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# SEIC weekly update

**Welcome to your weekly update on the variety of supports available to colleagues working within the South East Improvement Collaborative area.**

“As a result of being part of the South East Improvement Collaborative, I believe my professional learning has grown exponentially in the last few years. I have had so many opportunities to work and learn with colleagues from across 5 local authorities. We have worked closely to share effective practice and develop new and innovative ways to take learning, teaching and assessment to new heights in order to improve outcomes for all learners. Being involved in various SEIC projects (developing numeracy practice, participating in the learning and teaching conference and attending and delivering QAMSO Professional Learning) has enabled me to network with exemplary practitioners, who have continued to inspire me to be the best teacher I can be. As a class teacher, Principal Teacher and Numeracy Lead in Midlothian, I feel empowered to effect change for the better. I am excited about what the future holds for SEIC.” Claire McManus, Principal Teacher/SfL Teacher/QAMSO, Stobhill Primary School, Midlothian.

**Did you know that**..... pupils’ attendance in the SEIC region during 2020-21 ,is similar to the national level in primary schools (94.8% vs. 94.8%), slightly lower than national level in secondary schools (90.6% vs. 90.9%) and higher than national in special (91.7% vs. 90.1%)? In these challenging times, attendance has become an even greater area of focus than ever before. It’s important to remind ourselves that everyone working with children, young people and families across SEIC is making a real difference through our individual and collective actions every day.

**If I keep reading this update, what will I find?** You’ll find a range of **professional learning offers** coming up very soon. If you scroll further down, you’ll find other offers that are taking place in the coming weeks (all specifying who sessions are aimed at). You’ll also find a range of helpful **resources** you can tap in to.

**How can I find out more about SEIC, provide feedback or make contact?**

You can subscribe to our mailing list using this link [SEIC News – \(Subscribe here\)](#).

You can read the full SEIC Plan, which provides info on SEIC work & related data using this link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/seiccollabportal/key-documents/>

Follow us on twitter @SEICollab and Youtube - [South East Improvement Collaborative - YouTube](#)

The SEIC Trade Union Group representatives are:

Greg Dempster – AHDS, Gael Gillian – EIS, John Melville – NASUWT, Jim Thewliss – SLS, Kevin Campbell – SSTA, Debbie Thomson – Unison, Linda Ferguson – Unison

If you have any feedback or need any further information about SEIC, please email [jennifer.marr@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:jennifer.marr@midlothian.gov.uk)

### What professional learning is on offer 8<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November?

Date & Time	Event	Audience	Provider	Venue
9th Nov, 4pm	<a href="#">How does gender inequality affect attainment, wellbeing and participation?</a>	All	Education Scotland	online
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov 4.30pm	<a href="#">UNCRC What is it? Why does it matter? How can we embed it?</a>	Early career teachers	GTCS/Education Scotland	Online
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 4.30pm	<a href="#">An Introduction to Creativity across Learning (for SLT &amp; Teaching Staff)</a>	SLT & Teaching staff	SEIC	online
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 8am	<a href="#">International series for middle leaders John De Nobile</a>	Middle leaders	Education Scotland	online
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 4pm	<a href="#">Language matters a conversation about the terminology in scottish ed</a>		Education Scotland	Online
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30-3pm	<a href="#">shine virtual national network conference 2021</a>  (Schools Health and Wellbeing improvement Research Network)	All	SHINE	online
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 4pm	<a href="#">Learning for Sustainability in Early Years Settings</a>	Early Years	Scotdec	Zoom
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov & 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec (2 parts) 4.30pm	<a href="#">Developing Global Citizens in the Primary Curriculum</a>	Primary	SCOTDEC	Zoom

## What about new resources?

[Anti Bullying Week 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> Nov](#)

[Countdown to COP26 | Learning resources | National Improvement Hub](#)

[National Records Scotland: speak-census-education-materials.](#)

[The Talk Money Toolkit for schools](#) has been designed to help educators get involved in Talk Money Week 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. Further resources to support [Financial Education](#)

### **Maths Inspiration Show - 10 November (10am - 11am or 2pm - 3pm)**

Online Maths Inspiration show hosted by Matt Parker 'How Maths Can Save The Planet'. Explores maths in tackling climate change with leading mathematicians in the field.

Audience S4 & S5

You can book spaces [here.](#)

## What help and support is there for practitioners working within SEIC?

Professional Learning support for **Early Career Teacher's**

[Stepping Stones Programme](#)

GTCS & Education Scotland

### **Coaching for ELC managers**

Early Learning and Childcare Centre Managers are invited to take part in four 30 minute 1:1 coaching sessions, taking place online with a professional coach.

[ELC Managers Coaching sessions](#)

GTCS & Education Scotland

## Can you recommend any reading for this week?

**SLF Online** - The recordings from most of the sessions at this year's event are now available.

You can watch the sessions through the **SLF virtual event portal** until the 30 November 2021. You can access the portal in either Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge on a desktop or laptop using the log in details emailed to you after you registered. If you didn't manage to register for SLF Online, you can still access the recordings by emailing the **SLF mailbox** with your name, email address and organisation. Someone from the team will then sort out access for you. Full details on **how to access the recordings** on the portal are now available. Did you know, you can still visit the SLF Online Exhibition area? With over 40 stands you can view videos and download materials or watch the OnDemand videos. You can access this through the **SLF virtual event portal** (login required) and click on Exhibition.

**PDF file: Guide to watch recorded sessions from SLF online (300 kb)**

## What else is coming up soon?

Date	Event	Audience	Provider	Venue
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 4.30pm (2parts)	<a href="#">Rights, schools and the new Incorporation Bill</a>	All	Scotdec	Zoom
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 4pm	<a href="#">Learning for Sustainability in Early Years Settings</a>	Early years	Scotdec	Zoom
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov & 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec (2parts)	<a href="#">Beyond COP: Climate Justice in the Classroom</a>	All	Scotdec	Zoom
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 4pm	<a href="#">Language matters a conversation about the terminology in scottish ed</a>	All	Education Scotland	Online
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov & 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 5pm (2 parts)	<a href="#">A Global Citizenship Approach to Secondary Teaching</a>	Secondary	Scotdec	Zoom
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 4pm	<a href="#">West OS Awareness CLPL</a>	All	SEIC & WestOS	Teams
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 4.30pm	<a href="#">Getting started with Digital</a>	Early Career Teachers	GTCS/Education Scotland	online
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm	<a href="#">Learning for Sustainability in Early Years Settings</a>	Early Years	SCOTDEC	Zoom
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm	<a href="#">How does gender inequality affect attainment, wellbeing and participation?</a>	All	Education Scotland	online

## Have your say:

### STEM

Help shape the future of STEM professional learning by completing our 10 minute online survey by Monday 20 December 2021.

Practitioners in early learning and childcare settings, primary, ASN and secondary schools are being invited to complete this survey.

For further information and to complete survey:

<https://forms.education.gov.scot/i/WebForm.aspx?ID=F5C64023CF774151B37B0E6C201CE8EB>

### Creativity Portal:

Education Scotland and Creative Scotland are currently undertaking a review and refresh of the [Creativity Portal](#). Please ensure you explore the website prior to completing this reflective consultation. [www.creativityportal.org.uk](http://www.creativityportal.org.uk)

All responses will be anonymous and we encourage you to be constructive and honest in your reflection. We look forward to receiving your feedback on the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/QrdjAV6HaM>

Consultation closes 31 October 2021.

**Maths Week Scotland**

If you took part please complete the evaluation forms below to enable Maths Week Scotland to gather feedback on this year's celebrations:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MWS2021-Educators-Survey>