

The West Partnership aims to embed the values of **equity, excellence** and **empowerment** in everything we do. Focusing on building a culture of working collaboratively across the eight partners, we strive to continually improve learning experiences and increase attainment for every learner across the region. We believe it is by empowering staff and **shifting the ownership of change** that we can drive our vision forward. Working together we can overcome barriers to lack of engagement in learning, and raise achievement and attainment for all. Read more about our Action Plan on our website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/westpartnership/about-us/>



Winter 2019

Workstreams

This workstream supports the development of learning networks by facilitating collaborative events and professional development opportunities.



The CLPL workstream is working in collaboration with the other workstreams in an overarching and functional way. An exciting Primary Curriculum Conference is scheduled for early 2020, with follow up professional learning opportunities under development. We are consistently working towards improving our processes to ensure we reach as many practitioners as possible from across the West.

The development of our newsletter as well as a CLPL calendar for staff to engage with has been a priority and we now look to enhancing and improving our online presence as a wide-ranging facilitator of CLPL for empowerment across the West. Our aim is to empower staff to improve Equity and Excellence across the West and we are delighted to be able to invite practitioners to engage with us as a provider of high-quality professional learning.

This workstream aims to identify, share and develop best practices in quality improvement across the West Partnership.

- Development of a number of key professional learning events e.g. use of Insight and Evaluative Writing.
- Improving Our Classrooms
- Effective and innovative use of the BGE Toolkit
- Programme of activities for senior managers and authority staff which focuses on the building capacity
- Improving through Empowerment – where staff from schools in different authorities observe learning in each other's schools
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The aim of this workstream is to share best practice in approaches to inclusive pedagogy to promote progression and increased support for children and young people.

- Established new workstream for health and wellbeing
- Key activities included scoping activity to identify shared key priorities across the West Partnership
- Working groups in place for Educational Psychologists and officers with responsibility for health and wellbeing
- Analyse local authority improvement plans for health and wellbeing to identify common priorities.
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This workstream aims to establish a systematic approach to build upon and roll out collaborative working to embed robust processes that will lead to high quality and sustainable practices across the West Partnership.

- Agreed a West Partnership definition for collaboration.
- Supporting practitioners in leading collaborative enquiry research projects focusing on enhancing learning and teaching experiences to improve outcomes
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West Partnership: Definition of Collaboration

Collaboration involves working together, to understand and improve pedagogy for agreed purposes, which leads to better outcomes, informed by evidence and critical self-reflection.



This workstream will continue to identify, share and develop best practices which support families living in poverty, build community capacity, increase parental engagement and improve equity. It will also provide a forum to empower children and young people to participate in the West Partnership.



- Established Learner Participation Forum through facilitated discussions
- Established Parent Forum group to gather and share practice in family engagement
- Self-evaluation resource being developed to support schools in meeting the needs of their families and communities
- CLD conference in January 2020 will share CLD policy, practice and examples where CLD and schools have worked together effectively
- Linking in with the collaborative learning networks workstream to launch cohort of home link workers
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This workstream aims to ensure that senior leaders across the RIC are well informed of evolving career pathways and opportunities for leadership. It also strives to develop a range of supportive approaches for senior leaders in consideration of leadership actions within an empowered system.



- Developing strong and valuable links with Education Scotland's Professional Learning and Leadership team.
- Bespoke programme of 'Evolving Systems Thinking' specifically for West staff in November.
- Facilitating opportunities for 'Learning Sets'
- Supporting the recommendations of the 'Teaching in a Diverse Scotland: Increasing and Retaining Minority Ethnic Teachers in Scotland's Schools' report : <http://bit.ly/teachdivscot>
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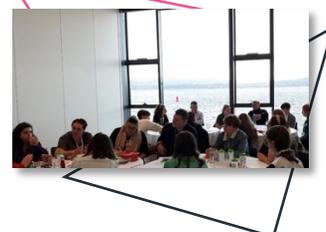
As part of the West Partnership approach to growing a learning system, this workstream aims to establish self-sustaining subject/specialist area networks to bring about improvement in learning, teaching and assessment. It also supports schools and ELC settings across the region to ensure they are designing and delivering a curriculum which has a range of pathways, will meet the needs of all children and young people and leads to improved outcomes.



- Activity has focused on the creation of subject networks including: **literacy and English, numeracy and mathematics, science, modern languages, religious and moral education and physical education.**
- Annual Making Maths Count conference – highlight was the keynote presentation from Chris Smith who is a former teacher of the year. His maths version of a well-known Proclaimers hit really got the audience enthused.
- A working group tasked with sharing practice across the West Partnership in the special school sector has been established.
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STEM and Learning for Sustainability

- Upstream Battle Professional Learning Programme launched delivered by Keep Scotland Beautiful, in partnership with Education Scotland.



Assessment and Moderation

- Professional learning sessions to support practitioners from all education sectors focussing on the moderation of literacy, (in particular writing) and numeracy.
- Feedback indicates the West Partnership model is developing practitioner knowledge and understanding of the Moderation Cycle, and having a positive impact on effective planning for learning, teaching and assessment.
- Launched an Assessment and Moderation working party, representatives share practices for effective planning for learning, teaching and assessment.

