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**Shared Care Scotland National Conference: ...*Breaking Through*
Thursday 26th April 2007, Dunfermline**

Please find enclosed information and a booking form for the Shared Care Scotland 2007 National Conference - '*...Breaking Through*'. This event takes place at the Glen Pavilion, Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline on Thursday 26th April 2007.

We have an exciting day planned involving a combination of speakers, small group workshop sessions and some creative exercises! The Conference Market is a place where you can meet people more informally, tour the different exhibits and hopefully make some useful connections.

If you would like to bring along an information stand please let us know by filling in the appropriate section on the booking form. We are particularly keen to hear from organisations that can offer services to carers and cared for people.

Approximately 2 weeks before the event we will provide some background reading relating to the theme of the conference. You'll be able to find this on the Shared Care Scotland website: www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk.

Finally, please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you get the most from this event and we will do our best to meet your needs.

Kind regards

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Shared Care Scotland National Conference

...Breaking Through



Dunfermline, Thursday 26th April 2007

Shared Care Scotland is pleased to invite you to our 2007 Annual Conference. The title for our Conference this year is '*...Breaking Through*', with a focus on showcasing good practice and generating new ideas and possibilities for the development of short break and respite services.

The aims of the Conference are:

- To facilitate networking and the sharing of good practice between carers, cared for people, and those who plan and provide services
- To provide a 'market place' for new thinking and ideas which lead to improvements in service provision

We are planning an event which will be inspirational, informative, practical, engaging, and most importantly, fun, involving a diverse range of delegates and contributors from the voluntary, public and private sectors.

Contributors to the event will include: the Care Commission, The City of Edinburgh Council Short Breaks Team, Coalition of Carers in Scotland, Fife Council Direct Payments Service, GeezaBreak, In Control, Penumbra, Scottish Executive, Strathclyde University Community Care Works and the Young Carers Alliance, amongst others.

Who should attend?

The event is aimed at anyone with an interest and involvement in carers and carer support services, particularly short break and respite services. This includes people who use, plan, commission and provide services.

Anyone interested in hosting a stand in the exhibition area should let us know by completing the Information Stand request form.

Venue

The venue for our event is the Glen Pavilion in Dunfermline's famous Pittencrieff Park.

Costs

Public /Private Sector delegates:	£50.00	Carers/Cared for people:	No Cost
Voluntary Sector delegates:	£25.00	Members of Shared Care Scotland:	£15.00

Further information

For further information see: <http://sharedcarescotland.org.uk/events/annualconference.php>
The Conference Programme and application forms will be available from the end of February.

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**Glen Pavilion, Dunfermline
Thursday 26th April 2007**



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

9.15am Registration & Early Bird Events

Coffee will be served in the Melting Pot Café and there will also be an opportunity to visit the information stalls in the Conference Market Place and start dismantling our 'Barrier to Progress Wall'

10.00am Welcome

- Silvie Mackenzie, Chair, Shared Care Scotland
- Don Williamson, Chief Executive, Shared Care Scotland

A warm and welcoming introduction to the conference and the programme for the day.

10.15am Dynamic Discussions!

A chance to share views and experiences of respite and short breaks with your fellow delegates.

10.35am Care for a Break?

- A short film presentation featuring carers and service users discussing their experiences of respite and short breaks
- Elspeth Murray, poet

11.15am Workshops

Workshops will take place in three zones:

- Sharing Good Practice
- Informing & Updating
- Exploring Ideas & Possibilities

12.30pm Lunch in the Melting Pot Café & Market Place

1.45pm Respite for All?

- Task Group Session introduced by the Scottish Dementia Working Group

We want respite for all but what can we reasonably demand and expect? The aim of the afternoon session is to stimulate debate about the inadequacies of current provision for carers and service users and how it can realistically be improved when we know we're not in a perfect world of unlimited resources.

3.00pm Coffee Break & Exhibition of Ideas

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (continued)

3.30pm

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- Nigel Henderson, Chief Executive Penumbra and Convenor
Community Care Providers Scotland

Overcoming resistance to change and developing new approaches to services by connecting people, ideas and resources together is the theme of this year's annual conference. Our guest speaker will bring our event to a close by sharing his thoughts on this theme, picking up on some of the ideas and possibilities that emerged from our afternoon discussion.

3.55pm

Closing Remarks and Finish