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The Adolescent and Children's Trust (TACT) co-hosts pre-election question time event

The Adolescent and Children's Trust (TACT) is pleased to be co-hosting a pre general election question time-style event with The British Association of Adoption and Fostering (BAAF), The Fostering Network, The Who Cares? Trust and Voice on Wednesday 3 March 2010 at the Churchill Museum & Cabinet War Rooms.

Journalist Nicky Campbell is chairing the 'Children in Care: What issues should the new Government be focusing on?' debate. Children's spokespeople from the three main parties; Baroness Delyth Morgan, Tim Loughton MP and Annette Brooke MP will be panellists alongside journalist David Akinsanya, who presented Channel 4's 'Find Me a Family'.

Talking ahead of the event, TACT Chief Executive, Kevin Williams, said:

"Whichever party wins the general election, it's vital that care issues are at the top of the political agenda. TACT is delighted to be co-hosting this great opportunity for stakeholders in the care system to challenge politicians and their policies ahead of the election."

BAAF Chief Executive, David Holmes, added:

"Supporting children in care and adopted children needs to be top priority for all political parties. We all have a shared responsibility to do our very best for these important children and young people. We are delighted to be part of this exciting event and look forward to a lively debate."

To ensure a lively debate, attendees have been invited to submit a question for the panel with their RSVP.

A reception will follow the debate to allow discussion to continue in a more informal atmosphere.

Notes to Editor

1. Contact TACT Executive Director of External Affairs, Gareth Crossman, on 020 8695 8120 for further information.
2. The Adolescent and Children's Trust (TACT) is the UK's largest charity provider of fostering and adoption services. Our core work involves providing high quality and well supported fostering or adoptive families for children and young people in the care of local authorities. Working in partnership with local authorities from our offices across England, Wales and Scotland, we are dedicated to providing creative, effective and outcome-focused services. We also campaign on behalf of children and young people in care, carers and adoptive families.

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