

# The Childcare Challenge



encouraging  
men into  
childcare

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**In Scotland very few men choose a career in childcare. Perth & Kinross Council would like to encourage more men into childcare and is running a bespoke course specifically for males aged 16 years+.**

**This *free* course is designed to encourage men into childcare as children do benefit from a broad range of role models within childcare settings.**

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This course runs on Monday nights twice a year at the Community Wing, Perth Grammar School, Gowans Terrace, Perth, 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm.

This course is open to anybody interested in working with children. It consists of 2 (SQA accredited) units and a practical placement:

- *Child Development*
- *Play*
- *A practical working in childcare placement*

The characteristics of the childcare workforce are very distinctive. The current workforce statistics show this is a female dominated workforce; yet alongside this, research indicates that children really do benefit from males in the childcare workforce.

Children can spend considerable amounts of time in childcare so it is important for them to have access to both male and female staff.

Children really do benefit from having men in childcare settings as they get involved in different types of play, they can be positive role models for boys lacking in this influence in their lives and they get high levels of satisfaction which benefits the children and young people in their care.

***The Childcare Strategy Team would be keen to hear from any men who are interested in taking part in future courses, if they are considering working in childcare or would like to gain additional training to enhance their future career opportunities in sports coaching, teaching or social work.***



*“ I am a childminder, and previously I have been in the minority when attending training for my role. This course has given me a network of support and the confidence to go on and get further qualifications. ”*

*“ I was doing a number of jobs after leaving school, but the recession meant that everyone was chasing jobs. Early Years and Childcare is a growing sector and I was able to find employment and currently work as a Support for Learning Assistant. This course has opened other avenues of employment for me. ”*

*“ I worked in the building trade, but was laid off when work became slow, so I volunteered in my daughter’s nursery and loved it. The Men in Childcare night class was brought to my attention, by the teacher. I enrolled and have loved every minute of the course, and I am now work for Perth & Kinross Council as a Play Assistant. ”*

*“ I took a career break to care for my 2 children. I noticed this evening course being advertised and thought I might go and see what it was about. I completed the course and placement, which I thoroughly enjoyed, and I am now considering a career in teaching. ”*



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