



FAMILIES NEED FATHERS
SCOTLAND

FNF SCOTLAND

**Scottish office opened in Edinburgh in August 2010
with support from Equality & Human Rights
Commission**

**Established as a separate charity in December 2011.
Two staff and four local groups.**

**Funding from Scottish Government from March
2012.**

Both parents matter



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Other UK FNF organisations:

Families Need Fathers (England/UK)

<http://www.fnf.org.uk>

FNF Both Parents Matter CMYRU (Wales)

<http://www.fnf-bpm.org.uk/>

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MAIN AIMS

Supporting parents (mainly fathers but also a few mothers) as well as other family members and new partners with contact problems.

Promoting involvement of children with both parents after separation
- SHARED PARENTING

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FNF Scotland

- Glasgow, Edinburgh, Stirling and Aberdeen groups
- Phone and email support
- Scottish legal and other information
- Policy work & lobbying on shared parenting
- Seeking changes in family law and courts

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- **Approx. 360,000 children in Scotland today affected by divorce or separation.** [Office of National Statistics](#)
- **21-26% of all children with non-resident father** [GUS* sweeps 1 and 2](#)
- **33-35% of children of non-resident fathers have no contact with their father**

[*Growing Up in Scotland](#)

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Legal Changes

England/Wales

Children and Families Bill includes clause – mixed response/hostility (Nuffield Report)

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No proposals for law change but family court reform ongoing

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