

Guiding Principles for the Coalition of Carers in Scotland



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From Recognition to Rights

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Executive Committee proposal

To adopt a set of guiding principles
to underpin and strengthen
future campaigning work for carers



Background ... February 2018

The Executive Committee **reflected on**

- 2009-2016 campaign 'from recognition to rights'
- the actual achievements of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016
- the Coalition's role



Background ... February 2018

The Executive Committee **concluded**

- some notable advances
- underpinned by a financial commitment

however

- noticeable gaps in the new legislation
- the Act falls short of enforceable entitlements, e.g. regular breaks from caring, carer advocacy or equitable access



We decided in February 2018 ...

At the same time as maximise the opportunities from the Carers Act, we must prepare for further campaigns to strengthen carers' rights.

We do this by ...

- Setting out the **principles**
- Identifying our **key demands**
- determining **priorities for the Coalition**



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Principles of Eurocarers

1. Recognition
2. Social Inclusion
3. Equality of opportunity
4. Choice
5. Information
6. Support
7. Time Off
8. Balance work-care
9. Health & wellbeing
10. Financial security



1. Recognition and Rights
2. Participation and Social Inclusion
3. Equality
4. Choice and Co-Determination
5. Information
6. Health & wellbeing
7. Support and Resources
8. Breaks from Caring
9. Economic Wellbeing
10. Employment



Outcomes from today

We seek

- **general approval for the ten principles** – so we can begin to build them into our work, e.g. next Carers' Manifesto
- **agreement to consult further** with members and partners on outcomes and actions

Thank you to all EC members who contributed to this work so far!

