



**SHARED
PARENTING
SCOTLAND**

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS & SHARED PARENTING

International Conference on Shared Parenting
Radisson Blu Glasgow - 8-10 September 2027

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SHARED PARENTING COMING TO GLASGOW

SHARED PARENTING SCOTLAND SECURES MAJOR EVENT FOR SCOTLAND

THEME: "CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND SHARED PARENTING"

Shared Parenting Scotland has been selected to host the 2027 conference of the International Council on Shared Parenting.

The conference will take place at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Glasgow from 8 – 10 September 2027.

The theme will be "**Children's Rights and Shared Parenting**".

The biannual ICSP conferences bring together academic researchers, practitioners, policymakers, legal professionals, family justice campaign groups and parents to share insight and experience of challenges to families and parenting around the world.

This will be the 8th ICSP international conference, and the first time it will come to the UK.

The conference creates space for discussion, collaboration and practical learning, showcasing academic research and connecting with real-world experience from families, services, courts, governments and civil society.

Kevin Kane, Chief Executive of Shared Parenting Scotland, says:

“Securing this international conference for Scotland is a major achievement and a powerful statement of our commitment to supporting a child’s right to both parents.

As Chief Executive of Shared Parenting Scotland, I am immensely proud that, in partnership with the International Council on Shared Parenting, we will host the first ever international conference on shared parenting to take place in Scotland and the UK.

Hosting this conference places Scotland at the heart of an important international conversation on children’s rights, family relationships and family justice. It is a unique opportunity to learn from global expertise, strengthen collaboration and showcase Scotland’s commitment to improving outcomes for children and families.”

ICSP President, Professor Edward Kruk, Associate Professor Emeritus of Social Work at the University of British Columbia, says:

“The International Council on Shared Parenting has the distinct honour of co-hosting the Eighth International Conference on Shared Parenting with Shared Parenting Scotland.

As president of ICSP, I am particularly pleased to be able to return to Scotland where, as a PhD student in Social Policy at the University of Edinburgh, I undertook the first cross-national study on parental alienation and which led to my advocacy work in promoting shared parental responsibility as the cornerstone of needed family law reform. The year was 1985, when the very mention of shared parenting was met with scepticism at best and derision at worst.

Since that time we have seen a major paradigm shift around the globe when it comes to the needs and best interests in children of separation and divorce. Not only is shared parenting now regarded as the optimal choice for the great majority of children, but legal jurisdictions around the world are embracing a presumption of shared parenting as in the best interests of children.

I am pleased that our conference theme will focus squarely on the question of children’s rights, and the degree to which the articles of the UNCRC are best addressed by means of shared parenting legislation. It is the responsibility of social

institutions to support parents in addressing the rights, responsibilities and needs of children, and the conference will provide legislators, policymakers, family service providers, and parents themselves with the means to provide this vital support.”

Ian Maxwell, founding Board Member of ICSP, says:

Shared Parenting Scotland has been involved with ICSP right from the start. The aim was to share knowledge with other countries. After hearing her talk at the 2014 Bonn conference we invited Malin Bergstrom from Sweden to be keynote speaker at our 2015 event in Holyrood that helped launch the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Shared Parenting. We look forward to making more great links between academic research and policy makers when the ICSP conference comes to Glasgow in 2027.”

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The conference web page is at [Save the Date: International Conference on Shared Parenting 2027 - Shared Parenting Scotland](#)

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NOTE TO EDITORS

The **International Council on Shared Parenting** was founded in Germany in 2013, initially under the name, International Platform on Shared Parenting. Ian Maxwell, then National Manager of Families Need Fathers Scotland, was a founding member of ICSP and remains on its Board.

Previous conferences have been held in Bonn, Boston, Strasbourg, Malaga, Vancouver (online during Covid), Athens and Lisbon.

Shared Parenting Scotland supports non-resident mothers as well as non-resident fathers, new partners, grandparents and wider family members to maintain a positive relationship with their children after divorce or separation.

We maintain a telephone helpline 5 days a week as well as monthly group support and advice meetings in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen and online.

We campaign to raise awareness among legislators, professionals, and local authorities of the benefits to children of positive relationships with both parents – and the need to address the obstacles to it.

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