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Fàilte Welcome to our e-bulletin for Gaelic Education. This e-bulletin includes information on Gaelic Medium Education (GME); Gaelic Learner Education (GLE) and the promotion of Learning about Gaelic Language and Culture (LAGC) as part of Scotland's identity.

Professional Learning

Conference: Sharing the vision - Advice on Gaelic Education

Education Scotland is hosting a conference to share key messages from our recent publication, Advice on Gaelic Education. This will take place in the Drumossie Hotel, Inverness on 9 June 2015. The Advice is an important document in that it gives strategic direction to the development of Gaelic Education. It offers advice on Gaelic Medium Education, Gaelic Learner Education, Curriculum for Excellence and 1+2 Languages Approach. This year also marks 30 years since the commencement of Gaelic Medium Education and we would like to showcase some of the associated successes.

For more information, or to reserve a place at the conference, please contact us.

Education Scotland appreciates the support of a range of partners who are contributing to the conference.

Scottish Learning Festival

The Scottish Learning Festival will take place on 23 and 24 September 2015. The seminar for Gaelic Education will focus on building capacity for leadership.

Curriculum

Please visit Glow for previously published support materials:

- National 3, 4, 5 and Higher Gàidhlig, Gaelic (Learners), and Gaelic Medium Mathematics, Lifeskills Mathematics, Geography, History, Modern Studies.
- National 2 Physical Education, Food, Health and Wellbeing, Business in Practice and Lifeskills Maths.
- Advanced Higher Gaelic (Learners), Gàidhlig and History.

Coming soon

- Additional materials for National 5 GM Geography.
- Advanced Higher route maps through assessment for Gaelic (Learners) and Gàidhlig.

In our next phase of support for the senior phase, we will be reviewing all of our publications for the senior phase to enhance as necessary the quality of these resources. We would appreciate feedback from teachers on the resources for Gaelic Education. Please contact us with your feedback.

1+2 Approach to Languages

1+2 Approaches to Reading and Writing
This third Glow TV session from the modern languages team at Education Scotland looks at Reading and Writing in a 1+2 context. This includes advice on approaches to developing these skills in young learners and how this fits in with the new Experiences and Outcomes at First Level, published at the end of March.

Teachers of Gaelic (Learners) should note that the Gaelic (Learners) programme has always included Experiences and Outcomes at Early and First Levels which should be continued to be used.

1+2 Languages "Train the Trainer" 2015
The third "Train The Trainer" course, supporting the delivery of the 1+2 languages policy run by SCILT and Education Scotland will be held in Glasgow from Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July. The course is aimed at development officers and other staff with a responsibility for delivering training in modern languages in a 1+2 context. Nominations to attend should come from your local authority representative.

More information can be found on the SCILT website
or by contacting Emma McLean.

Comann nam Pàrant

The national organisation that advises and supports parents/carers of those in Gaelic Medium Education (GME), has recently published their annual report.

E-stòras Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

E-stòras has the following new resources available:
Literature at the secondary stages

Interview skills

Literature at the primary stages

CLPL for teachers wishing to learn Gaelic

5-10 July 2015 at Ceòlas Summer School, South Uist

This professional learning is for teachers wishing to learn or strengthen their Gaelic language skills. It is suitable for those who wish to teach Gaelic as part of a 1+2 Approach or GLL provision. This includes:

- Short courses taught within the context of a strong Gaelic community.
- Quality tuition from experienced fluent speakers of Gaelic.
- A positive and supportive learning environment.
- Experience of a rich oral tradition and culture.
- An opportunity to extend your knowledge of the natural environment, heritage and indigenous skills.

For more information, please contact: info@ceolas.co.uk.

Fèisgoil

Fèisgoil can assist with delivering a programme of Gaelic language, song, music, culture and dance within the curriculum as part of a 1+2 Approach to Languages and Curriculum for Excellence. A bespoke programme can be designed for each school. For more information, please contact feisgoil@feisean.org or visit the Fèisean website or telephone 01478 613355.

CLAS

Comann Luchd-Teagaisg Àrd-Sgoiltean (CLAS), the professional association for secondary teachers of Gaelic, is running writing competitions for Gaelic Medium and Learner Education. Submissions are invited before Monday 8 June. Further details are available online.

The Gaelic Books Council

Local Mòds

The Gaelic Books Council will be at the Oban, Glasgow and Aberfeldy Provincial Mòds this month selling a range of books for children of all ages, adults and learners.

Gaelic Bookbug – West End Festival

As part of the West End Festival 2015 in Glasgow, the Gaelic Books Council and An Lòchran will be running two Gaelic book sessions for children. The first session, for children aged 0-3, will take place on Saturday 13th June at 1pm in the Gaelic bookshop, 32 Mansfield Street, Glasgow. The second session, for children aged 3-5, will also take place in the shop on Saturday 20th June at 1pm. To book a place at either of these events, please call Shona Masson at An Lòchran on 0141 341 1025, or send an e-mail to shona@anlochran.com.

Two new books for young adults:

- *Glainne by Daibhidh Eyre*
- *Tuath air a' Bhealach by Màrtainn Mac an t-Saoir*

Stòrlann

Stòrlann, the national organisation tasked with producing resources for Gaelic, is producing resources to support the role of Gaelic as a first or second additional language in English medium education - L2 or L3. The aim of the course is to equip teachers with the Gaelic language skills and methodology to deliver Gaelic as part of children's learning. Learning materials

for use with children is also being developed. For this project, Stòrlann is collaborating with Edinburgh City Council, the GLPS consortium with funding from Bòrd na Gàidhlig. Please contact djmacritchie@storlann.co.uk for more information.

For more information on Education Scotland Foghlam Alba, please visit our website and/or contact us.

Keep up to date with our briefings and website for Gaelic Education.

Education Scotland Update

Developing the Young Workforce website

The Education Scotland website now includes a dedicated area for Developing the Young Workforce.

Developing the Young Workforce is a seven-year programme that aims to better prepare children and young people form 3-18 for the world of work. The programme builds on the foundations already in place as part of Curriculum for Excellence.

The website has background information about the programme as well as information about key areas including;
- careers information and advice
- work placement
- senior phase pathways
- skills for learning, life and work

There are also resources and links from across Education Scotland that will support skills development. The website will be regularly updated with new content, bookmark the page to keep up-to-date.

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