

# Briefing on Gaelic Education

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## Fàilte

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. New resources



New on the National Improvement Hub is the Gaelic version of the [Achievement of a Level poster](#). For our other resources, please search [Gaelic Education here](#).

New on Education Scotland's corporate site:

[Progression from the Broad General Education to the Senior Phase, Gaelic version](#)

[Curriculum for Excellence Statement, Gaelic version](#)

New on Parentzone Scotland are Gaelic versions of guides for parents on [Supporting your child's learning](#) in various curriculum areas.

For regular updates on Gaelic, please visit our learning blog for [Gaelic Medium Education](#) and [Gaelic Learner Education](#).

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



### 2. E-Sgoil: A digital solution for Gaelic Medium Education Scottish Learning Festival, 9.30am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017

E-Sgoil offers schools a digital learning solution to increase the breadth of programmes and pathways on offer to young people as part of Curriculum for Excellence. Angus MacLennan, Headteacher of e-Sgoil will share an evaluation of some pilots that ran this year. Advice will also be available on how e-Sgoil can increase learning through the medium of Gaelic at the secondary stages. Information on how to register for this seminar and the festival programme is available [here](#).

### 3. Language Learning in Scotland: A 1+2 Approach Regional events for secondary practitioners

Education Scotland, in partnership with ADES, GTCS, Scottish Government and SCILT, is running a series of inter-authority events in May/June. These events are for principal teachers of languages and senior managers who are responsible for curriculum planning. The events will provide an opportunity to discuss, examine and share approaches to the implementation of 1+2 at the secondary stages, including GME and GLE.

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

#### 4. Scientist biographies competition winners

Education Scotland, in partnership with SCILT, are delighted to announce the winners of the translation competition of a scientist biography. The winners are Donald Morrison, Millburn Academy, Inverness and Hannah Wood, Gairloch High School, Gairloch. Congratulations to them both! Their work can be viewed [here](#). Thank you to all who took part.

### Strategic Objective 4: Provide independent evaluation of education provision



#### 5. Quality and Improvement in Scottish Education

We have now published the individual chapters from the Quality and Improvement in Scottish Education report on our website, along with the full report. This report gives a review of our inspection findings for the period 2012-2016. It highlights areas of growing strength and key areas for further improvement. For the first time, we have included a chapter on Gaelic Medium Education (GME) which exemplifies the growth of the sector. This chapter is available at:

#### [PDF file: Gaelic Medium Education \(126 KB\)](#)

We would encourage those with responsibility for Gaelic Learner and Medium Education across sectors to engage with the report. In particular, the findings for Gaelic and to build these into improvement planning. Addressing these areas for improvement effectively will make a decisive contribution to achieving the twin aims of excellence and equity for Scottish learners, which sits at the heart of the National Improvement Framework. For more information to support improvement, please use our [Advice on Gaelic Education](#).

## Information from partners

### 6. BBC Alba

Gèam ùr do chlann òga - [Mi fhèin is mo pheata.](#)

A new interactive game for young children - [Me and my pet.](#)

### 7. Comhairle Nan Leabhraichean

#### **Dùbhlán Leughaidh a' Chiad Mhinisteir/First Minister's Reading Challenge**

Tha [Comhairle nan Leabhraichean](#) airson clann ann am bun-sgoiltean a bhrosnachadh gu molaidhean a dhèanamh air na leabhraichean Gàidhlig is fheàrr leotha. Dh'fhaodadh na leabhraichean siud a nochdadh air liosta an Dùbhlán-Leughaidh an ath bhliadhna.

The [Gaelic Books Council](#) wants to encourage children at the primary stages to suggest titles that could appear on the Reading Challenge list next year.

#### **Leum dhan Leabhar**

Ma tha tachartasan sònraichte ri thighinn san sgoil agaibh (m.e. Oidhche nam Pàrant, fèill-reic, latha fosgailte) nach gabh sibh pàirt anns a' chlub leabhraichean againn, 'Leum dhan Leabhar'. Thèid agaibh air stàile loma-làn leabhraichean Gàidhlig a thaisbeanadh agus a cheannach.

