

Briefing on Gaelic Education

November 2018



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. We have published on the National Improvement Hub, the Gaelic versions of key documents to support young people with profiling their skills and achievements. These are: [Guidance for teachers and practitioners](#), and, [Learning resource 6 – Profiling in the context of career education](#).

3. E-sgoil's engagement with the Scottish Attainment Challenge is now documented as part of a Live Narrative Project. This sharing of practice is intended to assist senior leaders and teachers with improving practice through the medium of Gaelic and English. More information is available [here](#).



4. Please find Education Scotland's recently published set of digital vision diagrams [here](#). These diagrams explore what digital means for learners, teachers, head teachers schools and local authorities.

5. Vibrant Libraries, Thriving Schools: '[A National Strategy for School Libraries in Scotland, 2018-2023](#)', was published in September. The strategy highlights ways that staff in libraries and schools may collaborate on continuous improvement and professional development. Please find more information [here](#).

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



6. Education Scotland has published a new national model of professional learning. The new model outlines the kinds of learning that will empower and enable practitioners to best meet the needs of learners. More information can be found [here](#). This new model will be available through the medium of Gaelic in the near future.

7. We are delighted that another cohort of teachers are undertaking the Gaelic Medium Leadership Award. This is endorsed by SCEL and leads to an accreditation by the Institute of Leadership and Management Award at SCQF level 9. More information is available [here](#). For future programmes, please contact Lorna Jamieson Lorna@socialenterprise.academy

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

8. The Scottish Education Awards 2019 by Education Scotland will be launched soon. These awards include a category bespoke to Gaelic Education. We invite nominations for GME and GLE across the sector for which details will be on our website. Scottish Government and Bòrd na Gàidhlig sponsor this category.

Information from partners

9. An Comunn Gaidhealach

Gaelic in the curriculum - An Comunn Gaidhealach's latest [newsletter](#) contains details to support the development of Gaelic language, culture, music and literacy in the curriculum.

10. BBC Alba

BBC Bitesize - Bun-sgoil

Primary Bitesize guides are now available in Gaelic, including videos and quizzes to help with: [Saidheansan](#), [Lìtearrachd agus Gàidhlig](#), [Àireamhachd agus Matamataig](#).

11. 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](#).

12. Comhairle nan Leabhraichean

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 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 (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.

13. 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). Fèisean nan Gàidheal's supports the teaching of Gaelic (Learners) as part of a 1+2 Approach to Languages and promotes the use of Gaelic-speaking partnerships within GME. More information is available here: [Fèisgoil service](#) or contact Eilidh Mackenzie, eilidh@feisean.org or 01463 225559.

Please also refer to our [Advice on secondary GME curriculum](#), [Advice on a 1+2 Approach to Languages](#), some of which is [statutory](#). These [challenge questions](#) support the use of self-evaluation to improve the GME curriculum.

14. GTC Scotland

The General Teaching Council for Scotland are seeking your ideas about Gaelic education <http://www.gtcs.org.uk/News/teaching-scotland/76-gaelic-education-your-ideas-wanted.aspx>

We have published a new Literature Review on Teacher Education Entry Requirements as part of the current consultation on the Memorandum on Entry Requirements for Initial Teacher Education Programmes in Scotland. <http://www.gtcs.org.uk/News/news/literature-review-teacher-education-entry-requirements.aspx>

15. National Museums Scotland

'Exploring Space' is the latest resource available in Gaelic from National Museums Scotland. Pupils, teachers, and families can use it to explore the National Museum of Scotland (Edinburgh). Please follow these links to access: [Siubhal nan Speuran](#), [Siubhal nan Speuran Freagairtean](#) This resource is also available in English: [Exploring space](#), [Exploring space answers](#)

16. Scottish Book Trust

50 Word Fiction

Scottish Book Trust runs a monthly 50 Word Fiction contest which welcomes entries in Gaelic. The competition is run in partnership with the Gaelic Books Council and winners receive a selection of brilliant books. Check out the current prompt and [enter the competition](#).

[Teen Development Programme Year Four - Dè do sgeul?](#)

Scottish Book Trust's Teen Development Programme will be open for Gaelic applications until Tues 11 December at noon. 14-17 year olds from anywhere in Scotland, who write in Gaelic,

are very welcome to apply to join the team.

Please find out more at: <https://www.thestoryis.co.uk/applyhome/> . You can also email nicole.brandon@scottishbooktrust.com directly for an application form.

Bookbug for all: Stories, songs and rhymes in Gaelic

Please follow [this link](#) to find out more about Scottish Book Trust's support for the GME curriculum through Bookbug.

17. Social Enterprise Academy

Facilitation skills in Gaelic Medium

The [Developing Facilitation Skills in Gaelic Medium](#) programme takes place in Stornoway, 15 and 16 January. All welcome.

Social Enterprise Schools Programme

The Social Enterprise schools programme supports schools to develop their own social enterprise through offering workshops and an online resource pack. Support is available to GME schools through the medium of Gaelic. For more information please contact Rachel Farmer at rachelfarmer@socialenterprise.academy.

18. 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.

19. SQA

The course report for Advanced Higher Gaelic (Learners) is available on the [SQA website](#).

20. The Highland Council

The Highland Council has launched a new video entitled "Fàs Foghlaim/Educational Growth". It is aimed at promoting GME with parents. [The video](#) features a range of different people who explain the benefits of Gaelic Medium Education and of being bilingual. More information can be found [here](#).

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

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

[Briefings and Updates on Gaelic Education](#)

[GME Blog](#)

[GLE Blog](#)

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

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

25. 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 February 2019.