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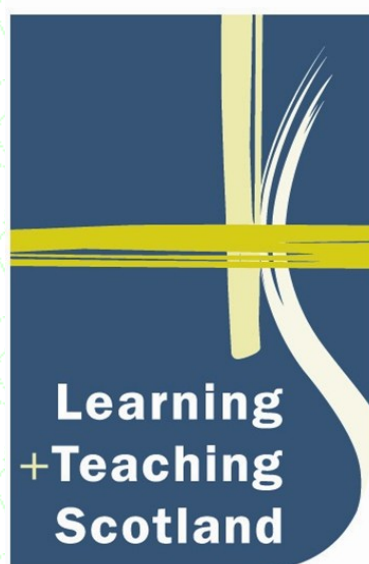
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Glow Groups

There is now an Education for Citizenship Glow Group live on Glow. So far there are three areas which are active, the Education for Citizenship group which is designed to be of interest to any professional wanting to find out more about citizenship, a special group for beginning teachers and a restricted area for the Participation Network. If you would like access to these groups please email c.begley@ltscotland.org.uk your Glow user name requesting access.

Pupil Participation in Scottish Schools

Learning and Teaching Scotland commissioned the University of Glasgow and the SCRE Centre to undertake research to evaluate the nature of pupil participation in primary and secondary schools across Scotland. The research started in December 2007 and finished in February 2009. There is a summary of the research available at

www.ltscotland.org.uk/aboutlts/whatwedo/research/publications/pupilparticipation/index.asp

Publication of the results of the Citizenship Expert Group

Experts from Scotland, France and England worked together for three years looking at the similarities and differences in approaches to education for citizenship across the three education systems. The results of this work have now been published at

<http://eduscol.education.fr/D0156/angleterre-groupeexpert.htm>

There was also a pilot project called 'Passport Sante' which was taken forward by Woodhill Primary School in East Dunbartonshire. You can read more about this project at http://eduscol.education.fr/D0156/ecosse_educcitoyen.htm

Upcoming events

A series of regional events are being organized for May and June 2009 called 'Citizenship and Values – building learning communities for Curriculum for Excellence.'

Further information will be available on the Education for Citizenship website and on the Glow groups as dates and venues are confirmed.

The Young People's Advisory Group are organizing a national conference in June called, 'YOUth, citizenship inside and out.' The conference will be for pupils in S4 to S6 and invitations went out to Local Authorities at the beginning of May. The conference is on Thursday 18 June at Scotland's National Stadium, Hampden.

Competitions

Their Past Your Future's latest (and last) schools competition is now open and we're looking for entries for this exciting opportunity. The winning school will travel, all expenses paid, to Berlin in July 2009 to explore the impact of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, from a German perspective. They'll also get the chance to contribute to a documentary film which will be screened as part of the launch of TPYF's Cold War online exhibition. The competition is being run in association with the Germany Embassy, the Goethe Institute and UK-German Connection.

More information and an entry form can be found on the TPYF website at:

<http://www.tpyf.com/>

Nominations for Young Scot Awards 2009

Young Scot, the national youth information agency for Scotland is calling on friends and partners across Scotland to help them find inspirational young people to enter the Sunday Mail & Lloyds TSB Young Scot Awards.

Nominate by logging on to www.youngscot.co.uk



New Resources

Ethical TV aims to encourage and inspire active participation and empowerment through this first dedicated ethical online TV website. This is the first dedicated global online TV website for films, stories, news and views about ethical lifestyle issues that affect people across the world. Channels include Fair Trade, Health, Education, Investment, Environment, Campaigns and News. www.ethical.tv

SCIAF is launching a new email bulleting for teachers. To keep up to date with resources, events and campaigns visit the website to subscribe at http://sciaf.live.visionwt.com/get_involved/update_your_details/newsletter_sign_up

http://www.sciafyouth.org.uk/youth/teachers/sign_up_for_teaching_resources

Or sign up for free teaching resources and the new bulletin using the link above.

School Councils UK has produced a new e-newsletter with information about new resources to support the development of student councils. Each one will have a free resource just for subscribers, and all kinds of news relating to school councils and pupil voice.

To subscribe go to: <https://forms.netsuite.com/app/site/crm/externalleadpage.nl?compid=709288&formid=1&h=c6237d0736a620c4fe68>

The Globe Newsletter

The Globe is the regular e-newsletter from the [Global Dimension Website](#), a free, easy-to-use online library of global teaching resources managed by the education charity [DEA](#) with support from [DFID](#).

If you would like to subscribe to free updates, sign up at the [Global Dimension Newsletter page](#).

The latest copy of **Stride**, the magazine from the Ideas forum in Scotland is available free by emailing your name, address and school to STRIDE@ideas-forum.org.uk The latest edition focuses on professional development for Global Citizenship.

