

The West Calder High School cluster invites you to attend...

# Let's Talk Scottish Education

*An opportunity to participate in 'Our National Discussion' and  
shape the future of Scottish education.*



Monday 14th  
November  
7-8.15pm

Time	Session
6.15 -6.45pm	Optional tour of the school
7 - 7.15pm	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
7.15 - 8pm	<b>Discussion groups</b>
8 - 8.15pm	<b>Feedback and Close</b>
8.15 -8.45pm	Discussion session - Your Council, Your Say

- Please join us either in person at West Calder High School or online via teams to have your say and influence the future direction of Scottish Education (teams link will be issued on 11th November)
- You will have the opportunity to discuss some of the key issues in Scottish Education and provide feedback that will be submitted to the Scottish Government as part of 'Our National Discussion'.
- The evening will be informal and will be accessible for everyone. Free refreshments will be available throughout the evening and childcare can be provided  
(Please email [wwestcalder-hs@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wwestcalder-hs@westlothian.org.uk) to let us know if you have childcare requirements)
- Anyone with a child that attends nursery, primary or secondary school in the West Calder High School catchment area is welcome to attend. Also, feel free to bring a friend!
- The WCHS parent council will also be hosting a discussion session on Your Council, Your Say from 8.15-8.45pm)

**We look forward to seeing you on the 14th November.**



# Why participate?

It shouldn't just be educational bodies making decisions which affect us all, everyone who is interested in the future of education should have a say. The voices of others who are not usually heard in decision-making is needed and this includes parents and carers who have a unique perspective on, and insight into, the needs of children and young people. Come along on the 14th November and have your say.

*Below is a list of some of the things that we will discuss...*

## Thinking about your child...

- What kind of education will be needed by children and young people in Scotland in the future?
- Do you have any thoughts on what might be needed to achieve this?
- As a parent or carer, what do you think children and young people in Scotland will need in the future to help them feel supported in their learning?
- If there was one key thing about Scottish education that you think should continue, what would this be and why?
- What do you think the most important priorities for the Scottish education system should be in the future?
- Do you have any thoughts on what the future of education in Scotland should look like?
- Do you have any thoughts on how that future vision for Scottish education could be achieved?
- What do you think would need to happen first to achieve that vision for education in Scotland?
- What needs to happen to enable everyone with an interest in Scottish education to have their say and contribute to future decisions and actions?
- Is there anything else you would like to add to the national discussion on the vision of education in Scotland?

## 5 additional questions...

- Our Future Learning: How can high quality educational experiences, teaching, and learning be best supported for children and young people in Scotland?
- Our Future Equity: How can every child and young person's individual needs be supported and addressed in the future?
- Our Future Well-Being: How can children and young people's mental, emotional, social, and physical wellbeing and safety be cared for and supported in the future?
- Our Future Rights: How can the right of every child and young person - 'to have opportunities to develop their full potential' - be achieved in future?
- Our Future World: How can children and young people be helped to learn about our changing world, so they feel able to positively contribute?

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