

21st October 2019 In-Service Day

Dear Colleagues,

In the spirit of collaboration the five local authorities within the South East Improvement Collaborative have agreed a common inset day on Monday 21st October 2019. We are delighted to provide you with a menu of available opportunities. These will help to develop an increasing awareness of possibilities which the South East Improvement Collaborative can provide. You can find out more [here](#).

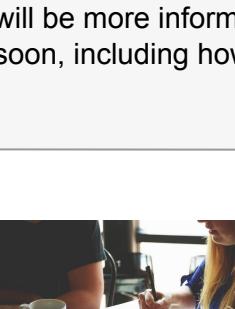
Our Offer

Whether it is attending an event or taking part in whole school, cluster or local authority collaboration, all practitioners should be involved in some form of high-quality collaborative activity. We realise that it is impossible for absolutely every practitioner in the South East area to be involved on the inset day so we have tried to give a variety of ways in which people can be involved.

Our offer for the day has been designed to meet the needs of a broad range of practitioners.

Opportunities offered include a mixture of:

- Sign-up events
- Targeted audiences
- Whole school collaboration activities
- An e-collaboration pack
- The Big Share

**The Big Share**

The South East Improvement Collaborative will be aiming to connect with well over 10,000 practitioners across our five authorities.

A key element of this is going to be the "Big Share". We will be streaming to schools throughout the day to share the exciting work that is happening across the SEIC. We will be supporting colleagues across our five authorities in sharing their practice and how they are positively impacting on our learners. We are really excited about the potential impact of this event. There will be more information on The BigShare available soon, including how to sign up.

Our e-SEICollaboration Pack

The theme of the day is 'Collaboration' which research has proven improves learner outcomes. This resource pack is for schools who have decided to collaborate within their school or across their cluster.

The e-pack will contain:

- Links to the SEIC videos and animations,
- A message from Carrie Lindsay SEIC Lead.
- A suggested relevant professional reading list
- Suggested activities to stimulate rich professional dialogue and develop authentic collaboration

This e-SEICollaboration pack will be shared with all schools week commencing 23rd September 2019.

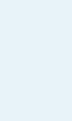
**Additional Support Needs Network****Event Hosted by Fife Council**

Explore the research, strategies and practical tips to support children on the Autism Spectrum. Come prepared to hear from experienced practitioners and collaborate with colleagues, sharing your own experiences and knowledge.

Target Audience

Support for Learning Teachers
Staff working with children with additional support needs

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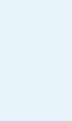
**Data & Analysis Workstream****Event Hosted by East Lothian Council**

Focusing on working collaboratively to deepen knowledge and understanding around the use of data particularly around progression, this event is designed to improve your skills in understanding and interpreting data; creating the written narrative and using data to plan improved outcomes for children and young people.

Target Audience

Primary & Secondary Principal Teachers, Depute Head Teachers and Head Teachers

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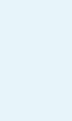
**Early Years Network****Event Hosted by City of Edinburgh Council**

Please check the Eventbrite page for event details.

Target Audience

Early Years Practitioners

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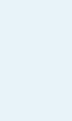
**Emotional Wellbeing Workstream****Event Hosted by City of Edinburgh Council**

A conference designed for children and young people including workshops, presentations and a marketplace. The day promises to be a fun and interactive way for young people to improve their skills and confidence in leading improvement within their own schools; set the foundations and key principles for a SEIC Emotional Wellbeing Charter, and to enhance the profile of emotional wellbeing to improve learner outcomes.

Target Audience

S4-S6 Students - 2 students per secondary school

[Book here](#)

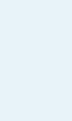
**Leadership & Professional Learning Workstream****Event Hosted by Midlothian Council**

An opportunity to engage in high quality professional learning through Practitioner Enquiry. Dr Valerie Drew, Senior Lecturer Professional Education and Leadership, University of Stirling, will explore the why, what and how of Critical Collaborative Professional Enquiry. Workshops will provide opportunities to learn from experienced practitioners and to network with like-minded individuals.

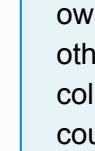
Target Audience

Staff with a Parental Engagement remit

[Book here](#)

**By Invitation Only Events****Quality Improvement Workstream****Event Hosted by Fife Council**

An opportunity for a targeted group of Primary Schools across the SEIC to engage in an inspection focused event. It will provide an up-to-date strategic overview from Education Scotland with a focus on the latest legislative and inspection landscape nationally and across the South East Improvement Collaborative. Recently inspected schools will provide practical workshops sharing their experiences and schools will provide highlighted as part of their inspection findings.

Details of other events coming soon.**Frequently Asked Questions****What should I do now?**

Share event opportunities with staff to sign up – There will be limited spaces at sign up events to allow as many schools to access as possible. Please check each sign-up event individually.

Sign-ups will open Wednesday 4th September at 9am, and close on Monday 23rd September at 5:30pm.

What if there are no events which meet the needs of my school?

The e-Collaboration Pack and Videos should help develop capacity for collaboration.

Is there anything else I can be involved in?

Yes! A number of networks are currently finalising their offer for practitioners – please watch the website for updates on additional events.

Schools may also wish to make their own arrangements for peer visits to other schools or to take part in collaborative cluster working. These could include cross-authority visits with a similar context (e.g. through the BGE toolkit/insight).