

Briefing on Gaelic Education

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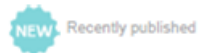


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1. Welcome to our Briefing for Gaelic Education. This briefing includes information to support the Gaelic sector.

Strategic Priority 1: A strong focus on learning, teaching and leadership

2. Education Scotland has recently published on the National Improvement Hub, the Gaelic version of the Slavery and Human Trafficking resources. View these resources [here](#).



3. Gaelic versions of the following resources are now available to practitioners in GME on GLOW:



Social Studies Network – These materials have been produced in partnership with Glasgow University



- [World War 1 resources](#)
- [Alfred Nobel and the Peace Prize resources](#)
- [Homes in High Places resources](#)
- [Gallipoli resources](#)

The Good Food Skills Professional Learning resource

- [Section 1 Where are we now?](#)
- [Section 2 Food hygiene](#)
- [Section 3 Getting started](#)
- [Section 4 Skills progression](#)

4. Gaelic versions of moderation support materials are available on the [Moderation Hub](#) on GLOW. These materials comprise powerpoint presentations and notes and include opportunities for practitioners to engage in professional dialogue, workshop tasks and reflective questions. These materials can be used by practitioners who are engaging to support moderation and teacher professional judgement. Please follow these links to find materials which support: [Learners](#), [Evidence gathering](#), [Evaluating learning](#), [Feedback and Next steps](#).



5. The Scottish College of Educational Leadership (SCEL) offers a number of courses and leadership programmes which support teachers and practitioners to make a difference in the classroom, school and wider community. Further information on these programmes and courses is available [here](#).

6. The Excellence in Headship leadership programme is now open now for applications. This programme supports headteachers who have been in post for two years or more to strengthen and expand their school leadership skills. Please follow this link for more information:

<https://www.scotland.gov.uk/what-we-offer/school-leadership/excellence-in-headship/>

7. Education Scotland is implementing a new way of working to increase our impact in supporting educationalists. Our education officers are working under a regional structure with a continued focus on national and local priorities. The Senior Education Officer (SEO) – Gaelic has been assigned to a regional team, which will support the work of the Northern Alliance Regional Improvement Collaborative. At the same time, she will continue to work in partnership with local authorities and schools, and other Regional Improvement Collaboratives to support and develop further Gaelic Education. The SEO – Gaelic can support local authorities, headteachers and teachers, with school improvement priorities for Gaelic Medium Education, Gaelic Learner Education and 1+2 Approach to Languages. Input and support from the SEO-Gaelic can be delivered at a time which suits local authorities and establishments best, such as during collegiate activity time (CAT) sessions, inservice days and twilight sessions. The SEO – Gaelic is also engaging with local authority officers with responsibility for Gaelic through the Gaelic Local Authority Network (GLAN) group which meets three times a year. Please contact [the SEO- Gaelic](#) directly to discuss how we can work together to promote improvements and deliver the best outcomes for children and young people in Gaelic Education.

8. To see the latest, trending and most popular resources on the National Improvement Hub please follow this link:

<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/>

9. Please see the following link to search for Gaelic resources on the National Improvement Hub:

<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/Pages/Search.aspx?k=Gaelic>

Strategic Priority 2: National collaborative professional learning networks

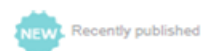
10. Please see Education Scotland's refreshed [National Professional Learning Communities](#) Hub. The Hub will be a one-stop-shop for all Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) content and information. Our refreshed [National Professional Learning Gaelic Community](#) will contain content and information relating to all aspects of Gaelic Education. Our closed Yammer conversation group can also be accessed through this PLC.

 Requires a Glow login

11. A warm welcome is extended to new members to our Gaelic Education [Yammer](#) group. Please share information about this closed conversation area with any newly qualified teachers.

Strategic Priority 3: Getting it right for every child

12. The Gaelic versions of the [Review of Family Learning](#) and the [Review of Learning at Home](#) are now available on the National Improvement Hub.



13. A series of free online professional learning modules are now available for practitioners to access. The modules have been developed in partnership with the Open University and can be accessed through the National Improvement Hub.

The modules support GTCS Professional Standards, Professional Update and individual applications for Professional Recognition.

