

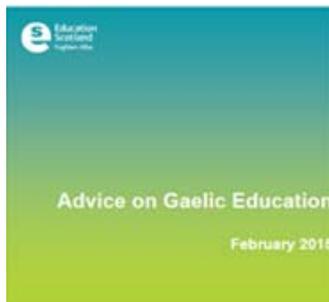
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## Gaelic e-bulletin / Fios mun Ghàidhlig

*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.



### Advice on Gaelic Education

We have published [Advice on Gaelic Education](#) which provides important information on the national context, and describes best practice to support practitioners and local authorities in evaluating and planning for improvement in Gaelic Education. It is based on evidence from inspections, reviews and validated self-evaluation, covering all sectors of Gaelic Education and other engagements with a wide range of stakeholders over the period 2012-14.

Education Scotland will use this advice in inspections to support professional dialogue and learning when engaging with practitioners, and as an agenda for discussion with partners. The remainder of our findings for this workstream is contributing to current discussions on national policy, and in particular the Gaelic Education provisions of the forthcoming Education Bill. Once the Bill is passed, Education Scotland's work will inform the development of statutory guidance to be issued under the new Education Act.



## A 1+2 Approach to Language Learning

New guidance has been published by Education Scotland specifically on the second additional language (L3) to be introduced by P5 by the latest, as a key element of the 1+2 policy. [Language learning in Scotland: A 1+2 approach - Further guidance on L3 within the 1+2 policy.](#)

For detailed advice on the role of Gaelic Medium and Learner Education in a 1+2 Approach, [please visit our website.](#)

For professional learning on a 1+2 Approach, please view [Glow TV](#). A [powerpoint presentation](#) is also available.

Key dates:

- Glow meet on reading and writing in a 1+2 context: 29 April 2015.
- Conference for local authority development officers: 14 May 2015 in Stirling.
- Outreach events in partnership with SCILT on the senior phase and L3 in May and June 2015.
- Training the Trainers: 29 June – 3 July 2015.

## Leadership Award for Teachers of Gaelic Medium Education



The second session of the leadership award for those in Gaelic Medium Education took place in February. Teachers engaged in a range of learning activities including discussion on questions set by the Chief Executives of The General Teaching Council for Scotland and the Scottish College of Educational Leadership. Social Enterprise Academy and Education Scotland would like to acknowledge the contributions from Fred Wildridge, Headteacher of the Year in the Scottish Education Awards, 2014. We would also like to thank Columba 1400 for the use of their premises on the Isle of Skye. Social Enterprise Academy's next professional learning on leadership is for Gaelic organisations and groups and will take place on 7-8 May and 18-19 June 2015. If you would like more information about this leadership award, please contact [Kate@theacademy-ssea.org](mailto:Kate@theacademy-ssea.org).

## Audit of career-long professional learning

As part of the National Gaelic Education Strategy we are currently undertaking an audit to help ascertain priorities for professional learning for Gaelic Education. The findings of this audit will be used to plan future programmes of professional learning.

There are three audits:

[GME Secondary](#)

[Gaelic Learner Education 3-18](#)

[GME Early Learning and Childcare Centres and Primary](#)

We appreciate your support in completing these audits by 23 March 2015.

More from Education Scotland



### Professional learning

Resources and guidance to support professional learning at all levels for education practitioners in Scotland.

## Glow TV: Developing the Vision for Gaelic Medium Education

Education Scotland appreciates the contributions of Peter Carpenter, The Director of Education and Children's Services, and Willie MacDonald and Catherine MacLennan, Senior Education Officers at Comhairle nan Eilean Siar for outlining the effective practice that has resulted in an increased uptake for Gaelic Medium Education in their local authority. To view this, please visit [Glow: Developing the Vision for Gaelic Medium Education](#). This provides valuable advice to officers in local authorities, senior leaders in schools and teachers.



## New support for Gaelic Medium Education in the senior phase

The following resources are now available on [Glow](#) through the medium of Gaelic:

- National 5 Modern Studies Democracy in Scotland
- National 3, 4, 5, H – Higher Media and glossary of terminology
- National 2 Physical Education, Food, health and wellbeing
- AH History.



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.

## Support across stages using our websites



The Education Scotland website, [Weather and Climate Change](#) is now available through the medium of Gaelic. This is aimed at providing practitioners with resources to help include weather and climate change within the curriculum for Gaelic Medium Education.

Other Education Scotland websites that are available through the medium of Gaelic are: [Scotland's History](#), [Scotland's Songs](#), [Scotland's Stories](#), [Scots and Canada](#).

## Health and wellbeing: responsibility of all Making the links...making it work Gaelic version



The interactive PDF accompanying this resource is [now available through the medium of Gaelic](#). This flexible resource can be used in a variety of ways to support children and young people in the aspects of health and wellbeing which are the responsibility of all. This resource may be used to support both Gaelic Learner and Medium Education.

## Aberdeen University and Sabhal Mòr Ostaig:

### Post graduate certificate - Streap

Applications are invited for the post graduate certificate, Streap, from practitioners in early learning and childcare centres, primary and secondary schools. This distance-learning course forms part of master-level learning. It has a particular focus on terminology, skills and knowledge connected to teaching in Gaelic Medium Education. For more information, please contact [sp.smo@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:sp.smo@uhi.ac.uk). This course is fully funded by the Scottish Government.





## E-stòras

New publications to support the broad general education at the primary stages:

- [Roald Dahl](#)
- [Writing in paragraphs](#)

New publication to support the secondary stages:

[Reviewing films](#)

## Comann nam Pàrant

Comann nam Pàrant, the national organisation that advises and supports parents/carers of those in Gaelic Medium Education (GME), has recently published a [newsletter](#).



**Forthcoming conference: Learn from the Past; Look to the Future, Culduthel Christian Centre, Inverness.**

Comann nam Pàrant is holding a national learning event for parents/carers of those in GME on Saturday 9 May 2015. To register for this event, please contact [fios@parant.org.uk](mailto:fios@parant.org.uk).



## The Gaelic Books Council

The Gaelic Books Council is inviting submissions for the Donald Meek Award 2015 which aims to encourage new and creative writing. For more information, please contact [janice@gaelicbooks.org](mailto:janice@gaelicbooks.org) or [Gaelic Books](#).

The Gaelic Books Council has a wide range of new and exciting publications. For information on new publications please visit [Gaelic Books](#). A 10% education discount will be applied to all purchase orders from schools.

**Meet the Author** - Why not have a Meet the Author session to give children and young people an opportunity to discuss the features of a book and hear the author reading their work? For more information, please contact [rosemary@gaelicbooks.org](mailto:rosemary@gaelicbooks.org).

**Outreach Sales** – The Gaelic Books Council is happy to provide outreach sales opportunities for school's open days, parents' evenings or school fayres. Please contact

## Conference: Bilingual Education and Language Revitalisation

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Isle of Skye on 29 - 30 May 2015



The second Soillse conference, in conjunction with CAER, the Education Society of the European Regions is free for practitioners of Gaelic and Gaelic Medium Education (GME). Keynote speakers are Miquel Strubell, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, and Antonella Sorace, University of Edinburgh. For more information, please visit the [Soillse website](#).

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#### Education Scotland News

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