

Guidance for Prospective Adopters when attending a SAR Webinar.

Logging in to the event: *You need to be registered with Link Maker to access this event.*

You will be sent a link by Scotland's Adoption Register. When you click on this link it will take you to the Link Maker sign in page. Once you have entered your username and password you will be re-directed to the Waiting Room for the Webinar. We recommend you log in no less than five minutes prior to the event starting. Latecomers will interrupt the viewing experience for others. Please ensure to be ready to view the Webinar at the set time.

NB Use of browsers to access the Webinar – Internet Explorer will NOT connect.

Participation in the event: This is not an interactive event, there will be no opportunity for Prospective Adopters to talk to anyone at this stage. The organisers will mute the microphones and webcams. This will ensure complete privacy for each family. We recommend that your Social Workers also attend the event to have knowledge of the children you may wish to express interest in.

Event content – There will be a series of video footage; ten videos, including sibling groups which will last around thirty minutes. At the end of each video there will be a pause with information regarding whom to contact before moving on to the next video. Each video will have an audio recording of the foster carer talking about the child/ren.

NB: This is the first Webinar and as such has been a learning experience for the foster carers who have been recording the children. This has resulted in the footage being a mixture of 'portrait' and 'landscape'. Further guidance will be provided to ensure all future Webinar events feature footage recorded in 'landscape' mode.

Your Experience – The experience of looking at pictures or watching videos of children can be very emotive for prospective adoptive families. It is important to share any concerns you might have prior to the event and to ensure you take time to acknowledge your feelings and responses after the event. If you are a single adopter, we recommend you link in with your social worker at the beginning and at the end of the event.

Feedback – We need your feedback to inform further development of the Webinars. We would greatly appreciate it if you could complete the form accompanying the email with the Webinar Link.

Please contact either Kate Richardson or Jess Austin at sar@adoptionregister.scot for any further advice or guidance.