

Briefing on Gaelic Education

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

Strategic Objective 1: Build a world-class curriculum for all learners in Scotland

1. Curriculum for Excellence developments

To support teachers with assessment, we will be publishing benchmarks for Literacy and Gàidhlig and Gaelic (Learners). These are based on the [progression frameworks](#) for which we acknowledge the work of teachers in working with us in their development. More information is available on the [National Improvement Hub](#).

2. Our New Websites

Three of Education Scotland's websites are now on new platforms to reflect Scotland's evolving education system. Existing content has been moved, reviewed and significantly streamlined. The corporate site has a new URL and can be found at www.education.gov.scot. Our [Briefings on Gaelic Education](#) and current information will be available [here](#). This is also where we will provide updates using our blogs. We have retained the section on Gaelic Medium Education on [Parentzone](#) and would welcome views on how this may be developed to support with the implementation of the statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education. The materials for [national qualifications](#) are now available on a dedicated site. [The National Improvement Hub](#) will have materials to help with improving provision in Gaelic Education and Glow will continue to be available.

3. Resources on the National Improvement Hub

[Health and wellbeing; Responsibility of all - Making the links...making it work](#)

This resource package is intended to help practitioners and establishments develop a shared understanding of health and wellbeing responsibility of all. It aims:

- to help all those working with children and young people in an educational setting move towards embedding it within their work;
- to develop a framework to ensure progression in learning and to make the process more manageable.

[Place names of Scotland](#)

The place names of Scotland resource combines geography and history and helps children and young people make connections with Gaelic and their knowledge and understanding of Scotland.

Strategic Objective 2: Promote high-quality professional learning and leadership amongst education practitioners

4. Resources on the National Improvement Hub



[Supporting children with effective strategies in Gaelic Medium Education](#)

This resource is a practitioner-focused briefing which supports practitioners to meet the learning needs of those who require support for their learning within Gaelic Medium Education (GME). It is based on a summary of a presentation delivered by Dr Fiona Lyon and includes challenge questions to support Quality Indicator 3.2.



[Support for Literacy Skills in GME](#)

Education Scotland commissioned Sabhal Mòr Ostaig to produce materials to promote improvement in literacy skills through Gaelic. These materials may be used to put interventions in place to raise attainment and are suitable for learners across a range of stages.



[Scottish Attainment Challenge – Interventions for Equity](#)

An initial [framework](#) to support the introduction of the Scottish Attainment Challenge - Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) has been produced by Education Scotland and will continue be developed. It is based on a range of interventions and approaches that are currently being used in schools across Scotland which can contribute to closing the attainment gap between our most and least disadvantaged children. This resource should be used alongside:

- *Pupil Equity Funding – Operational Guidance for Schools (to be published Jan 2017)*
- [Driving Excellence and Equity: Advice on School Improvement Planning 2017/18](#)
- [How Good is Our School? \(4th edition\)](#)
- [How Good is our Early Learning and Childcare? \(HGIOLEC?\)](#)
- [Advice on Gaelic Education](#)

5. Glow TV Events available on Watch Again



Education Scotland, in partnership with Comhairle nan Leabhraichean, held a [Gaelic Writing Glow TV session](#) with Gaelic author and actor Catriona Lexy Campbell. During this session Catriona Lexy:

- describes how she has developed her career in Gaelic writing;

- discusses ways in which practitioners can inspire children and young people to write in Gaelic;
- suggests ways in which practitioners can further develop Gaelic writing skills, linking to CfE Es and Os.

This session will be of particular interest to practitioners at the upper primary and secondary stages.

Strategic Objective 3: Build the capacity of education providers to improve their performance continuously

6. Gaelic Education Award, Scottish Education Awards

We are inviting nominations for the Scottish Education Awards which includes an award to celebrate the successes and recognise the achievements within **Gaelic Education**. Education Scotland acknowledges that Bòrd na Gàidhlig sponsor this award. Entry to the Awards is open to all publicly funded schools, including secondary, primary, early learning and childcare settings and special schools. There is a wide variety of categories to enter which are linked to the Curriculum for Excellence. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.scottisheducationawards.co.uk/>

Strategic Objective 4: Provide independent evaluation of education provision

7. How Good is our School? Fourth Edition



The paperback Gaelic version of How Good is our School? v4 will shortly arrive in schools. Click [here](#) to view the electronic version.

Information from partners

8. Comann nam Pàrant



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

9. Never such innocence - Poetry Competition

The 2016/17 Never Such Innocence Poetry & Art Competition is now open. Young people who are 9-16 year olds are invited to submit work inspired by the events of the First World War. Poetry entries for Gaelic are being invited for the first time this year.

Please visit the [website](#) for more details

10. My World of Work Website

Skills development Scotland have re-launched their [My World of Work](#) website. They have designed a full set of resources to help young people develop their career management skills. There is useful advice on the benefits of including skills in [Gaelic](#) as part of a CV.

11. Read Write Count

Helpful hints and tips for parents of children in Gaelic Medium Education to assist them in supporting their child with their learning is now available [here](#).

