



THE SCOTTISH ATTAINMENT CHALLENGE VISION

The National Improvement Framework for Scottish Education sets the vision for an education system which delivers both **excellence** and **equity** and outlines the key drivers of improvement which build on much of the positive work already underway in Scottish education. These are: school leadership, teacher professionalism, parental engagement, assessment of children's progress, school improvement and performance information.

Excellence through raising attainment: ensuring that every child achieves the highest standards in literacy and numeracy, set out within Curriculum for Excellence levels, and the right range of skills, qualifications and achievements to allow them to succeed; and

Achieving equity: ensuring every child has the same opportunity to succeed, with a particular focus on closing the poverty-related attainment gap.

The Scottish Attainment Challenge is the national programme to help achieve equity and address the priority to close the attainment gap between children and young people living in our most and least deprived communities. It aims to bring a focus and accelerate targeted improvement in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. The National Improvement Framework outlines the key drivers of improvement which support our work.

The story so far...

February 2015: First Minister announces launch of Scottish Attainment Challenge backed by £100m Attainment Scotland Fund over four years, with seven Challenge Authorities to receive additional funding.

July 2015: Improvement plans for seven Challenge Authorities agreed.

August 2015: Launch of Scottish Attainment Challenge website hub and Glow online community.

October 2015: Attainment Scotland Fund Schools Programme launched: 57 primary schools across 14 Local Authorities allocated a share of £2.5m.

November 2015: Attainment Advisors identified for every local authority to provide support and challenge.

January 2016: Launch of National Improvement Framework.

January 2016: £1.5m Innovation Fund to identify and fund innovative projects to close the attainment gap.

February 2016: National professional learning for Schools Programme event led by Professor Dylan Wiliam focused on improving leadership, learning and teaching.

March 2016: National Improvement Hub featuring the Scottish Attainment Challenge alpha site goes live.

May 2016: Attainment Scotland Fund increased to £750m over five years to 2021-22.

June 2016: National Learning Event to celebrate success and share learning.

WHAT NEXT?

Further investment of up to £50m per annum in our established area-based (SIMD) approach to close the poverty-related attainment gap by extending targeted funding through the Attainment Scotland Fund to more local authorities and secondary schools

Allocating an additional £100m per year raised from local tax reforms directly to schools to invest in approaches which will have the greatest impact on raising attainment in their school

Enhanced focus on leadership, learning and teaching, families and communities to improve literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing outcomes for Scotland's children living in the most deprived communities

Generating an evidence informed education system across the six improvement drivers identified in the National Improvement Framework ie. school leadership, teacher professionalism, parental engagement, assessment of children's progress, school improvement and performance information.

Provide further advice, research, exemplars of practice and evidence of what works through the new National Improvement Hub

Stay Up-to-Date with the Scottish Attainment Challenge

Sharing our experiences and learning from each other is important to the success of the Scottish Attainment Challenge. There are a number of ways that you can stay updated and take part in professional dialogue about the Challenge.

Read exemplars from other schools and learn about the latest research and how it applies to narrowing the attainment gap on the National Improvement Hub
www.education.gov.scot/improvement

Sign up to Scottish Attainment Challenge monthly e-bulletins
www.educationscotland.gov.uk/newsandevents/emailupdates

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Read about us on our website: <http://bit.ly/1Nz3eV1>

Join the #SAC professional learning community on Glow (Glow login required):
<http://bit.ly/joinsac>