



**DAY 1 PROGRAMME**

**SLF**

**SCOTTISH LEARNING  
FESTIVAL**

**21 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2021**  
**#SLFonline**

# Welcome

The Scottish Learning Festival aims to inspire, innovate and inform great educational practice. It provides a valuable and unique opportunity to hear from, and learn from, a range of educational leaders, practitioners and providers. This year we are excited to be hosting an entirely virtual event which means you'll be able to join us in a fantastic digital arena to enjoy our conference programme.

We would encourage you to join 'live', where possible, so that you can participate in the interactive seminars, join the discussion and network with colleagues. However, all of our sessions will be recorded so you will be able to watch later, at a time that suits you, through the SLF portal, for up to two months after the event.

Everyone with an interest in education is welcome to attend this free event which will deliver around 100 seminars and offers a fantastic line up of keynote speakers, critical conversations and opportunities for virtual professional networking.

This year we are delighted to include an innovative 3D online exhibition area where you can explore a virtual exhibition area and connect with our exhibitors.

The theme for 2021 is:

## **Renew, Refresh, Re-imagine**

Learning from our experiences and looking to the future

Our programme is developed with a focus on the five themes of the refreshed curriculum narrative, as below.

### Themes

Understanding the learners

Knowing the big ideas

Being clear on practical approaches

Using meaningful learning networks

Knowing your own learning and support needs

Sponsored Session

We are confident that SLF 2021 will provide high-quality professional learning for practitioners from across all sectors. This is a fantastic opportunity to engage with colleagues and a diverse range of experts.

**Please join us!**

**Look out for updates on sessions in the coming weeks!**

# Tuesday 21 September

## KEYNOTES

**08:00 - 08:45**

### Opening keynote from Gayle Gorman

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This opening session will focus on the festival theme of Renew, Refresh, Re-imagine. The session will consider how we learn from our experiences, taking into account recent reviews and reports, and look towards the future.

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**Gayle Gorman, HM Chief Inspector and Chief Executive, Education Scotland**

**19:00 - 20:00**

### Cabinet Secretary's Keynote address

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Hear from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills in this keynote session.

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**Ms Shirley-Anne Somerville,  
Cabinet Secretary for Education  
and Skills**

# Tuesday 21 September

## CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

**17:45 - 18:45**

### Critical Conversation - Curriculum

This facilitated panel conversation will have a focus on the Curriculum. The panel will include class room teachers, academics, representatives from professional associations and Directors of Education, all chosen based on their experience and expertise, or their role within their organisation. The discussions will be hosted by an independent facilitator and attendees will be able to ask questions of the panel during the session. We expect these sessions to challenge ways of thinking and provide a space for open and honest discussion.

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A panel of representatives from across Scottish Education.

# Tuesday 21 September

**SESSION 1** 10:00 - 10:45

## **Creating a Culture for Equity – care experienced and vulnerable learners**

Hear from professionals about approaches being used in their local authorities / establishments to support care experienced and vulnerable children and young people.

Practitioners who have a central role or responsibility for care experienced and vulnerable learners

## **Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence: Into the Future**

The OECD report on Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence: Into the Future presents challenges as well as opportunities for shaping the future of Scottish education. This session will allow participants to share their views and ideas on the kind of education system they want to see and how this can be achieved.

Professor Ken Muir, University of West Scotland

## **Learning for sustainability**

Using the local environment and outdoor learning effectively to develop and promote learning for sustainability in the primary school.

Primary practitioners

## **Gaelic Medium Education, in partnership with Bòrd na Gàidhlig**

Bòrd na Gàidhlig will share how they supported North Ayrshire Council (NAC) to set up a new Gaelic Medium Education (GME) provision, with practice shared from NAC and parents.

Education Scotland, Bòrd na Gàidhlig, North Ayrshire Council and parents

## **Being Me: Realising the ambition in practice**

Scotland's new national practice guidance has been welcomed with open arms by the early years community and received international attention. Hear about the impact it's having across the sector.

Early Years practitioners and leaders

## **Sponsored Session - Apple: The future of learning**

How do we empower all learners today and prepare them for a rapidly changing world? Join Apple as we share four principles that drive the future of learning and what we're doing to further them.

Apple staff with practitioners

# Tuesday 21 September

**SESSION 2 12:30 - 13:15**

## **Scots Language in Scotland's schools today**

The session will focus on Scots within both Literacy and 1+2 language learning.

Bruce Eunson, Education Scotland

## **Approaching COP 26: Learning for Sustainability through Social Studies and RME.**

Join us to consider opportunities for exploring Learning for Sustainability (LfS) in the context of Social Studies and RME. Link LfS, Social Studies, RME and the wider curriculum to get your learners ready for COP 26.

Local authority and Education Scotland staff

## **Curriculum Story Project**

The Curriculum Story Project was a partnership project between Education Scotland and notosh. Join schools who participated as they share their curriculum story so far.

Practitioners from across the country

## **Developing positive outcomes for young people through effective intergenerational working**

This session will focus on successful intergenerational work in a community setting.

