**Young Carers in Education Learning Exchange – 16th November 2021**

**Workshop Choices –** on Eventbrite link you will be asked to select two workshops for the event, please see below for further details.

**Workshop 1 : Young Carers Co-ordinators – Prioritising Young Carer Support in Schools**

Over the last 7 years, Stirling Young Carers Service has worked in partnership with local schools to identify and train Young Carers Co-ordinators – nominated in-school support staff for Young Carers. Come along to hear about the journey, and how these roles developed from the initial plans, navigating the challenges along the way, to the good practice model that has been established.

This interactive workshop will help you explore your understanding of the role of a Young Carers Co-ordinator, discuss the roles and responsibilities involved and provide the opportunity to hear first-hand from a partner school on how Young Carers, teaching staff and the school as a whole has benefitted from having a Young Carers Co-ordinator in place.

**Workshop 2: Advantages of an Education Support Worker in Schools**

An Education Support Worker has been employed by the East Renfrewshire Carers Centre since April 2019.  Their remit is to improve identification of and support for young carers across the local authority.  This workshop will look at how strong partnership working between the local authority, local young carers service, HSCP and schools has benefitted young carers.

Education Support Worker, Kevin Dailly will explain the successes and challenges of his work.  You will also hear from other stakeholders: David Gordon (Quality Improvement Officer), Emma Gordon (Depute Head Teacher, Eastwood High School) and an Eastwood High School pupil with lived experience as a young carer.  There will be time for discussion and questions.

**Workshop 3: Young Carers in Dundee - The Power of Partnership**

What happens when young carers are involved as an equal partner and are able to inform the key priorities that statutory and third sector partners work towards?  What happens when all members of a partnership take responsibility to get it right for all of our young carers and commit to being a City that cares?

**Workshop 3 cont..**

A new policy to ensure young carers in schools in Dundee were identified and supported was developed in partnership with young carers, Dundee City Council and Dundee Carers Centre and launched in 2017.  This, however, was only the beginning of the story.  Driven by the young carers involved in the process ongoing work was undertaken by the schools, Education Senior managers and

Dundee Carers Centre to ensure that the policy did not gather dust on the shelves but was a practical document and resource to ensure that identifying and supporting young carers would become everyone’s responsibility.

This workshop will explore and share experiences of how we have developed this partnership in Dundee, our successes and challenges and where we are going next.  The workshop will focus on learning from young carer ambassadors, staff and Dundee Carers Centre workers involved in a local partnership in Baldragon Academy and members of the Strategic Group.