'A' Adam's Bairns? is a new resource for P6 to S2 offers a range of learning experiences to support the Curriculum for Excellence. Developed by Scotdec it covers the following themes, slavery, forced movement of people, Scottish identity and diversity, prejudice and discrimination and taking action for change. This resource will also be suitable for exploring the context of Homecoming Scotland 2009.

Who Do WE Think We Are Week - June 22 to 27th 2009

The Who Do We Think We Are? educational programme engages primary and secondary school teachers in the exploration of identity, diversity and citizenship with children and young people - in their schools, local communities and nationally. Although designed for the English citizenship curriculum there are some interesting teaching resources that could be adapted for the Scottish classroom. The Association of Citizenship Teachers in England who are managing the programme are keen to get other areas of the UK involved. There is a space on the site for young people to upload their profiles and for schools to get involved in the "who do we think we are week" in June. Explore the site at <http://www.wdwtwa.org.uk/whatiswdwtwa>



Confucius Classroom Showcase

On the 8th May a large group of teachers and pupils gathered in Stirling to exchange experience of their work with China, in areas such as language, music, and art. The eight Confucius Classroom hubs are all now 'live' and this event provided an opportunity to celebrate the good things already going on and plan for the future.

Mandarin Immersion Course

51 young people and 9 teaching staff from around the Confucius Classroom hubs will travel to Beijing in July for a 3 week language immersion course.

Study Visits

Recent group visits to Finland, Singapore and Hong Kong focused on the theme of Teacher development and partnership working, and one forthcoming visits to the Netherlands will further increase Scottish knowledge of alternative policies and practices in successful economies.

Planned Visits

15 teachers will visit Berlin in May, to investigate local approaches to Holocaust Education and the use of historical sites and memorials for this educational purpose, and another group of teachers will spend two weeks in Uganda this summer, contributing to local educational improvement and bringing new experiences and outlooks home to share in their schools.

Future Themes

LTS will be recruiting participants for more group study visits in coming months, with themes likely to include Sustainable Development, Modern Languages, and Early Years.

Events

Two SCIPD Symposia will be held in June, offering an opportunity for Scottish practitioners to hear about excellent and innovative practice in the areas of 'Coaching and mentoring' (3rd June) and 'Leading Learning' (10th June). Each event will involve an international speaker as keynote, with SCIPD visit participants as workshop leaders and facilitators. These events are free to attend, and details are on the LTS International Education website at <http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/internationaleducation/index.asp>

Contact Nicole at LTS to book a place.
n.ambrose@ltscotland.org.uk

A similar SCIPD dissemination event on Assessment will be held on 3rd September, making use of a Canadian expert as keynote presenter. Workshop leaders will include Scottish educators who took part in recent SCIPD visits to New Zealand and Manitoba to explore Assessment systems and practices.

Masterclass Network Regional Meetings

March 2009

International Education "Masterclassers" attended regional meetings in Inverness, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow. The events gave an opportunity for Masterclassers from all 3 years to meet and plan future developments within their local authority. Feedback has been very positive, and there were many useful suggestions put forward for future network activity.

Euroquiz 2009

Congratulations to the team from St Mary's Duntocher on winning the top Scottish school trophy at the Scottish European Educational Trust's Euroquiz in the Scottish Parliament on May 11. The pupils were Aidan Young, Lyall Patton, Amy McDowell and James Traynor. Clare Donnelly, the class teacher, said "This is the first year our school has ever entered the Euroquiz and we will certainly be recommending it. The Quiz is an excellent tool for learning, covering a wide range of curricular areas and developing skills in talking, listening, research and, just as importantly, team building, responsibility and self esteem"

View a webcast of the final at:

http://www.holyrood.tv/popup.asp?stream=http://vr-sp-archive.lbwa.verio.net/archive/euroquiz_080509.wmv

For further information about the Quiz or other events run by the Trust visit www.seet.uk.com

International Education and Curriculum for Excellence Showcase and Conference

Hampden Park, Glasgow

15 May 2009

A large national conference and networking opportunity was hosted by the LTS 'Developing Global Citizens' team on 15 May 2009. The aims of the day were:

- To give schools and local authorities an opportunity to showcase their International Education work in the context of Curriculum for Excellence
- To provide opportunities for networking and mutual support
- To hear from pupils about the impact International Education has had on their development
- To provide examples of International Education as intrinsic to Curriculum for Excellence

The day proved successful, with over 250 staff and pupils in attendance. Representatives from 24 local authorities, Scottish Government, LTS, HMIE and British Council were present on the day.



Scottish Education Awards, Homecoming Scotland Award

The four finalist schools for the Homecoming Scotland Award have now been visited by the judges. Congratulations to all, and a winner has been identified. The winning school will be announced at the awards ceremony in City Halls, Glasgow on 16 June '09.

