



# Scottish Attachment In Action

**Scottish Attachment in Action is committed to promoting better experiences of attachment to enhance our relationships between ourselves, our children and our society**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2014 – 2015**

Scottish Attachment in Action is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) registered in Scotland No. SC045708

**Scottish Attachment In Action – Keeping it real**

Much celebration for Scottish Attachment In Action!

In June 2015 we achieved our much prized aim of becoming a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It is with thanks and appreciation to the many people who have voluntarily given their commitment and time, since our very first meeting in 2006, that we are now SCIOed!

A special thanks to our outgoing advisory group members who all played an important role in our journey to become a charity. Also to the many organisations who have, and continue to support our journey – with particular appreciation to the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS) and the Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland (CELCIS).

Being a registered charity does not change our vision, our values or our learning and development activities but it does mean we can now seek core funding to extend our network Scotland-wide and secure our organization into the future.

We have a newly appointed and skilled Board of Trustees, all of whom are excited about our plans for this year, for 2016 and beyond. We are also delighted to have Colwyn Trevarthen (Professor Emeritus) and Professor Helen Minnis as our Patrons.

Fiona Lettice and Barbara Godden continue as our Development Team, without their hard work SAIA would not have achieved SCIO status.

To our members, individual and organisations, a big thank you for your continued support. SAIA looks forward to seeing and meeting with you at our events as well as keeping you up to date with our news and views through the website and newsletter. We would like you to be as actively involved as you can be with SAIA so please get in touch with us with ideas for network seminars and contact us with information on publications you have written or read.

## *Edwina Grant*

Edwina Grant, Scottish Attachment in Action Chair  
*On behalf of the Board of Trustees*

## Board of Trustees



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## Patrons



Colwyn Trevarthen  
(Professor Emeritus)



Professor Helen Minnis

## Development Team



Barbara Godden



Fiona Lettice

## Activities

### **Annual Conference**

We held our Annual conference in December 2014, with over 140 delegates attending the event. Sheila Lavery and Roberta Manners spoke about 'Why attachment matters in play'.

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[<http://irissfm.iriss.org.uk/episode/110>]



### **Network Seminars**

In September 2014 Dr Jonathan Sher spoke on the report 'Keeping the baby IN the bathwater' at our network seminar in Edinburgh.

[<http://irissfm.iriss.org.uk/episode/100>]

In March 2015 Dr Lio Moscardini & Heather Baldry from Strathclyde University spoke about the three year research project, following up on children who had attended the 'Jeely Piece Club' in Castlemilk.

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### **Additional Activities**

- Membership of the 'Mellow Kinship Steering Group'
- Delivering training for the Scottish Childminding Association
- Attendance of Scottish Adoption Register Exchange Days
- Participation in Medica CPD events
- Attendance of CELCIS annual conference
- Attended the 'Jeely Piece' Learning Together About Making Choices Advisory Group

### **Finances**

Our accounts as at June 30, 2015  
Balance in current account: **£1903.55**  
Balance in deposit account: **£7030.10**

### **Membership July 2014 – June 2015**

Membership as at June 30 2015  
**62** Individual members  
**15** Organisational members

### **Further Resources**

The most recent resources can be accessed from our site <http://www.saia.org.uk/resources.html>

#### **Trauma and looked after children.**

Apr 27, 2015 Christine Gordon and Karen Wallace - co-founders of Adapt Scotland - talk to Fiona Lettice from Scottish Attachment in Action about their first-hand experience of trauma in looked after and adopted children. [<http://irissfm.iriss.org.uk/episode/122>]

### **Future Plans 2015-2016**

As a newly formed charity, we will be seeking core funding in order to develop our organisation Scotland wide. We plan a range of funding raising activities over the next year, including the ability to give via Gift Aid. Donations will also be accepted via Paypal and our website.

#### **Progressing towards Scotland wide activities**

We are committed to extending our influence beyond the central belt.

- 2015 Annual Conference in Aberdeen
- Network seminar in Dumfries in March 2016 with our patron Professor Helen Minnis speaking

We are also hosting the International DDPI Conference in Glasgow 2016

#### **Practice Papers**

We plan to produce a series of practice papers, based on past and future events.

The aim of these will be to provide practical guidance for parents, carers and practitioners on Attachment Informed practice.

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