All of the modules are completed at the participant's own pace.

Please follow the links below to access the individual modules:

[Introduction to Inclusive Education](#)

[Inclusion in Practice: The CIRCLE Framework - Secondary](#)

[Dyslexia and Inclusive Practice](#)

[Introduction to Dyslexia and Inclusive Practice for Community Learning & Development](#)

[Recognising and Realising Children's Rights](#)

Strategic Priority 4: Scrutiny and best use of high-quality evidence

14. New on the National Improvement Hub:

[Improving the Gaelic Medium Curriculum: Broad General Education and the Senior Phase](#)

This new resource contains presentations and challenge questions to enable all early learning and childcare, primary and secondary headteachers and teachers, education officers in local authorities, parents and other interested stakeholders to engage with key aspects of the curriculum for Gaelic Medium Education (GME). The series of presentations are designed to support improvements in the 3-18 curriculum.

15. The [Scottish Learning Festival](#) takes place **25-26 September** at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre. Education Scotland will be hosting a seminar to support national

priorities for Gaelic Education on Wednesday 25 September at 9.30am in the **M3** room. The seminar will focus specifically on developing the secondary GME curriculum and will share practice from scrutiny. This will include advice from Edinburgh University, based on research findings, on keeping immersion as a driver in the curriculum.

There is still time to register for attendance to the festival:

<https://www.scottishlearningfestival.com/register.html>

The conference programme can be found here:

https://www.scottishlearningfestival.com/uploads/1/1/2/0/11208538/conference_programme_slf19.pdf

16. Education Scotland will be delivering workshops at [An t-Alltan](#) to support national priorities for Gaelic Education. The workshops will share practice from scrutiny and Edinburgh University research findings on immersion and focus on:

- developing the secondary GME curriculum – A Headteacher will share practice in GME curriculum design
- planning play and learning in the free 1140 hours in GME Early Learning and Childcare
- the moderation process and making robust teacher professional judgements on achievement of a level in literacy and Gàidhlig and Gaelic (Learners)

An t-Alltan takes place in Aviemore on the **2 and 3 October, 2019**. Registration is now [open](#).

17. Please see our **sketchnotes** which provide a visual description of highly effective practice and approaches which Her Majesty's Inspectors have observed during scrutiny. More information is available here:

<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/practice-exemplars/a-summary-of-elc-resources>

Strategic Priority 5: Effective partnerships

Information from partners to support the curriculum

18. Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Gaelic Education Grants 2019/2

Bòrd na Gàidhlig has set up this fund to support those: currently working towards a career in Gaelic teaching, qualified teachers looking to develop their Gaelic language skills with a view to moving into GME or Gaelic-medium teachers looking to develop their professional skills.

Funding applications should be submitted to Bòrd na Gàidhlig as soon as possible but no later than **3pm on Friday 6th September 2019**. Bòrd na Gàidhlig **WILL NOT ACCEPT** applications which are received after this time.

19. Giglets Gàidhlig

Tha cothrom aig a h-uile sgoil le Foghlam tron Ghàidhlig air Giglets fhaighinn mar phàirt de aonta trì bliadhna le Bòrd na Gàidhlig, agus seo a-nis bliadhna a dhà.

Tha an leabharlann Gàidhlig gu sònraichte a' leudachadh agus a-nis tha 68 teacsaichean ri fhaighinn, a' mhòr-chuid aca le fuaim is goireasan mar cheistean àrd-sgilean smaoineachaidh, deuchainnean leughaidh agus gnìomhan-thar-churraicealam.

Tha trèanadh an-asgaidh agus taic leantainneach ri fhaighinn gach bliadhna, agus ma tha ùidh agaibh, no ma tha sibh ag iarraidh barrachd fiosrachaidh, leig fios gu seona@giglets.com.

Bidh trèanadh cuideachd ri fhaighinn aig An t-Alltan san Dàmhair.

All Gaelic Medium Education schools have access to Giglets as part of a three-year agreement with Bòrd na Gàidhlig, this now being year two. The Gaelic library specifically is expanding and now contains 68 texts, the majority of which have supporting audio and resources such as higher order thinking skills questions (HOTS), reading test questions and cross-curricular tasks.

