



The  
**Compassionate  
Friends**

***Scottish Gathering***

***Stirling 2022***

***Friday 6th May till Sunday 8th May***



***Forever Anchored in Our Hearts***

*A warm and supportive weekend for all bereaved parents,  
siblings, grandparents from across the UK and overseas.*

Dear Friends

After an unprecedented break of two years, the Committee and I warmly invite you to join us at our supportive Scottish Gathering in May 2022 in order to be with others who know the agony and anguish of losing a much loved child, sibling or grandchild. For some of you your loss may have happened recently, for others perhaps some time ago but here with us you can freely share your precious and special memories and speak about your loved one with others 'who just get it'. The venue for the Gathering will be Stirling and a welcome return to the Stirling Court Hotel situated within the university campus and in the shadow of the Wallace Monument. Due to the break, we are very pleased to also announce that we have managed to freeze the costs for this year only and we look forward to welcoming you in May and would encourage you to book early.

If you wish to book please find further details at <http://www.tcf.org.uk/scottishgathering2022>

### **Just a few comments from those who attended the last Scottish Gathering in Perth**

- \* Being with friends old and new in a secure environment gives me renewed strength to continue my journey.
- \* You feel not so alone meeting with other parents and hearing their stories of how their new lives have developed, gives me hope.
- \* As comforting and safe, as ever - I'm so glad I came.
- \* Reuniting with friends made over the last 4-5 years and being given such a wonderful welcome, gives a huge sense of belonging.

*Clare Lechner*

(Chairperson of the Organising Committee)

### **Events and Activities**

Please don't feel that it is necessary to attend all the events on the programme, only participate in as much or as little as you wish and feel comfortable with. However, if you would like to, you can take part in a variety of discussion groups; craft workshops and a sharing session to which you can bring a piece of music or a poem that has a special meaning for you. There will also be a remembrance and candle lighting service and a special room where photos and memories of your precious children, grandchildren & siblings may be displayed.

**In April we will write to you with the full programme and joining instructions for the gathering.**

### **Are you feeling unsure?**

If you would like to speak to someone before booking for the weekend, please feel free to call Maureen on 01738 631406 or mobile 07952 405329 or email [maureenmactcf@gmail.com](mailto:maureenmactcf@gmail.com)

### **Help with costs.**

If you feel in need of financial assistance to attend the Gathering, please get in touch to request a bursary application form (priority initially given to newly bereaved).

Please contact us at 0345 120 3785 or [info@tcf.org.uk](mailto:info@tcf.org.uk)

### **Help us to support you.**

This is your charity but we can't do it without your help. If you are not already a donating member of The Compassionate Friends please JOIN US. It's easy to join: just visit the TCF website at

**[www.tcf.org.uk/join](http://www.tcf.org.uk/join)**

# BOOKING FORM SCOTTISH GATHERING 2022

## **RESERVING A PLACE**

To reserve a place could you please book as soon as possible - **there are three ways in which to book as below – however these options will close on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022 as we have to give up any unbooked rooms by this date.**

After this date please contact Maureen McAninch at email [maureenmactcf@gmail.com](mailto:maureenmactcf@gmail.com) or 01738 631406. Maureen will consult with the hotel and contact you to advise if any rooms are still available and if they suit your needs.

## **CANCELLATIONS**

Should you need to cancel your booking please do so no later than the **26<sup>th</sup> March 2022** and we will refund your payment.

**Sorry after that date due to the hotel terms and conditions we are unable to offer a refund.**

## **DOGS**

Unfortunately, we cannot allow dogs unless they are guide dogs.

## **BOOKING OPTIONS**

**Option 1. Book direct using the TCF ONLINE booking facility (Preferred option)**

**Option 2. You may print this form and return the form with a cheque made payable to “TCF Scottish Forum”**

**Option 3 You can also print the form and pay by bank transfer to  
Bank of Scotland: Account No. 10845764: Sort Code 80 22 60**

**For options 2 and 3 please return your booking form to  
Maureen McAninch, Bookings Co-ordinator, 17 St Magdalene's Road, Perth,  
PH2 0BN**

**Please tick as appropriate**

- ☐ **I enclose payment by cheque for £ .....**
- ☐ **Bank Transfer was completed on .....**

**Name/s.....**

**Address.....**

**..... Post Code.....**

**Telephone Number .....**

**Email .....**

**Are you coming by car? ..... or public transport? .....**

## BOOKING REQUIREMENTS

	Requirements	Numbers		To Pay
A	Full Board from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon £220 per person.			
B	Full board from Friday evening to Saturday afternoon £120 per person.			
C	Full board from Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon £165 per person.			
D	Saturday day visitor inc. lunch £35 per person.			
E	Sunday day visitor inc. lunch £43 per person.			
	Friday night dinner @ £39 per person Sat night dinner @ £39 per person	Frid.	Sat.	
	Thurs or Sun B&B @ £72 per person or £82 for double occupancy	Thu.	Sun.	
	I wish to contribute towards the <b>Scottish Gathering Financial Assistance Fund</b>			
		<b>Total Payment</b>		£

Full Names		Single Room	Double Room	Twin Room
				(NO TWIN ROOM AVAILABILITY LEFT)
CHILDREN'S NAMES	FIRST NAME			SURNAME

Date of Birth..... Date of death .....

Cause.....

Relationship to your loved one    Parent ☐    Sibling ☐    Grandparent ☐

Please can you say if this is your **only** child .....

Are you attending a Scottish Gathering for the first time?                      ☐ yes                      ☐ no

Dietary Requirements: .....

Disability Requirements: .....

Would you like to volunteer to help at the Scottish Gathering **YES / NO** – If so what sort of thing would you like to do – for example, assist in the TCF Shop, assist with the registration and discussion group desk rota, take a discussion group, suggest and facilitate a craft or other similar session etc.

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