If there are any forthcoming events in your school (e.g. parents' evening, school fayre, open day), Comhairle nan Leabhraichean can provide a stall of the latest Gaelic books.

#### **Leugh is Seinn le Linda**

A bheil ùidh agaibh seisean [Leugh is Seinn le Linda](#) a chumail anns an sgoil / sgoil-àraich agaibh?

Are you interested in holding a [Leugh is Seinn le Linda](#) session in your school/nursery? If so, please contact [Shelagh](#)

'S ann air Disathairne 24 Ògmhios a bhios an ath sheisean Leugh is Seinn le Linda, mar phàirt de Fhèis an Taobh an Iar, ann am bùth Chomhairle nan Leabhraichean.

The next *Leugh is Seinn le Linda* session will be held on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June**, as part of the West End Festival, at the Gaelic Book Council.

For more information on any of the above Comhairle nan Leabhraichean features, please contact [Shelagh](#) or call 0141 337 6211.

## 8. National Library of Scotland

### [Iolaire – echoes of a peacetime disaster](#)

This website provides an overview of the events of the sinking of *HMY Iolaire* on 1 January 1919.

## 9. Scottish Book Trust

Scottish Book Trust runs a monthly 50-Word Fiction contest which welcomes entries in Gaelic, English and Scots. Check out the current prompt and [enter the competition](#).

## 10. Strep: Professional learning for teachers of GME

The next programme of this post graduate teaching certificate for teachers of 3-18 GME begins on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017. It is fully funded by the Scottish Government. For more information, please visit [Aberdeen University](#) and [Sabhal Mòr Ostaig's](#) websites.

## 11. Stòrlann

### **An t-Alltan: Annual Conference for teachers of Gaelic**

*Tha Alltan 2017 san Aghaidh Mhòir air 27 & 28 Sultain. Cuiribh na deitichean seo dhan leabhar-latha!*

The annual Stòrlann conference for teachers of GME and GLE is on **27 & 28 September 2017** in Aviemore.

### **Leabhraichean Ùra air Gaelic4Parents**

*Tha dà leabhar mu dheidhinn Montaidh, an cù dailmèisean, a-nis rim faighinn mar fhaidhlichean-fuaim air làrach-lìn [Gaelic4Parents](#).*

Two books about Monty the dalmation are now available as audio files on the [Gaelic4Parents website](#).

### **Feumalachdan Taic a Bharrachd/Additional Support Needs**

*Goireas air-loidhne a chuidicheas luchd-obrach gus taic a thoirt do chlann ann am FMG nuair a tha feum aca air taic a bharrachd le cainnt agus cànan. Gheibhear air a luchdachadh a-nuas ann an cruth PDF [an seo](#). Tha 11 taisbeanaidhean bhidio cuideachd air an làrach.*

This is an online resource package to help practitioners support children in GME who need extra help with their learning and development. A PDF file is available [here](#). There are also 11 video presentations available on the website.



**Dòchas an t-Samhraidh le Morag Stiùbhart - A' tighinn a dh'aithghearr gu**

**[www.storlann.co.uk/an-darna-cogadh](http://www.storlann.co.uk/an-darna-cogadh).**

*Tha Dòchas an t-Samhraidh a' dèiligeadh ri cuspairean leithid cogadh, ionndrainn, call is càirdeas. Bidh e freagarrach airson sgoilearan air P5-7 sa bhun-sgoil.*

**Coming soon**

*Dòchas an t-Samhraidh deals with war, longing, loss and friendship, It will be suitable for pupils in P5-P7.*

***Lasadh***

*Tha stuthan ùr air an làrach-lìn [an seo](#).*

Please see new resources now available on [the website](#).

For more information on Education Scotland's support, including for Gaelic, please see

**[Briefings and Updates on Gaelic Education](#)**

**[GME Blog](#)**

**[GLE Blog](#)**

Please search [Gaelic Education](#) at the [National Improvement Hub; Corporate website](#) and [Parentzone](#).

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