

## Making Connections between Curriculum for Excellence and Early Education and Childcare Courses

Saturday 29 November 2008

### Registration Form

Name of Attendee \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

College Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate where you heard about the conference \_\_\_\_\_

### Workshops

Delegates are invited to attend two workshops, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

#### Morning Workshops

All of the morning workshops will focus on the general theme of inviting participants to consider *Curriculum for Excellence* in the context of facilitating students to work with young children. *Due to the workshops all addressing the same theme, delegates will be allocated a morning workshop.*

#### Afternoon Workshops

There will be four different workshops, each one offering delegates the opportunity to make connections between one of the main Early Education and Childcare courses and *Curriculum for Excellence*.

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice of workshop in order of preference:  
'A' indicates 1st choice, and 'B' indicates 2nd choice:

Workshop 1 – NC and CfE  Workshop 2 – HNC and CfE

Workshop 3 – PDA and CfE  Workshop 4 – SVQ and CfE

Your confirmation of your place at the conference will indicate which workshops you have been allocated to. We will endeavour to provide you with your selected 1st (A) and 2nd (B) choice as far as numbers allow. Please note that places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please complete by Friday 7 November 2008 and return to:

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Glasgow G2 8DU or fax: 0141 282 5040  
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## Conference Programme

This conference has been organised specifically to support FE lecturers who teach courses relating to Early Education and Childcare

09.30 – 10.00	Arrival and Coffee
10.00 – 10.05	Welcome <i>Jean Carwood-Edwards, Early Years Team Leader, LTS</i>
10.05 – 10.25	<b>Early Years – The Current Context</b> <i>Don McGillivray, Head of Early Education and Childcare, Scottish Government</i>
10.25 – 10.40	<b>SQA and Curriculum for Excellence</b> <i>Eleanor Ramsay, Qualifications Manager, Care Scotland, SQA</i>
10.40 – 11.00	<b>Curriculum for Excellence Question Time</b> The panel comprises: <i>Liz Mercer, Head of Cathkin Community Nursery, South Lanarkshire</i> <i>Mairi MacIver-Clark, Owner, Mulberry Bush Nursery, Stirling</i> <i>Lynne McLeod, P1 Teacher, Glenlee Primary School, South Lanarkshire</i> <i>Lynda Bancroft, Development Officer – Early Years, LTS</i>
11.00 – 11.15	Audience Discussion/Comments
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee
11.30 – 12.15	Morning Workshops <b>Curriculum for Excellence and helping to prepare our students (Future Workforce) to provide the highest quality provision for our young children</b>
12.15 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 13.30	<b>Making Critical Connections – Curriculum for Excellence and FE</b> <i>Jean Carwood-Edwards Early Years Team Leader, LTS</i> <i>Eleanor Mands, Course Leader, Early Education and Childcare, Angus College</i>
13.30 – 14.30	Afternoon Workshops <b>Curriculum for Excellence and Courses – Making Critical Connections</b> Each workshop will focus mainly on one of the following courses: NC, HNC, PDA, SVQ
14.30 – 14.45	Workshop Sharing – whole conference
14.45 – 14.55	Christmas Champagne Game
14.55 – 15.00	Closing Remarks and Depart

## Conference for Further Education Lecturers Making Connections between Curriculum for Excellence and Early Education and Childcare Courses



Saturday 29 November 2008, 10.00 – 15.00

Radisson Hotel, Edinburgh

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Learning and Teaching Scotland



**C**urriculum for Excellence aims to enable all children to develop their capacities as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors to society.

'Education is the key to achieving this Government's ambition of a smarter Scotland . . . teachers, lecturers and education specialists all have a crucial role in developing the skills, talents and capabilities of our future generations. *Curriculum for Excellence* goes to the heart of what we want to achieve when we talk about improving education outcomes for young people. This aims to provide a coherent, more flexible and enriched curriculum for young people between 3 and 18.

It is a highly ambitious programme of reform – and rightly so. I have high ambitions for Scotland and *Curriculum for Excellence* has a vital role to play in preparing our young people to take their place in a modern society and economy. It allows them to gain the knowledge and skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work that they need to flourish.'

*Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning  
(17 September 2008)*

Further education lecturers who teach, prepare and equip our future early years workforce for their critical role in Scottish society have, themselves, a key responsibility to ensure that our children are provided with the highest quality provision in line with the Cabinet Secretary's ambitions.

With this in mind, LTS, in collaboration with Scotland's Colleges (formerly SFEU) and SQA, is delighted to present lecturers with this excellent opportunity to explore *Curriculum for Excellence* in the context of the main SQA Early Education and Childcare courses.



## Conference Contributors

### Speakers

Don McGillivray, Head of Early Education and Childcare, Scottish Government

Jean Carwood-Edwards, Early Years Team Leader, LTS

Eleanor Ramsay, Qualifications Manager, SQA

Eleanor Mands, Course Leader, Early Education and Childcare, Angus College

### 'Interview' Discussion Panel

Lynne McLeod, P1 Teacher, Glenlee Primary School, South Lanarkshire

Lynda Bancroft, Development Officer – Early Years, LTS

Liz Mercer, Head of Cathkin Community Nursery, South Lanarkshire

Mairi MacIver-Clark, Owner, Mulberry Bush Nursery, Stirling

### Morning Workshop Leaders

Jean Carwood-Edwards, Early Years Team Leader, LTS

Jane Stirling, Development Officer – Early Years, LTS

Linda Lauchlan, Development Officer – Early Years, LTS

Lynda Bancroft, Development Officer – Early Years, LTS

### Afternoon Workshop Leaders

Workshop: **NC Early Education and Childcare**

Helen Gormley, Senior Lecturer, and Lesley Aitchison, Childcare Lecturer, Reid Kerr College, Renfrewshire NC Early Education and Childcare

Workshop: **HNC Early Education and Childcare**

Morag Sutherland and Malcolm Wilson, Senior Lecturers, Langside College, Glasgow

Workshop: **PDA Early Education and Childcare**

Julie Brechin, Curriculum Leader – Care, Jewel and Esk College, Edinburgh

Workshop: **SVQ Level 2, 3 and 4 – Children's Care, Learning and Development**

Barbara Dale, Senior Verifier for SVQs in Childcare and Education

Thank you to the FE Conference Planning Committee which included representatives from Adam Smith College, Angus College, Borders College, James Watt College, Langside College, Moray College and Reid Kerr College.



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### Q Why should I come along?

A This is a unique and important opportunity to engage with further education colleagues from other colleges to learn more, and discuss and share ideas about *Curriculum for Excellence*. You will also have the opportunity to consider how *Curriculum for Excellence* can be incorporated and reflected in the different courses (eg NC, HNC, PDA, SVQ).

### Q How much will it cost?

A This conference has been designed specifically for further education lecturers involved in the provision of Early Education and Childcare courses. It is hoped that as many of you as possible will participate, and on this occasion we are delighted to be in a position to extend this invitation to you with no conference fee attached.

### Q Who should attend?

A Further education staff who support students following Early Education and Childcare programmes will be very welcome on a first-come, first-served basis.

