

Briefing on Gaelic Education

February 2019



Fàilte

1. 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



2. Education Scotland has published on the National Improvement Hub (NIH), the Gaelic versions of e-Sgoil's live narrative project: [the interactive presentation](#) and the [live narrative poster](#). More information is available [here](#).

3. [Parentzone Scotland](#) has some key information on Gaelic Medium Education (GME) and the benefits of bilingualism. It also has information on the website, [Gaelic4parents](#) which provides live online support with GME homework across subjects.

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



4. The Gaelic version of the new model of professional learning is now available [here](#). The new model will assist practitioners in GME to identify the kinds of learning that will empower and enable them to best meet the needs of learners. More information on the new model can be found [here](#).

5. The Scottish College of Educational Leadership has announced that applications for the following programmes are now open: Teacher Leadership, Into Headship, In Headship and Towards Headship. Please see [here](#) for more information on how to apply and the closing dates for applications.

6. Moderation support events for practitioners in GME have taken place in Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and The Highland Council. Thank you to those who have shown their interest and support in attending. A further event will take place in Glasgow on the 5th March. There are still spaces available at the Glasgow event to which practitioners from all other local authorities are warmly invited to attend. Please contact Education Scotland [here](#) to register your interest.

7. The following powerpoint presentations are available on our [National Gaelic Professional Learning Community](#) on Yammer:

- Learning, teaching and assessment –supporting moderation and the moderation process.



- Profiling, moderation and using the literacy and Gàidhlig Benchmarks in GME Early Learning and childcare settings.

New members to this yammer group are most welcome.

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

8. The Scottish Education Awards 2019 by Education Scotland have now closed. Thank you to those who have made nominations for the Gaelic Education Award. The winner will be announced at a special ceremony on Wednesday 5 June 2019. The Gaelic Education Award is sponsored by Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

Information from partners

9. Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland

The Children's Commissioner's office has recently launched its human rights resources for children through the medium of Gaelic. These resources can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.cypcs.org.uk/footer/accessibility/languages/goireasan-gaidhlig>

10. Comann nam Pàrant

Comann nam Pàrant Phort Rìgh has recently launched a [video](#) on the benefits of bilingualism and the benefits parents feel children gain from Gaelic Medium Education. The video was produced by a former Portree GME pupil with support from Bòrd na Gàidhlig. Niteworks gave permissions to use their music.

11. Comhairle nan Leabhraichean

Farpaisean airson Latha nan Leabhraichean

Mar chomharra air Latha nan Leabhraichean air 7 Màrt 2019, tha Comhairle nan Leabhraichean a' ruith farpaisean ealain agus sgrìobhaidh ann am bun-sgoiltean le Gàidhlig air feadh Alba.

Fios a bharrachd an seo: bit.ly/2HRS7XY

World Book Day Competitions

To celebrate World Book Day on 7th March 2019, the Gaelic Books Council is running art and writing competitions for Gaelic primary school classes throughout Scotland.

More information: bit.ly/2HRS7XY

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.

If there are any upcoming events in your school (e.g. parents' evening, school fayre, open day), Comhairle nan Leabharaichean 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 (Read and Sing with Linda)* session in your school / nursery?

For more information on any of the above Comhairle nan Leabharaichean offers, please contact Shelagh on **0141 337 6211** or at shelagh@gaelicbooks.org.

12. Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Fèisean nan Gàidheal, the Gaelic arts organisation, offers teaching support in the delivery of music, drama and language to schools offering GME and Gaelic Learner Education (GLE) through Fèisgoil. Fèisgoil's Blasad Gàidhlig scheme supports the teaching of Gaelic (Learners) as part of a 1+2 Approach to Languages. Our new initiative, Bearirteas, promotes the pairing of Gaelic-speakers in the community with GME schools. More information is available here: <http://www.feisean.org> or contact Eilidh Mackenzie, eilidh@feisean.org or 01463 225559.

13. National Museums Scotland

The National Museum of Scotland is looking to recruit Gaelic speaking Volunteer Guides to provide tours delivered through the medium of Gaelic. For full details, please follow this link to the [online advert](#).

14. Scottish Book Trust

First Minister's Reading Challenge: Celebrate the work you've done to promote reading in Gaelic this year.

As part of the First Minister's Reading Challenge, the Gaelic Medium Education Reading Journey challenge asks schools to tell about whatever you've been doing to promote reading in

a GME context. On submitting an entry, you will receive a party pack, containing decorations and ideas for your own book-themed celebration of your achievements.

Submissions will open in **March**. Find out more at readingchallenge.scot

15. Spòrs Gàidhlig

Cur-seachadan ann an Gàidhlig / Gaelic activities

Spòrs Gàidhlig – buidheann a bhios a’ tabhann chothroman, chur-seachadan, tachartasan agus eile tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig airson òigridh air feadh na h-Alba.

Spòrs Gàidhlig is an organisation dedicated to providing opportunities for young people to use their Gaelic language. Please visit <http://www.spors.scot/gd/> to discover the range of opportunities on offer, or contact Donald at fios@spors.scot.

16. For more information on Education Scotland’s support, including for Gaelic, please see

[Briefings and Updates on Gaelic Education](#)

[GME Blog](#)

[GLE Blog](#)

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

18. For sharing and collaborating please see our [Yammer group](#) on Glow. New members are most welcome.

19. If you wish to use our e-bulletins to update practitioners of Gaelic Education, please contact us at EDSCFE@EducationScotland.gsi.gov.uk. Our next bulletin will be published in May 2019.