12. Scottish Book Trust

First Minister's Reading Challenge

The Scottish Book Trust is looking for a Gaelic Medium Education establishment who has taken on the challenge and would be keen to share their practice to inspire schools across Scotland. If you would like to feature as a case study on the Scottish Book Trust website, please make contact with readingchallenge@scottishbooktrust.com. Remember that Reading Passports are available in Gaelic!

13. Stòrlann

Sgeulachdan Traidiseanta

<http://www.sgeulachdan.scot>

Tha Stòrlann, ann an com-pàirteachas ri Bòrd na Gàidhlig agus Comhairle Lannraig a Tuath, air 18 Sgeulachdan Traidiseanta agus Albannach beothaichte do chlànn a chur a-mach. Tha iad uile rim faotainn air-loidhne agus air DVD.

Traditional Tales: In partnership with Bòrd na Gàidhlig and North Lanarkshire Council, Stòrlann have produced 18 animated Traditional and Scottish Tales for children, all of which are available online and on DVD.

14. [GO!GAELIC](#)

Chaidh 20 bhidio cuspaireil ùr a' luchdachadh suas o chionn ghoirid agus chaidh a chur air bhog aig a' Mhòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail ann an Steòrnabhagh.

20 new topic videos were recently uploaded and launched at the Royal National Mod in Stornoway.

15. CISTE ULaidh na h-ALBA – GEAMA BÙIRD

'S e geama dualchais a th' ann le ceistean air fearann agus nàdar, eachdraidh, cultar agus Alba an latha an-diugh – tha na ceistean agus na h-ainmean-àite gu lèir sa Ghàidhlig. 'S e an t-amas na litrichean aig CISTE a chruinneachadh bho air feadh map de Alba a tha air a tharraing air a' bhòrd-cluiche. / Ciste Ulaidh na h-Alba is a heritage game with questions about land and nature, history, culture and contemporary Scotland — with all the questions and place names in Gaelic. Ciste is Gaelic for 'chest' and the aim is to collect the letters C I S T E from their locations around the map of Scotland, which is pictured on the board.

16. CD nam Fo-dheuchainnean

Bho chionn ghoirid sgaoil Stòrlann CD nam fo-dheuchainnean anns an robh pàipearan agus faidhlichean fuaim tarsainn air trì ìrean do fhileantaich agus do luchd-ionnsachaidh na Gàidhlig.

Prelim CDs

Stòrlann recently distributed the prelim CD which included papers and audio files across three levels for fluent and learners of Gaelic.

17. Pròiseact an Dàrna Cogaidh

<http://www.storlann.co.uk/an-darna-cogadh/>

Chaidh an goireas eadar-chuspaireil seo a chruthachadh airson taic a thoirt do luchd-teagaisg an cuspair seo a libhrigeadh le clasaichean 4-7 sa bhun-sgoil.

Tha planaichean agus goireasan feumail ann a tha a' ceangal ris na cuspairean a leanas: A' planadh Cuspair, Aig an Dachaigh, Fògradh Chloinne, Anne Frank, Am Blitz, Prìosanaich Cogaidh, Obair nam Mnathan, Latha a' Chuimhneachaidh.

World War 2

This interdisciplinary resource has been produced to support the teaching of this subject in P4 – 7 in the primary school. It contains useful plans and resources in connection with the following – Planning, Home, Evacuation of Children, Anne Frank, The Blitz, Prisoners of War, Women's Work and Remembrance Day.

18. Scholar/Stòrlann: Saidheans Ìre 3

Tha Stòrlann, ann an com-pàirteachas ris a' phrògram Scholar ann an Oilthigh Heriot-Watt, air 10 aonadan Saidheans a dheasachadh a tha freagarrach airson an treas ìre CfE. Tha na h-aonadan a' dèiligeadh ri topaigean a tha an Curraicealam airson Sàr Mhathas a' moladh airson na h-ìre seo. Tha iad air an dealbh gus gum bi luchd-ionnsachaidh air chomas an slighe fhèin obrachadh tro na stuthan aig luaths a fhreagras orra. Tha eacarsaichean is deuchainnean eadar-obrachail annta agus tha measadh foirmeil aig deireadh gach aonaid. Tha liosta briathrachais an cois nan aonadan.

Scholar/Stòrlann: Science Level 3

Storlann, in partnership with the Scholar programme in Heriot-Watt University, has developed 10 Science units suitable for third level CfE. The units cover topics recommended for this level within the Curriculum for Excellence framework. They are designed in a way that will allow learners to navigate through the materials at a pace that suits them, undertaking interactive exercises and virtual experiments in the process. A formal assessment is included at the end of each unit. A terminology glossary is provided.

For information on other aspects of Education Scotland, please visit

www.educationscotland.gov.uk

We are also adding resources to our National Improvement Hub. Please search [Gaelic Education](#) in the [National Improvement Hub](#)

For more information, please contact inverness@educationscotland.gsi.gov.uk

If you wish to use our briefing to inform practitioners of Gaelic Education of useful information, please contact us at inverness@educationscotland.gsi.gov.uk.