Secondary practitioners

## **Effective approaches to professional learning**

Leading and developing professional learning to support progressive and effective learning, teaching and assessment .

Secondary Practitioners

## **Re-writing the future of family learning and parental engagement through music**

This session explores the benefits that using music with families has on: learning, communication skills, health and wellbeing. You will learn how this looks in practice and the underpinning research.

Rachel Drury, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Pamela Black, Glasgow City Council

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## SESSION 3 14:00 - 14:45

### **Curriculum design and rationale in the primary setting**

This session will look at using effective curriculum design, rationale and successful partnership working to ensure effective opportunities for children to learn and achieve.

Primary practitioners

### **Reviews, Rights and Promises - how do these translate into practice?**

Key messages from, and the links between, the Morgan Review, The Promise and the incorporation of UNCRC from the perspective of children and young people.

CELCIS and Carers Trust

### **Developing independent digital learners**

Building learners skills for independent learning in a digital world - modelling, scaffolding and support for pupils to enable self-regulation. What might this look like as we move through primary->secondary, why is this important and what are the benefits?

Dundee City Council Pedagogy Team

### **Modern languages – how local authorities have risen to the challenge of training and upskilling practitioners to deliver language learning entitlements for all**

An opportunity to hear about the ways in which local authorities have led and managed the challenge of ensuring all primary staff are confident to deliver language learning from P1-P7

Gillian Campbell-Thow, Glasgow City Council and Zoe Gordon, West Lothian Council

### **Research into practice – an exploration of the key roles of educational middle leadership in Scotland**

A chance to engage in discussion around the Scottish aspect of the research of John De Nobile with a focus on the identified roles of middle leadership and their importance.

Participants from Middle Leaders Leading Change programme

### **Sponsored Session - Live-N-Learn: Health and wellbeing priorities**

Live-N-Learn highlight some relevant, entertaining and practical wellbeing activities, suitable for all ages and stages. For 15 years they have inspired 1000's of schools, capturing young people's imagination, developing resilience, building hope, raising aspirations and reinforcing school values.

Jen Kemp, Jennifer King, Ian Johnstone, Live-N-Learn

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## SESSION 4 15:45 - 16:30

### **Using the National e-Learning Offer to support learners**

This session will explore the three strands of the National e-Learning Offer (Live, Recorded and Supported), highlight existing support and discuss a future vision for e-learning in Scotland.

Education Scotland Curriculum Innovation Team

### **Cyber Resilience for Early Learning and Childcare providers: why it matters and top tips**

This session will cover why it's important to be aware of cyber resilience in early years, what this means for early years and what support is out there for early years.

Education Scotland staff

### **Exploring and engaging with the GTCS Standard for Headship**

This session explores the mandatory GTCS Standard for Headship and its enactment, in conversation with school leaders from across Scotland and university leads for the Into Headship Programme.

Jacqueline Morley, GTCS; University course leads; Headteachers from across Scotland

### **Sharing the Ambition - A community of practice**

Early years teacher Charlotte Bowes has inspired a community of practice supporting play at the heart of family learning. Hear how this focus has brought practitioners from across Scotland together to share their learning and passion for play.

Charlotte Bowes, ECC

### **Improving outcomes for young people through school education**

What needs to happen to improve outcomes from school education? Hear from the Auditor General and the Accounts Commission on their recent report and its recommendations for the sector, in discussion with a director of education.

Sharon O'Connor, Accounts Commission member, Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland, and Carrie Lindsay, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services at Fife Council and President of the Association of Directors of Education

### **Improving equity through self-evaluation / cost of the school day**

Delve into how to use the equity self-evaluation tool with a focus on cost of the school day.

Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) in Scotland with Education Scotland Attainment Advisors



# Tuesday 21 September

## SESSION 5 16:45 - 17:30

### **Equality and diversity in ELC practice**

This session will examine and challenge educators' pedagogical practice, and values reflected in practice, through having conversations about stereotypes, unconscious bias and myths about people, culture and communities.

Dr Stella Louis, researcher and writer on effective early years practice

### **National Child Protection Guidance : What's new?**

The new National Child Protection guidance was published in July 2021. This panellist session will provide delegates an opportunity to find out the key changes which have been made and discuss any impact on education staff.

National Child Protection Steering Group

### **Identifying and addressing gaps in children's learning and progress**

In the post-pandemic context, this session will consider how best to identify and address gaps in children's learning and progress.

Janine Pirouet and Jilly Murray, Townhill Primary School; Avril McNeil and Gavin Waterston and young people, Glenrothes High School

### **Scottish Attainment Challenge Blether – Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)**

Join colleagues for a chat about how you are using PEF in your establishment, share what works and reflect on your successes.

Hosted by Education Scotland Attainment Advisors

### **Building a STEM Nation through professional learning**

A showcase of the professional learning programmes and approaches developed through Education Scotland's STEM grants programme - covering all sectors.

Education Scotland STEM team