

Human Rights Education & Active Citizenship

27th October 2011

City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow

PROGRAMME

(Day will be chaired by Mr. Ephraim Borowski, Convenor of BEMIS)

- 09:00** **Registration (with coffee and tea)**
- 09:30** **Opening Address:** Nicola Sturgeon MSP (Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy) Or Michael Russell MSP (Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning).
- 09.50** **Welcome by Rami Ousta (BEMIS)**
- 10:00** **Opening of the day by Glasgow City Council's Lord Provost Bob Winter**
- 10:10** **Morning Session**

Panel of Keynote Speakers

Jun Morohashi (UNESCO Chief of section for promotion of Rights and Values for Education)

Prof. Henry Maitles (University of the West of Scotland):
'What type of citizenship education? What type of citizen?'

Content will revolve around:

- What do we mean by citizenship?
- The demonisation of young people
- The relationship between citizenship and rights and responsibilities?
- The impact on values and attitudes of citizenship programmes

- 11:15** **Coffee Break**
- 11:40** **Morning Workshops (Parallel sessions)**

Workshop 1

Human Rights Education and Civic Society

Tanveer Parnez (Director of National Development, BEMIS)

Scottish Refugee Council

- Definition of active citizenship & - Education for Democratic Citizenship
- History of active citizenship – rights and responsibilities group discussion
- Understanding of active citizenship and their roles and responsibilities (Different rights and responsibilities)
- Explore what challenges do service providers see and opportunities in embedding HRE/Active Citizenship in service provision
- The role of service providers, politicians, NGOs

Workshop 2

Human Rights Education in the Classroom

Anne Kane (Curriculum Adviser, Oxfam Scotland)

Diana Ellis (Global Education Worker, WOSDEC)

Participants will explore opportunities within the curriculum that strengthen a respect for human rights through the approaches of Global Citizenship.

This interactive workshop will consider the links between Global Citizenship (GC) and Human Rights Education (HRE) within the context of Curriculum for Excellence (CfE). We will combine theory with practical activities that teachers can use in the classroom.

Workshop 3

Global Citizenship and Human Rights Education - Learner voice through rights respecting schools accreditation

Klaus Mayer (DO Developing Global Citizens, Education Scotland)

Sally Peel (Deputy Head Teacher, St Ninian's Primary School, Gourock, Inverclyde Council)

Mrs. Claire Coggins (Teacher, St Andrew's Primary School, Greenock, Inverclyde)

This workshop will showcase a practical, but inspiring, example of how global citizenship education can act as a catalyst for engaging and challenging learners. The presenter, Mrs Sally Peel, Deputy Head Teacher of St Ninian's Primary School in Inverclyde and her colleague Mrs Claire Coggins, Teacher of St Andrew's Primary School, will describe how they used the process towards Rights Respecting Schools accreditation to embed the values and principles of the UNCRC into the ethos and curriculum of the school. Through this learners felt empowered to confidently speak out and press for the rights of all to be respected both locally and globally.

Workshop 4:

The Rights of Children and Young People

Cathy Begley (Head of Participation and Education (Acting), Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People)

Emma Laverie (Participation and Education Officer, Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People)

Participants will gain an understanding of the human rights adults and children have in common and why children need a separate convention to protect their rights. Participants will explore the articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, find out more about Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People and look at how the UNCRC is applied in Scotland.

12:40 Networking lunch + Market Place (please let me know if you wish to hold a stall at the market place)

14:00 Afternoon Session

1. Keynote Speaker

Prof. Alison Phipps (Professor of Languages and Intercultural Studies (Creativity Culture and Faith), University of Glasgow)

Human Rights Education, Migration and Religious Observance in Schools: An Intercultural Approach

2. Brief Talk by:

Mrs. Martine Leitch (Teacher, Swinton Primary School)

Rights Respecting School Award

In 2010, Swinton Primary achieved Glasgow's first ever Rights Respecting School Award from UNICEF, for Martine's outstanding work in driving forward rights education with her staff and pupils.

Martine's presentation will cover the process which her school went through and how it has impacted the pupils, staff and local community.

14:45 Afternoon Workshops:

Workshop 1

Amnesty International: Bringing Human Rights to Life with Curriculum for Excellence

This workshop will look at how teachers can use educational resources to bring human rights to life in the classroom as part of developing global citizens, with a focus on ideas for interdisciplinary classroom learning.

Workshop 2:

Need For Human Rights Education Throughout Society

Jun Morohashi (UNESCO)

Isabelle Uny (UK National Commission for UNESCO)

Introduction to the World Programme for Human Rights Education: discussion on why all these target groups including the primary/secondary schools, teachers, higher education, law enforcement officials, civil servants. What needs to be done for putting HRE into practice – focus on the policy making: presentation of one/two good practice(s) and discussion on obstacles and opportunities in the case of Scotland? Who should be involved – for networking with concerned stakeholders?

Workshop 3

Learning Through Film: Human Rights in Scotland

Dr Nick Higgins (the University of Edinburgh)

This workshop will demonstrate how to use creative documentary films as a means to teach school pupils, young people, community workers and other interested groups or individuals how to understand Human Rights in Scotland.

The workshop is based on the new multi-media education pack: '*Learning Through Film: Human Rights in Scotland*' created in collaboration with the Scottish Human Rights Commission, Choose Life, and The University of Edinburgh.

The creator and producer of the project, Nick Higgins, who is also a filmmaker and senior lecturer at the University of Edinburgh, will lead the workshop.

15. 45 Feedback session: The way forward (development of the Charter)

16:15 Closing Remarks from the Chair