

Draft Programme

09.30 – 10.00	Coffee and Registration
10.00 – 10.05	Welcome – Jim Dunbar, Chair, IDES Network
10.05 – 10.20	Opening Remarks – Margo Williamson, Programme Director, Learning and Teaching Scotland
10.20 – 10.45	Chris McIlroy, HMIE – Sharing Good Practice
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee
11.15 – 11.25	Workshops' Briefing
11.25 – 12.10	Workshop 1
12.10 – 13.10	Lunch
13.10 – 13.55	Workshop 2
13.55 – 14.40	Workshop 3
14.40 – 15.15	Sharing Good Practice
15.15 – 15.30	Closing sessions
15.30	Coffee and Close

Fees

£130 for Non-IDES Network members (to include membership for one year)

£110 for members of the IDES Network currently registered on the database

(Please photocopy and complete a reply slip for each person wishing to attend)

Making Connections through A Curriculum for Excellence Conference

Name _____

Position _____

Organisation/School _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Please number the following workshops one to four in order of preference

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

Cheques should be made payable to Learning and Teaching Scotland. If you wish to be invoiced your application should be accompanied by an official order form.

Please complete by Friday 9th February 2007 and return to

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Making Connections *through* A Curriculum for Excellence

**Stirling Management Centre
Friday 23 February 2007**

The aim of the conference is to share innovation relating to the four areas of the Curriculum for Excellence and to inspire delegates with practical ideas for further developments.

'An excellent day – just wish I could have brought all the staff from the school'

Secondary Teacher, 2006

'A very worthwhile day and full of interesting ideas, innovations and activities'

Primary Teacher, 2006

Attending this conference may count towards CPD

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Introduction

Over the years IDES National Conference themes have covered a variety of topics of professional interest including Creativity, Education for Work, Enterprise, Thinking Skills etc,. IDES has always sought to encourage young people to explore how formal education can develop their knowledge and skills to help them have fulfilling lives now and as adults in the future. It is indeed gratifying to see that previous areas of interest that we have pursued now chime very clearly with the four capacities set out in *A Curriculum For Excellence*:

- Successful learners
- Confident individuals
- Responsible citizens
- Effective contributors.

Last year’s IDES Conference *Making Connections* was our first venture in linking to *A Curriculum for Excellence* and by common agreement it was a hugely successful day. In 2007 we are once again focusing on *A Curriculum for Excellence* by showcasing a number of school-based projects and innovative initiatives on the broad theme of ‘integrating the curriculum’. IDES has always taken the view that sharing and reflecting on effective practice is a most persuasive and genuine form of professional development.

This year the title of our conference is ***Making Connections through A Curriculum for Excellence*** and I would encourage you to come along on 23 February and experience an exciting day with us.

Jim Dunbar

Chair – IDES Network

Workshops

There are 3 workshop sessions and we will do our best to meet your requirements, however please indicate your four workshop preferences on the reply form.

Workshop A

Sir E Scott School, Isle of Harris – Grounds for Learning Project

The school is on the brink of a major extension and refurbishment project as part of Eilean Siar’s PPP programme. The FLaT ‘*Grounds for Learning*’ Project has become a core element in the aspirations of the whole school community as a result of a successful partnership between pupils and design professionals. This workshop will provide an overview of the project with a particular focus on the involvement of the young people themselves.

Workshop B

Sacred Heart RC Primary School, Grangemouth – Infusing Formative Assessment, Thinking Skills and Co-operative Learning Strategies

An overview of how we, at Sacred Heart RCPS Grangemouth are working to tackle the above problem. Using the teaching of reading as a focus to develop the four capacities of ACfE whilst integrating the curriculum, using formative assessment techniques, critical thinking skills and cooperative learning strategies.

Workshop C

Monifieth High School – Technology Project

Pupils working in companies across Computing, Business Studies and Technical will be given design briefs to research. Finance, Marketing, Design, Prototype Production, Web Design and Presentation Skills will be developed during the two day event. Winning designs will be manufactured in school and sold with profits reinvested in the next project.

Workshop D

Montrose Academy – Building a Learning Community

Five years ago Montrose Academy embarked on an ambitious programme to address the issues that arose from the transition of pupils from P7 to S1. The programme soon expanded to tackle the dip in attainment in S1/2 in English, Literacy across the curriculum, standards of behaviour, Critical Skills, Cooperative learning, and the transference of skills across the subjects and everything a pupil needs to be successful in the secondary school. The philosophy behind the programme was basically; if you want pupils to be successful, show them how. This workshop provides a case study of a work in progress; a school attempting to raise standards and change its ethos through addressing the issues head on.

Workshop E

Auchinleck Academy – Creating the Enterprise School

Auchinleck Academy has been involved in a number of initiatives to develop the enterprising school. This has included education for work in schools (2000) and in 2004, the pilot of HMIE Quality Indicators on Enterprise in Education. The school has adopted and all embracing approach that goes beyond the discrete enterprise in education that schools undertook to a strong focus on a ‘can do’ culture and particularly the promotion of enterprising learning and teaching which includes Assessment for Learning, co-operative learning and competitive learning.

Workshop F

Dornoch Academy – ACfE and the Integration of Secondary Curriculum

As part of Dornoch Academy’s celebration of Highland Year Of Culture 2007, the school is implementing a project where ICT is being used to link the curriculum of History, Art, Sciences and PE. This workshop will describe how the departments, under the auspices of Eco Schools implemented a project based approach to integration. It will show how the four capacities of ACE were embedded within the curriculum of the school.

Workshop G

Denbeath Primary School – The development of play in the early years

With the increasing emphasis in a Curriculum for Excellence on play in the early years, Primary One and Primary Two at Denbeath Primary School have been exploring a variety of methods for the development of play, both within the classroom and at home. Specifically we have been focussing on the role play can have in making connections in learning across the curriculum.

Workshop H

Bankier Primary School – How do we achieve excellence?

Bankier Primary School are working on a core curriculum, essentially a critique of 5 - 14, based on research evidence, shaping a curriculum where teachers are given the freedom to develop what children learn in a manner and at a time which is appropriate. It examines how excellence can be achieved. The workshop will describe their work in progress and early impact of their actions.