## International Parental Alienation Awareness Day 25 April 2017

Tomorrow is another awareness day but this one is marked from Australia to Zanzibar and back again.



The phrase parental alienation is the situation where one parent no longer sees their child on a regular basis, often due to influence of the parent who has residence. Some of that influence is brought to bear on the child themselves, and it can affect the whole family including grandparents.

Families Need Fathers Scotland is an organisation based in Edinburgh, and they are using the day to highlight the issue to politicians, judges, lawyers and other professionals who work with families.

Ian Maxwell, National Manager of FNF Scotland, says:

"As awareness grows of parental alienation and the damage that it does to all the parties concerned — even the alienating parent — we hope that ways of working with affected families to counteract and undo alienation can be developed and improved in Scotland. The family courts also need to develop an understanding of how best to handle such cases.

Families Need Fathers Scotland is marking Parental Alienation Awareness Day by launching a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds to support innovative work to counter alienation. We also are seeking to raise the topic in the Scottish Parliament on the Awareness Day."