

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

“As a Headteacher, I’m looking to see how being part of the South East Improvement Collaborative can help me deliver improvements in my school, for the benefit of my pupils, families and staff. The SEIC weekly update is becoming a useful reference tool for me. I know I can use it to access current information and offers and use information that will compliment the range of resources and supports I already have access to. It’s helpful to be able to meet and collaborate with colleagues from across a much wider geographical area and to share ideas and practice. This feels like an exciting time for the South East Improvement Collaborative and I am looking forward to the year ahead as the plan progresses.” Karyn Rennie, HT at Donibristle PS in Fife

**Did you know that**..... on average 12.8% of school pupils living in the SEIC region live in SIMD 1 & 2? 18.9% of pupils in the City of Edinburgh, 5.9% of pupils in East Lothian, 22.5% of pupils in Fife, 9.1% in Midlothian and 7.7% of pupils in Scottish Borders live in SIMD 1 & 2. Colleagues are working incredibly hard across the region to support our most vulnerable children and families and those in greatest need of support. We can help you share ideas and ways of overcoming inequity through the range of SEIC networks and professional learning offers.

**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, provide feedback or make contact with the SEIC Central Teams?**

- 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 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – 12<sup>th</sup> November?**

28<sup>th</sup> Oct 4.15pm (will be recorded and available after the event)

### [Creative Conversation - Burning Down the House](#)

Second in the series of COP26 themed creative conversations With David Cameron, Helena Good and The Children's Parliament. Click on the link for further information and to register.

**Audience: All**

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 4pm (repeated on 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Nov)

### [Children's Rights - Getting it Right Tickets, Multiple Dates](#)

**Audience: All**

Education Scotland

5<sup>th</sup> Nov (all day)

### [New York Times COP26 Educators Day](#)

**Audience: All**

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Nov am

### [Higher Applications of Mathematics.](#)

Virtual Conference

This is a chance for practitioners delivering or considering offering the new Higher Applications of Mathematics course to come together to share challenges and solutions. The conference will also highlight the latest supports available for delivering this course from employers, practitioners and the Education Scotland Numeracy and Mathematics team. Sign up to attend

**Audience: Secondary Maths**

9<sup>th</sup> Nov 4pm

### [How does gender inequality affect attainment, wellbeing and participation?](#)

**Audience: All**

Education Scotland

10<sup>th</sup> Nov 4.30pm

### [UNCRC What is it? Why does it matter? How can we embed it?](#)

**Audience: Early Career Teacher**

GTCS stepping stones/ Education Scotland

11<sup>th</sup> Nov 4.30pm

### [An Introduction to Creativity across Learning \(for SLT & Teaching Staff\)](#)

**Audience: SLT and Teaching staff**

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## 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?**

"IT'S UP TO YOU, ME AND ALL OF US", the Children's Parliament report to the Scottish Climate Assembly is now published. We are delighted that the Scottish Climate Assembly has chosen to include the children's entire report in their official submission to Scottish Government. Read the children's report here:

[Climate change for the Climate Assembly - Children's Parliament \(childrensparliament.org.uk\)](http://childrensparliament.org.uk)

## **What else is coming up soon?**

18<sup>th</sup> Nov 8am (will be recorded)

[International series for middle leaders John De Nobile](#)

**Audience: Middle Leaders**

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18<sup>th</sup> Nov

SHINE National Network event. (Save the date)

22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Nov

[SERA Conference 2021- programme of events – SERA](#)

8th Dec 4.30pm

[Getting started with Digital](#)

**Audience: Early Career Teacher**

GTCS stepping stones/ Education Scotland

9<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm

[How does gender inequality affect attainment, wellbeing and participation?](#)

**Audience: All**

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## **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>