

Briefing on Gaelic Education

August 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. A practice exemplar and challenge questions are available to support the development of the [secondary GME curriculum](#)

3. Please log on to Glow and the [Social Studies Network](#) (#socialstudies) to find new Gaelic versions of [Gallipoli](#) and [World War 1](#) resources.



4. A [grant](#) of £250 is available to support learning on the First World War. This is also an opportunity to enhance intergenerational links and technology skills within the curriculum.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/eslb/2018/08/28/grants-to-support-learning-on-the-first-world-war/>

Information to support curriculum partners:

5. A free introductory module on dyslexia is available. Curriculum partners working with schools may find this informative.

6. A new national CLD [partnership plan](#) was launched in June. It aims to improve the co-ordination of workforce development opportunities at national and regional level in community learning and development across Scotland.

More information is available here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/eslb/2018/08/28/information-to-support-gme-curriculum-partners/>

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

7. Seminar for Gaelic Education: Early learning, early gains in reducing the attainment gap in Gaelic Medium Education (GME), Wednesday 19 September – 09.30-10.15

This year's seminar is designed to support strategic planning in GME for which **John Swinney MSP**, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education will make some opening remarks. We will focus on raising attainment across stages with good planning of the expansion of the free Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) hours. From our work on inspection and evaluation, we will share practice of what is working well in ELCs and how solution-focused approaches are being implemented. This will include Sabhal Mor Ostaig's offer of foundation apprenticeships. More information is available [here](#).

Please register for the seminar at <http://ow.ly/oO8n30k1UGB>

For other professional learning activities, please see the [SLF programme](#). Please [register here](#).

8. An t-Alltan takes place on the **26 and 27 September 2018**. Education Scotland is offering the following workshops:

- **Building capacity in leadership**

This session will be co-presented with SCEL. It will focus on how SCEL's programmes can support staff to further their skills and qualifications as middle and senior leaders.

- **High-quality early learning and childcare in GME**

This session is designed to support strategic leaders and practitioners consider what constitutes high-quality GME in early learning and childcare settings.

- **National Standardised Assessments for GME.**

More information and how to register is available [here](#).

Strategic Objective 4: Provide independent evaluation of education provision

9. The Gaelic version of **How good is OUR school? Part 1** and **Part 2** is now available on the National Improvement Hub.

Information from partners

Bombadil

10. Bombadil Publishing has released a bilingual ebook of Gaelic short stories - *Uaireigin San t-saoghal (Once in the World)*. It is written by children and young people from around Scotland. For more information, please contact marianne@bombadilpublishing.com

Bòrd na Gàidhlig

11. Education Grants for Gaelic Teaching Students 2018-2019

Bòrd na Gàidhlig has set up this fund to support those currently working towards a career in teaching Gaelic or through the medium of Gaelic. Applications for funding should be submitted to Bòrd na Gàidhlig as soon as possible and no later than **5pm on Friday 14th September 2018**. For more information, please visit

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/eslb/2018/08/10/education-grants-for-students-studying-to-be-teachers-in-the-gaelic-sector/>

Comhairle nan Leabhraichean

12. 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.

13. 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 Leabhraichean features, please contact Shelagh on **0141 337 6211** or at shelagh@gaelicbooks.org.

e-Sgoil

14. Gaelic (Learners) in the secondary curriculum

E-Sgoil is offering National 5 and Higher Gaelic (Learners) from August 2018. This may be accessed to provide progression with the 1+2 Approach to Languages in the broad general education or within the senior phase, or to enable learners to access Gaelic as a new subject. E-Sgoil can also offer weekly inputs for Gaelic (Learners) in the broad general education. For more information, please visit

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/eslb/2018/06/26/gaelic-learners-in-the-secondary-curriculum/>

Social Enterprise Academy

15. Leadership Award, Gaelic Medium Education

The dates for the next Leadership Award Programme, tailored to build leadership capacity in GME, are confirmed as 2, 3 and 30 Nov and 1 Dec. This programme is organised by Social Enterprise Academy, in collaboration with Education Scotland and Bòrd na Gàidhlig. It is delivered through the medium of Gaelic. For more information, please visit

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/eslb/2018/08/19/leadership-award-for-gaelic-education-1-and-2-november-2018-30-november-and-1-december-2018/>

SQA

16. Update for teachers of Higher Modern Languages and Gaelic (Learners)

The revised specimen question papers for French, Gaelic (Learners), German and Spanish are now available from SQA's [website](#).

Spòrs Gàidhlig

17. *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.

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

19. 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](#).

20. 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 November.