**Letter to Secondary Head Teachers: 8 May 2014**

Dear Headteachers,

Thanks for the opportunity to speak to you at your meeting yesterday. As promised, here is some further information and some links for you.

Firstly the youth work map – I had meant to show you this yesterday but I ran out of time. We have created a map of youth work provision that is searchable by topic, type and opening times – it’s still a work in progress and is due for an upgrade following the new Council website, but you can find it here [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/youthworkmap](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/youthworkmap) , please pass this link on to teachers and parents groups – particularly staff who are working with young people who could benefit from some out of school activities.

As you know, CLD and youth work policy is shaped by Curriculum for Excellence. Health and Wellbeing across learning and Literacy across learning are the two areas where youth work is almost certainly contributing – and democracy education offers plenty of opportunities to evidence the experiences and outcomes from both of these areas. In addition, individual projects will have looked at other curriculum areas depending the needs of the young people who attend.

CLD workers and sessional youth workers are delivering democracy education and  youth participation projects across the City. You will have met the senior CLD workers from your area at the meeting, but you might also like to use the contacts attached who are the local participation lead workers and the MSYPs from the various constituencies across the City.

The Scottish Youth Parliament Elections will next take place in March 2015. It would be great to have a wide range of candidates for these positions and we will look to get people signed up to stand in late September this year. As always, we would also appreciate your continued support of the election process itself which usually lasts about a week, this time around it is likely to be electronic voting.

I’m attaching a page of links for resources on democracy, but I would draw your attention to our own collection of resources available at <http://www.upskilling.org.uk/home/talk-scotland-materials/resources>

And in particular the ‘branded’ voter registration form available to download [here:](http://www.upskilling.org.uk/home/talk-scotland-materials/resources/Form%20-%20Voter%20Registration%20Form%20ES.docx?attredirects=0&d=1)

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It would be great if we could guarantee that this was available in schools between now and September 2nd (the last date for voter registration). As I mentioned  there are a couple of important things to note for these forms

* Please print on yellow paper – to ensure that they are easy to find in a pile (they would still be valid on any colour though)
* There is no problem if young people inadvertently register twice or more
* You can collect the forms and return in bulk
* Over 18s can use these forms (D.O.B. is on the form it will not interfere with the stats)

Yours sincerely

Gavin Crosby

Local Contacts for CLD and SYP across the City, by SYP constituencies. (Note: location of the schools themselves, school catchments often cover more than one constituency)

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| **Central** (Boroughmuir, Broughton, St Thomas Aquinas, Tynecastle, Panmuir) |
| Callum | Macleod | CLDW | callum.mcleod@ea.edin.sch.uk | Broughton CLD Base |
| Ciaran | Davidson | MSYP | ciaran.davidson.msyp@sypmail.org.uk | Young person |
| Wing  | Ng | MSYP | wing.yan.ng.msyp@sypmail.org.uk | Young person |
| **Eastern** (Castlebrae, Gracemount, Holyrood, Portobello, Kaimes) |
| Paul | James | SCLDW | paul.james@ea.edin.sch.uk | East CLD office |
| Assad | Khan | MSYP | assad.khan.msyp@sypmail.org.uk | Young person |
| Martyna | Napierska | MSYP | martyna.napierska.msyp@sypmail.org.uk | Young person |
| **North and Leith** (Drummond, Leith, Trinity, Pilrig Park) |
| Caithleen  | Bell | CLDW | caithleen.bell@ea.edin.sch.uk | Fort CC |
| Callum | Macleod | CLDW | callum.mcleod@ea.edin.sch.uk | Broughton CLD Base |
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| Terri | Smith | MSYP | terri.miller.msyp@sypmail.org.uk | Young person |
| **Pentland** (Balerno, Currie, WHEC, Woodlands) |
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| Calum | Fila | MSYP | calum.fila.msyp@sypmail.org.uk | Young person |
| **Southern** (Firrhill, James Gillespie’s, Liberton, Braidburn, Gorgie Mill, St Crispin’s) |
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| Sofia | Della Sala | MSYP | sofia.dellasala.msyp@sypmail.org.uk | Young person |
| **Western** (Craigmount, Craigroyston, Forrester, Queensferry, Royal High, St Augustines, Oaklands5) |
| Steven | Kipanda | CLDW | steven.kipanda@ea.edin.sch.uk | West CLD base |
| Steve | Stewart | CLDW | steven.stewart@ea.edin.sch.uk | South Queensferry CC |
| Owen | Cruikshank | MSYP | Owen.cruickshank.msyp@sypmail.org.uk | Young person |
| Rosie | Pudney | MSYP | rosie.pudney.msyp@sypmail.org.uk | Young person |

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| <http://bitetheballot.co.uk> | A party neutral organisation for young voters. |
| [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk) | About my vote, information on what a vote means from the electoral commission |
| <http://edinburghactivecitizens.wordpress.com> | Edinburgh Active Citizenship Group, A group interested in bringing people in Edinburgh together to discuss political issues. |
| <http://futureukandscotland.ac.uk/> | Edinburgh university referendum research and education project –including useful infographics |
| [www.electoral-reform.org.uk](http://www.electoral-reform.org.uk) | Electoral Reform Society, Campaigning for a more democratic and representative democracy |
| [www.lothian-vjb.gov.uk](http://www.lothian-vjb.gov.uk) | Lothian valuation joint board - responsibility for elections in this area. |
| [www.upskilling.org.uk/home/talk-scotland-materials/resources](http://www.upskilling.org.uk/home/talk-scotland-materials/resources) | Our own site as a place to store useful links and documents |
| [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk) | Publicly funded body set up to regulate party and election finance etc. |
| [www.ayenawmibbe.org/](http://www.ayenawmibbe.org/) | Resources form the Scottish Youth Parliament  |
| [www.syp.org.uk/](http://www.syp.org.uk/) | Scottish Youth Parliament |
| [www.educationscotland.gov.uk/politicalliteracy](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/politicalliteracy) | Teaching information on Political literacy |
| [www.politicalcompass.org/](http://www.politicalcompass.org/) | Useful discussion tool for political education |
| [www.weascotland.org.uk](http://www.weascotland.org.uk) | Workers’ Educational Association – Talk Scotland |

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