



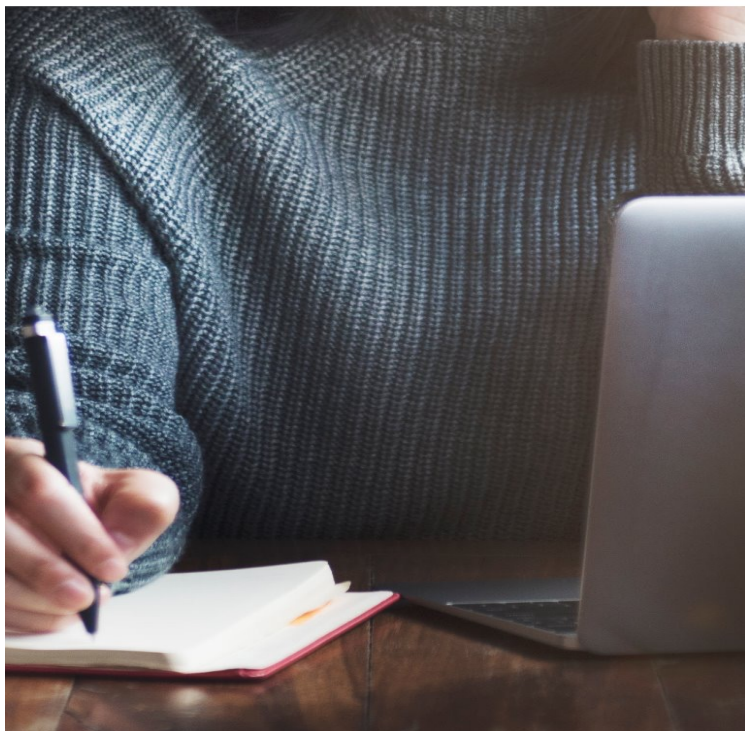
Giving Voice To Perspectives of Residential Child Care: Some Reflections on *The Scottish Journal of Residential Child Care*

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Background



2.5 million 'scholarly' journal articles published annually

Child welfare titles include:

- *Child Abuse and Neglect*
- *Child and Family Social Work*
- *Child and Youth Services Review*
- *Developing Practice.*

5 companies account for 50% of all such articles

So why another?



The aim of the Scottish Institute of Residential Child Care, is to ensure that residential child care staff throughout Scotland have access to the skills and knowledge they require to meet the needs of the children and young people in their care (Kendrick, 2002).



- Launched 2002
- Professional journal
- Residential care/OOHC
- Peer reviewed
- 3 issues annually
- Long & short articles
- Editorial board – 2 international members
- Online since 2013 – free access

Role of SJRCC



SJRCC aims to provide a rich forum for debate and dissemination about topical issues across Scottish, UK and international residential and related child care research, policy and practice.

Types of articles



- Research articles
- Commentaries and opinion pieces
- Policy, programme and training articles
- Annual Kilbrandon lecture
- Book reviews
- Editorials

Giving voice



- OOHC sector leaders
- OOHC educators & researchers
- MSc/PhD students
- OOHC professionals – both experienced & inexperienced writers
- Care experienced adults
- Other international voices

Metrics



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Our learning



- Access is everything!
- Working with inexperienced writers
- Special issues
- Including shorter articles
- Globalisation

Building knowledge & understanding



- Journals
- Books & reports
- Training
- Conferences & talks
- Supervision
- TV/Radio/Newspaper
- Online stories
- Social media
- Collegial discussions
- Advocacy groups

What about you?



- How do you keep up to date?
- How do you contribute to the learning of others?

Questions?



Thanks

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