

Scotland

2006

1 The Foundation of the National Section

FICE Scotland was founded in September 2003. It was initially created by the *Scottish Institute for Residential Child Care* (SIRCC) with advice from *Caring for Children*, at the time FICE UK.

2 Organisation and finance

We have a National Board with three members and a Committee elected by the members. Financing is in the form of subscriptions by individuals and from two organisations, one of which is SIRCC.

3 Membership

Membership is small — about 20 in total. There are about three academics; the remainder are either managers or practitioners in education or social work.

4 Activities

We have had a number of meetings on specific topics about child care. We decided to aim for three events per year but the General Assembly and Congress in 2004 drained our impetus; so we are getting back on the road. We are trying to influence local authorities but not national policy.

5 Future

We are on the verge of creating a forum for residential child care workers and residential child care will be our main focus. We are planning a study tour in 2007 to FICE Germany.