



# National Parent Forum of Scotland



# A Brief History

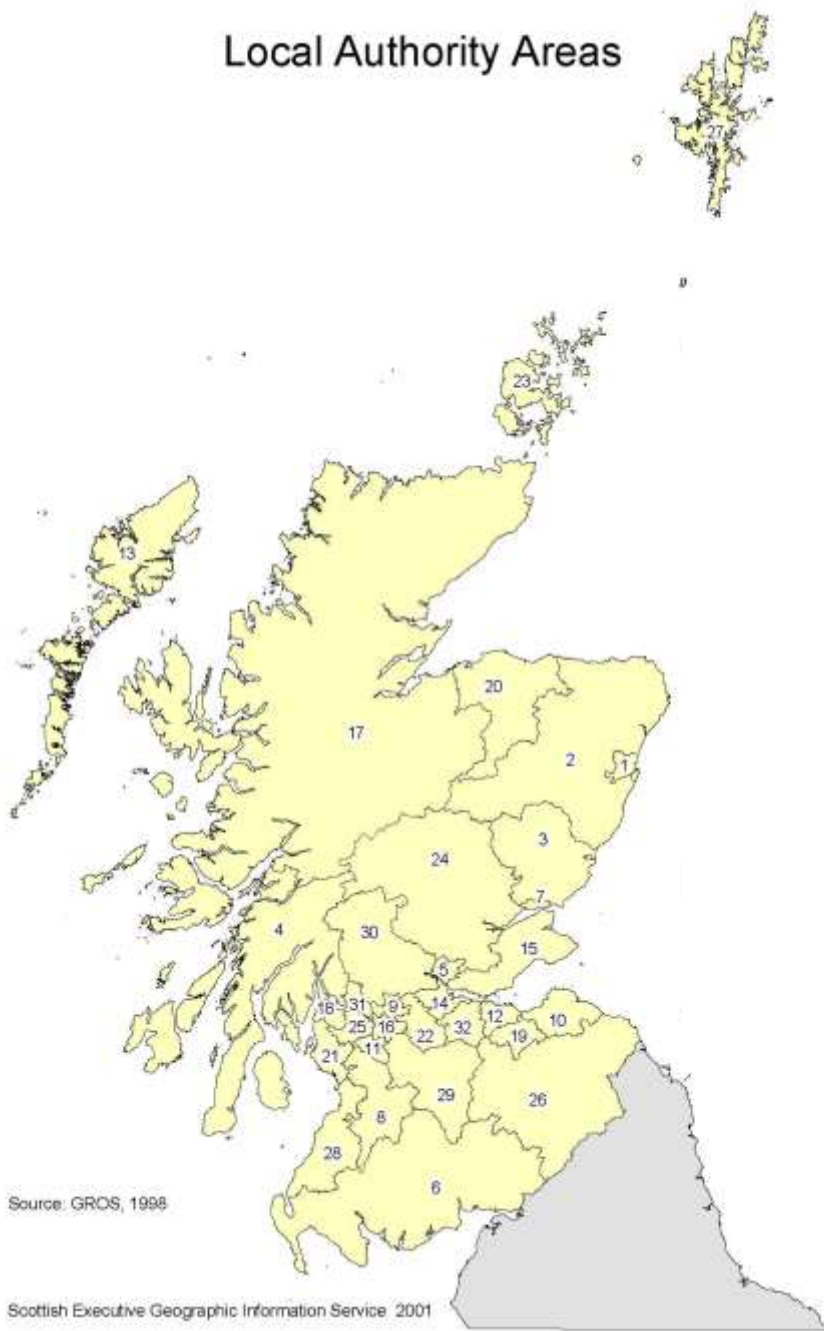
- Parental Involvement Act 2006
- Parent Councils introduced in 2007
- Scottish Government commission Carole Millar research



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- National Parent Forum of Scotland established 2009
- National Parent Conference – Hampden June 2009
- Inaugural meeting of Forum November 2009 - [www.parentzonescotland.org.uk](http://www.parentzonescotland.org.uk)