LTS Homecoming website

The new and improved LTS Homecoming website including useful links, resources, and inspiration for learning and teaching has now been launched.

Showcase your school or pre-school Homecoming activities and events at: www.ltscotland.org.uk/homecoming We encourage you to send in your photographs, plans and presentations- anything you are willing to share which will encourage and support others with their work in the Homecoming context. Information will be uploaded to your profile on our site to showcase and celebrate the wealth of innovation in learning and teaching across Scotland. Look out for new online resources launching in June.

Competitions

SQA 'Scotland & Me' competition, for secondary pupils, or young people attending college or training organisations approved to offer SQA qualifications. Closing date 30th June 2009. All you have to do is develop a piece of creative work inspired by one of the five Homecoming Year themes: Burns, Great Scottish Minds & Innovations, Ancestry, Golf, and Whisky.

Look out for details of the competition- 'Scotland's Innovations', launching in August 2009 for Primary aged pupils. A celebration of the work using Homecoming as a context to engage with Curriculum for Excellence.

Homecoming Glow Groups

The Homecoming group has been host to a variety of events over the past months.

The online classroom has encouraged sharing of ideas and resources, by uploading work to Glow, and holding web conferences including a poetry event and a Scottish quiz.

- The Scottish Phrasebook is a quick and fun activity on Glow where Glow users record their favourite Scots words and phrases to add to an evolving resource.
- 'Wha's Like Us?' is a group for classes which have pupils who have come from other countries. The classes can work together exploring life in Scotland, compared to life in other countries around the world, allowing children to connect with others around Scotland.
- The Big Debate is taking place on the 11th of June – supported by the English Speaking Union Scotland, two teams will be debating over Glow Meet.
- 'One Nation, Five Million Voices'. A film commissioned in July 2008 by National Museums Scotland, exploring the experiences of people living and working in Scotland. The film explores what people really think about living in Scotland. A series of questions were asked to a varied group of people, and their responses were recorded. We are looking for people to make their own version of the film and share it with us on the Glow Group.

Scottish Learning Festival – 23-24 September 2009

Homecoming will have a big presence at this year's Scottish Learning Festival, with seminars, workshops and activities themed on Homecoming. Log on to www.scottishlearningfestival.org.uk for further information.

Homecoming National Showcase event

We hope to announce details of a celebratory event showcasing the work within education using Homecoming as a theme for engaging with Curriculum for Excellence. This is planned to take place during November, so look out for dates soon.

Homecoming SCIPD study visit

There are plans to run a study visit for practitioners, on the theme of Homecoming, during October 2009. Check for further information coming soon on www.LTScotland.org.uk

If you would like any further information on Homecoming please contact Audrey Kellacher at a.kellacher@ltscotland.org.uk

SDE Away Sessions

Are you, or do you know of, a classroom teacher who is interested in Sustainable Development Education and would like to take part in a weekend 'retreat' in Scotland?

Time will be spent exploring areas and issues relevant to SDE and tackling how such can be presented to pupils through curricular teaching and interdisciplinary work.

The first SDE retreat will take place in July. Additional retreats for other participants will be held, with dates to be announced in future newsletters throughout the academic year. These sessions will be at no cost to participants.

If interested please contact H.Winton@LTScotland.org.uk specifying any areas of interest and subject area (if secondary).

Resources

WWF are delighted to announce the launch of a new schools musical in association with Debbie Campbell. One Planet Future brings urgent environmental issues to life with exciting music, humour and sensitivity. Details can be found at http://www.wwf.org.uk/what_we_do/working_with_schools

A new **Oxfam** resource about the impact of climate change on people in the developing world, and in particular women, is available online. The two videos, together with teaching resources are suitable for ages 13-16 and can be amended to meet the needs of younger and older students.

This set of resources challenges learners to understand climate change as a controversial and contemporary human crisis that requires engagement and action. It places the focus of the impact of climate change on the world's poor, especially women; and encourages learners to actively participate in a range of actions to address the crisis.

http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/climate_change_poverty_women

Dates for your Diary

5 June 2009 is World Environment Day. It is one of the main vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action. More info. and suggestions to raise awareness are available at <http://www.unep.org/wed/2009/english>

5 June 2009 is also 'European Climate Change Teach In Day'. The day will consist of a set of presentations in English and German provided by some of the renowned experts on climate change; a set of videos on the scientific, economic and social aspects of climate change which can be downloaded; and a discussion forum which will be on-line for 24 hours during the period of the initiative. In addition to lectures, participant schools and universities will be provided with a set of guiding questions for discussion, as well as a film which can be shown whenever possible. More infor-

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