## SERA Leadership in Scottish Education Network (SERA LiSEN) Communication July 2020

Dear Colleagues,

As we enter the summer and the opportunity for people to have a well-earned rest, both Zoè and myself pass on our good wishes to you and hope that you and your family and friends are safe and well. Who could have anticipated earlier in the year the tumultuous period in our lives and the change to all of our familiar routines? It has highlighted the importance of emotionally intelligent, responsive, caring and adaptable leadership at all levels of the system. It has been a time when there have been, for many, additional pressures and demands on our time (although I have to say that Andrew Cotter’s Zoom appraisal of his two dogs, “The good news from Head Office is that neither of you are going to be furloughed”, has been a highlight – catch it on You Tube). It was unfortunate that the planned event for May, bringing together three SERA networks had to be postponed but we are planning to host a ‘SERA connects’ session via Zoom for early 2021. This will focus on leadership of and for learning and explore emerging insights from a recent collaborative project between the University of Edinburgh and 8 partner schools taking forward a whole school approach to improvement through professional learning as critical enquiry.

Additionally, we would like to host twilight Zoom sessions which will be an ideal opportunity for you to share your research with us or for us to come together to discuss a particular theme. If you would wish to share your research, a speaker/contributor or have a suggestion for a theme, please contact either Zoè or myself.

To ensure that we are compliant with GDPR, we are refreshing our membership lists and would be very grateful if you could please complete this short online form [https://bit.ly/3cqjZBo](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F3cqjZBo&data=02%7C01%7Cjoan.mowat%40strath.ac.uk%7Cde0c4434f0b448beb27c08d7e2145dda%7C631e0763153347eba5cd0457bee5944e%7C0%7C0%7C637226449422865066&sdata=%2Fpa9ViPErA9WeiXVN%2F%2F1lDhLEN38UmZwLGRWbvP1UTg%3D&reserved=0). From now on, communications will only be sent to people who have completed it. We will also be encouraging greater use of Twitter with regard to our events #SERALiSEN. SERA has produced a set of guidelines for the use of social media (please see attachment).

We look forward to our future work with you and would encourage you to publicise the work of the network and to encourage others to join. Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in promoting research on educational leadership and you do not need to be a member of SERA to join, although we would encourage you to do so. We also welcome international members.

Have a good summer and come back refreshed after the break.

Yours sincerely,

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