working relationship. If you could therefore ask any interested parties to contact in the first instance our admin assistant

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Clair Halliday ([office@npfs.org.uk](mailto:office@npfs.org.uk)) or Joe directly  
([east.renfrewshire@npfs.org.uk](mailto:east.renfrewshire@npfs.org.uk)) it would be most appreciated.

Best,


A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Iain Ellis', written in a cursive style.

Iain Ellis (Chair)

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