## Local Authority Areas



### Local authority:

- 1 Aberdeen City
- 2 Aberdeenshire
- 3 Angus
- 4 Argyll & Bute
- 5 Clackmannanshire
- 6 Dumfries & Galloway
- 7 Dundee City
- 8 East Ayrshire
- 9 East Dunbartonshire
- 10 East Lothian
- 11 East Renfrewshire
- 12 Edinburgh, City of
- 13 Eilean Siar
- 14 Falkirk
- 15 Fife
- 16 Glasgow City
- 17 Highland
- 18 Inverclyde
- 19 Midlothian
- 20 Moray
- 21 North Ayrshire
- 22 North Lanarkshire
- 23 Orkney Islands
- 24 Perth & Kinross
- 25 Renfrewshire
- 26 Scottish Borders
- 27 Shetland Islands
- 28 South Ayrshire
- 29 South Lanarkshire
- 30 Stirling
- 31 West Dunbartonshire
- 32 West Lothian



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# Purpose

The National Parent Forum of Scotland has been set up to give Parent Councils and Parents an opportunity to discuss and raise educational issues of mutual interest or concerns at a national level.

# Role

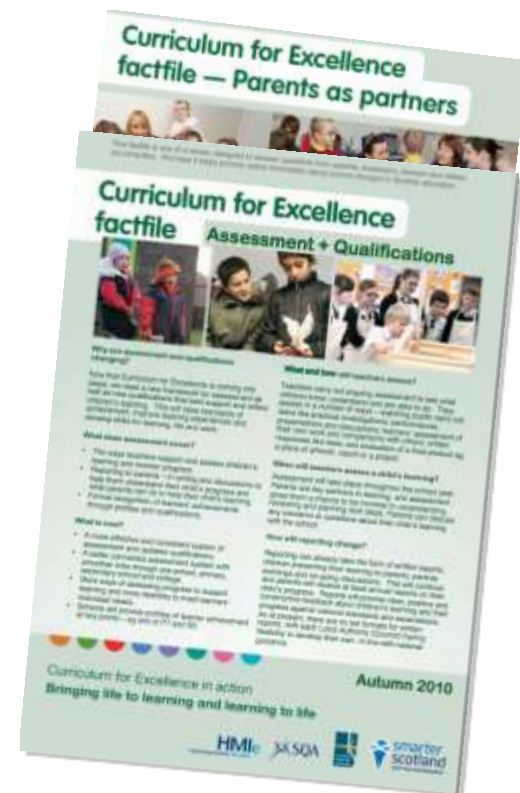
The Forum will work in partnership with national and local government and other organisations involved in education to represent parents in pursuit of our aim to help every pupil maximise his/her potential.

“ Forum Constitution ”

# Representing Parents At a National Level

- Establishing relationships
- Represented on key bodies
- Early stages of policy development on key issues
- Representing parental views in Consultations

- Curriculum for Excellence Management Board
- Assessment and Qualifications
- Additional Support Needs
- Increased parental involvement in school inspections
- National Conference For Parents
- Consultations
- Glow



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# Current Work

- Curriculum for Excellence
  - Mgt Board
  - parental awareness
  - Parentzone website
  - Factfiles
- What do parents need?

# Current Work

Includes:

- ASL working group
- Liaising with SEQIA
- Raising awareness
- National Conference – 3/9/11
- ERC parents views are obtained



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# Local Level

- Local PC Chairs Meetings
- Communication with Parent Councils
- Obtaining views of PC Chairs and parents
- Liaising with Local Authority
- Linking with other groups

# Communication

- National Parent Forum Blog  
[www.parentforumscotland.org](http://www.parentforumscotland.org)
- Facebook
- Twitter

*“..we all know the difference parents can make to children, their own school and to expressing parent views to and influencing government...”*

Fiona Hyslop – message to inaugural meeting of the NPFS, November 2009

# National Parent Forum of Scotland members

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