An Empowered Primary Curriculum Leadership and Innovation Conference

Tuesday 28th January 2020 - The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow

The West Partnership, in collaboration with Education Scotland, is providing the above conference on Tuesday 28th January 2020. The conference is aimed at aspiring middle / senior leaders with an interest in curriculum innovation and leadership within the primary sector.

This full-day conference will take place at The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow, and will feature key-note addresses from John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Graeme Logan, Director of Learning, Scottish Government, interactive workshops and an opportunity to attend a variety of pupil-led 'Innovation Stations' throughout the day.

The purpose of the conference is to promote practitioner empowerment in curriculum leadership and the development of a curriculum which delivers the aspirations of Curriculum for Excellence and meets the expectations of the National Improvement Framework.

Booking is via CPD Manager (other arrangements in place for South Lanarkshire Council). Places will be limited for each local authority within the West Partnership and potential attendees should liaise with their line manager prior to booking. Places will be **£60** to include a buffet lunch and refreshments.

We look forward to having you join us!

This workstream are also providing a range of professional learning events on the additional Inservice Day on February 12th- the details of which can be found in our enclosed Professional Learning Calendar.



Education Scotland has produced table-top sized (A0) regional maps that can be used for workshops, planning and reflection activities. By using post-it notes to share and map great practice, strengths, resources and opportunities the sheets can empower conversations and more visual ways of understanding what is possible in the region.

There are ten sheets available to loan from stephen.bullock@educationscotland.gov.scot

Date/Time:	Workstream:	Course Title:	Lead:	Venue:	Target Audience:
22nd January 9.30am-12.30	Families and Communities	Community Learning and Development Conference	Helen Brown-Lead Officer, West Partnership	Emirates Arena, 1000 London Road, Glasgow, G40 3HG	CLD practitioners across West Partnership
28th January 9am-3.30	Curriculum/CLPL	An Empowered Primary Curriculum Conference	Various key professionals	Crowne Plaza, Congress Rd, Glasgow, G3 8QT	Aspiring middle / senior leaders with an interest in curricular innovation and leadership
3 rd and 5 th February	System Improvement	Making Sense of Data	Sharon Hayward, Education Scotland	Glasgow Learning Hub Royston Primary School, Gadshill Street, Glasgow, G21 2NU	Primary Headteachers
7th February	ELC Network/ Curriculum/CLPL	Early Learning and Childcare Conference	Various key professionals	Celtic Park, London Road, Glasgow, G40 3RE	All ELC staff from across the West Partnership area
12th February 9am-12	Collaborative Learning Networks	Facilitating collaborative professional learning in your establishment and beyond	Helen Brown and Educational Psychology Service/Robert Owen Centre	Barrhead High School, Aurs Road, Barrhead G78 2SJ	Middle Leaders interested in developing facilitation skills
12th February Session 1 10-12 Session 2 1.15-3.15	Curriculum	Climate Ready Classrooms Introduction	Keep Scotland Beautiful Claire Herbst	Gryffe High School, Old Bridge of Weir Road, Houston, Renfrewshire, PA6 7EB	Secondary Practitioners from establishments interested in the Climate Ready Classrooms
12th February	Curriculum	Improving learning, teaching and assessment- Moderation for the Secondary Sector Day 1 of Learning Programme (see programme outline on West Partnership website for full details)	Sarah Green- West Partnership Development Officer	Bellahouston Academy, 30 Gower Terrace, Glasgow, G41 5QE	Secondary Senior Leaders with a responsibility for leading BGE curriculum/ assessment and moderation
12th February Session 1 10-12 Session 2 1.15-3.15	Health and Wellbeing	Safeguarding within the curriculum: workshop and sharing of national resources around key national policy on safeguarding including <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevent in education• Female Genital Mutilation• Child Sexual Exploitation	Lorna Aitken, Senior Education Officer, Inclusion, Wellbeing and Equalities	St Paul's High School, 36 Damshot Road, Glasgow, G53 5HW	Practitioners from all sectors with a remit or interest in effective practice relating to safeguarding
12 th February 1-4 pm	System Improvement	Use of the BGE Benchmarking Tool for Improvement	Adam Naylor- Scottish Government/Jill Pringle South Lanarkshire Council	Uddingston Grammar School, Old Glasgow Road, Uddingston, G71 7BT	Senior Leaders, Authority Officers.
24 th February 1-4pm	System Improvement	Use of the BGE Benchmarking Tool for Improvement	Adam Naylor- Scottish Government/Jill Pringle South Lanarkshire Council/Chris French Stirling Council	Emirates Arena, 1000 London Road, Glasgow, G40 3HG	Senior Leaders, Authority Officers.
2 nd March 1-4pm	System Improvement	Use of the BGE Benchmarking Tool for Improvement	Adam Naylor- Scottish Government/Jill Pringle South Lanarkshire Council/Chris French Stirling Council	Education Resource Service, Edinbarnet Campus, Fairley, Clydebank, G81 5BS	Senior Leaders, Authority Officers.

Interested staff should sign up via their local authority CPD manager system.

Staff from South Lanarkshire should email Aimee.Glen@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk to secure places on any of the above courses.