Free annual training and ongoing support is available and if you are interested, or would like any further details, please contact seona@giglets.com.

Training will also be available at Stòrlann's An t-Alltan in October.

20. Social Enterprise Academy

Social Enterprise Academy Leadership Award for GME and GLE: This bespoke leadership programme, supported by Education Scotland, with financial support from Bòrd na Gàidhlig, is designed to meet the needs of emerging leaders in Gaelic Medium Education and Gaelic Learner Education. The four-day programme starts on **1 November 2019** in Perth. For more information, please see: <https://www.socialenterprise.academy/scot/index.php/whats-on/award-in-leadership-in-gaelic-603>.

Future leaders for Creative Communities in Gaelic

The Social Enterprise Academy helps people to use their personal strengths to build sustainable enterprises and achieve greater social impact.

Our six-day programme will take you on a journey, beginning by exploring cultural identity and reflecting on how this shapes our creative activities. We will create a peer group of young creative leaders, who can support and stimulate each other on their enterprise journeys. The aim is to build innovative and successful communities, at the heart of which are enterprises anchored by Gaelic language and culture.

This fully funded course is specifically for Young Gaelic speakers (age 16-30), who have an interest in utilising their language and culture to create an enterprising future for their communities.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.socialenterprise.academy/scot/index.php/whats-on/future-leaders-for-creative-communities-610>

21. Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)

SQA offer a number of courses through the medium of Gaelic which lead to qualifications and awards. Please follow this link to find an overview of the provision for Gaelic:

https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/SQA_provision_for_Gaelic_leaflet.pdf

22. National Museums Scotland

Gaelic Tour: Wild and Majestic

Join Dr Dòmhnall Uilleam Stiùbhart, University of the Highlands and Islands, for enlightening tours of the [Wild and Majestic](#) exhibition at the National Museum of Scotland.

When: Saturday 7 September and Friday 8 November 14:00 – 15:00 Booking essential.
National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh.

The September tour will be in English and will explore the Gaelic themes.

The November tour will be delivered through Gaelic. This tour is suitable for fluent speakers and learners of Gaelic.

Please find full details and booking at www.nms.ac.uk/gaelictour

Exhibition Visit for schools - [Wild and Majestic: Romantic Visions of Scotland](#)

When: 26 June – 10 November 2019

National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh.

National Museums Scotland has partnered with Sabhal Mòr Ostaig College on Skye for the exhibition, *Wild and Majestic: Romantic Visions of Scotland*. From the final defeat of the Jacobites at Culloden in 1746 to the death of Queen Victoria in 1901, the exhibition examines how Scotland became established in the popular imagination as a land of wilderness, heroism and history, and how tartan, bagpipes and rugged, wild landscapes became enduring, internationally recognised symbols of Scottish identity. Gaelic language and culture feature throughout the exhibition, with the main narrative presented in both English and Gaelic. More information can be found at: nms.ac.uk/wildandmajestic

[Through the Shortbread Tin: An Ossianic Journey](#)

When: Friday 11 October

National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh.

A new work inspired by the poems of Ossian and the story of James Macpherson. Join theatre maker, poet and Gaelic learner Martin O'Connor for a performance of spoken word and song, which explores the relevance – past and present – of these epic tales.

Between 1761 and 1763, the writer James Macpherson produced three volumes of poetry from the 3rd Century bard Ossian. Through spoken word and song, this performance explores the myths and realities of the poems, looks at Macpherson's own life, and draws parallels to modern-day Scotland.

Martin O'Connor received the 2018 Dr Gavin Wallace Fellowship hosted by Playwright's Studio Scotland and the Lyceum Theatre. This is the first stage in his research into James Macpherson and Ossian.

Full details and booking at www.nms.ac.uk/ossian.

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

[Briefings and Updates on Gaelic Education](#)

[GME Blog](#)

[GLE Blog](#)

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

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

26. To subscribe to our e-bulletin please follow [this link](#). Our next newsletter will be published in September 2019.

27. If you wish to use our e-bulletins to update practitioners of Gaelic Education, please contact us at EDSCFE@EducationScotland.gsi.gov.uk.

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