

Gaelic e-bulletin / *Fios mun Ghàidhlig*

Fàilte Welcome to our e-bulletin for Gaelic Education. This e-bulletin includes information on Gaelic Medium Education (GME); Gaelic Learner Education (GLE) and the promotion of Learning about Gaelic Language and Culture (LAGC) as part of Scotland's identity.

Education Scotland Advice Note on Gaelic Education

Education Scotland will publish an Advice Note on Gaelic Education in early 2015. The document will provide advice for practitioners and local authorities on best practice in all aspects of Gaelic Education, and will also inform inspection. The Advice Note draws on findings from inspection of Gaelic Education, and Education Scotland's other engagements with practitioners of Gaelic Education, local authorities and key organisations. Education Scotland's work on Gaelic Education is also contributing to current discussions on national policy, and in particular the Gaelic Education provisions of the forthcoming Education Bill. Once the Bill is passed, Education Scotland's work will inform the development of statutory guidance to be issued under the new Education Act.

A 1+2 Approach to Language Learning

The report, [Language Learning in Scotland: A 1 + 2 Approach](#) tasks local authorities and schools with ensuring that all children and young people learn two languages in addition to their mother tongue. For advice on the role of Gaelic in a 1+2 Approach, [please visit our website](#).



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Support for the Senior Phase

The following learning resources are now published on [Glow](#) to support the senior phase:

- National 3, 4, 5 and Higher Gàidhlig
- National 3, 4, 5, Higher Gaelic (Learners)
- National 4, 5, Higher GM mathematics
- National 3, 4, 5 GM Lifeskills mathematics
- National 3, 4, 5 and Higher GM geography
- National 3, 4, 5 and Higher history
- National 3, 4, 5 and Higher GM modern studies
- Education Scotland: Professional Focus Paper
- Education Scotland: Professional Focus Papers for Gaelic (Learners) and Gàidhlig as well as other subjects.

We are now producing some support materials for the Advanced Higher. This will include learning resources for Gaelic (Learners) and Gàidhlig. For subjects taught through the medium of Gaelic we are inviting schools and local authorities to advise of the subjects that they are offering in the senior phase as part of their GME provision. Based on these responses, we will commission the translation of learning materials accordingly. We invite local authorities and schools to continue to share on Glow materials that they themselves have produced for the new qualifications.



Leadership Award for Teachers of Gaelic Medium Education

Social Enterprise Academy and Education Scotland worked in partnership to make available a leadership award for those in Gaelic Medium Education.

The award is delivered in two sessions, the first of which took place in December 2014. Participants showed a real enthusiasm and commitment to this professional learning. Social Enterprise Academy and Education Scotland would like to acknowledge the contributions from Aileen MacSween, Headteacher of Sir E Scott, Isle of Harris and Fred Wildridge, Headteacher of the Year in the Scottish Education Awards, 2014. We would also like to thank Columba 1400 for the use of their premises on the Isle of Skye.



Gaelic Education Award at the Scottish Education Awards 2015

Nominations are now invited for the Scottish Education Awards to recognise the achievements of schools and individuals who dedicate their lives to education and delivering opportunities for every child and young person to succeed in life. There are 17 award categories with new awards for sustainability, languages and partnerships. These include [Gaelic Education Award / Duais Foghlam Gàidhlig](#) which recognises establishments who are providing opportunities for children and young people to develop fluency in the Gaelic language. The [Making Languages Come Alive \(Primary\)](#) award recognises establishments who are working effectively to implement the 1+2 policy for language learning. For other awards, please visit our [website](#).

The Scottish Education Awards are managed by Education Scotland, Daily Record and Scottish Government. Bòrd na Gàidhlig sponsor the Gaelic Education Award.



Curriculum for Excellence

Visit our website for a [concise overview](#) of the work Education Scotland is undertaking in the primary and secondary school sectors, including in Gaelic Education, from April 2014 to June 2015.

Resources from other Organisations

[MGAlba](#) have recently added new information to their website for those with an interest in the media. The pages are aimed at young people who are fluent in Gaelic, or are learning Gaelic.



The following resources are now available from [e-stòras](#) and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar:

- Video clips to support the study of World War 1.



- Litrich e! A spelling game aimed at the primary stages.
- Eilean Einstein will soon be available to support learning in Science at the second level.
- A series of digital clips in which people describe a range of career options available to those who are fluent in Gaelic.



The blog for the Association of Teachers of Gaelic has useful information relating to Gaelic Education; sharing of learning resources and minutes of [Comann Luchd-Teagaisg Àrd-Sgoiltean \(CLAS\)](#) meetings.

[Historic Scotland's](#) Gaelic Education Resources contain a variety of publications and videos which are useful for Gaelic Medium Education.

The [British Council](#) primary languages starter pack contains materials to support teaching of languages in primary schools.

A new book club, [Cuilean Cràicte](#), is being established to support children and young people in Gaelic Medium Education (GME). It will be run by a group of volunteers which includes professional publishers, translators and parents of those in GME. The book club will make available each month a Gaelic chapter book. This will feature hot off the press translations of books by popular authors such as Terry Deary and Frank Cottrell Boyce. The benefits to children and young people include:

- fostering an interest in reading
- encouraging independence in reading
- supporting skills in literacy and Gaelic
- helping to improve vocabulary
- helping to increase fluency in Gaelic.

Visit the [Cuilean Cràicte website](#) for additional information.

For more information on Education Scotland, please visit [our website](#) and/or [contact us](#).



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