

Technology in S1/S2 Consultation Seminar, 19 and 20 March 2002
Venue – Hilton Hotel, Dundee



Programme

Day One – 19 March 2002

- 13.30 Registration and refreshments
- 14.00 **Welcome and introduction** Alan Starritt
- 14.10 **Overview of programme** Peter Edwards
- 14.15 **A national perspective** Bill Geddes, HMIE
- 14.45 **Learning from and about other developments** Chair: Alan Starritt
- 10-minute presentations with 5 minutes for questions, discussion, observation for each of the following:*
- Primary Technology in Scottish Schools Peter Edwards
 - Looking at Design Tracy Fox
 - Exploring Everyday Products Susan McLaren
 - The Nikon Project Russell McAllister
 - Make it in Scotland Margaret Harper
 - Young Foresight David Barlex
- Each presenter has been asked to address the questions:*
- *What is the project/resource?*
 - *What is the need for which it is designed and how does it set about satisfying that need?*
 - *What can be learned from the development or its implementation?*
- 15.30 Refreshments
- 15.45 **Learning from and about other developments (continued)**
- 16.30 **Views from Schools** Chair: Peter Edwards
- 10-minute presentations from the following perspectives:*
- Upper primary Gordon Ferrier
 - S1/S2 Technical Education William Lindsay
 - S1/S2 Home Economics John Fleming
 - A local authority Stephen Moore
 - A secondary school headteacher Lindsay Matheson
- Presenters were given varying briefs to reflect their differing roles. However, generally they were asked to:*
- *describe current practice*
 - *consider what future provision might look like*
 - *suggest what might influence or help to bring future provision about.*
- Questions and answers, discussion and observations.



Day Two – 20 March 2002

- 9.15 **Briefing for the consultation** Peter Edwards
- 9.25 **Day 1 review** Groups
- Question:
What do you see as particular strengths of the developments reported yesterday or others that you have been involved in?
- 10.15 **Consultation Session One** Groups
- Question:
What are the main challenges for schools in implementing the 5–14 guidelines for technology in S1/S2 and what could be done to help them to meet these?
- 10.35 Refreshments available
- 11.40 **Reporting back from Consultation Session One** Chair: Alan Starritt
- Each group will report on the outcomes of its discussions.
- 12.00 **Presentation** David Barlex
- A personal perspective and critique of technology education developments in England and further afield.
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 **Consultation Session Two** Groups
- Question:
What future developments would enhance the provision of technology education throughout the secondary stages?
- The aim here is to allow participants to offer longer term and possibly more radical views of the place of technology education in Scottish secondary schools – possibly a vision of how things could look ten years from now.
- 14.30 **Reporting back from Consultation Session Two** Chair: Peter Edwards
- Each group will report on the outcomes of its discussions.
- 15.00 **Conclusions**
- Questions and answers, discussion and observations – if possible an attempt to reach some consensus.
- 15.30 Refreshments and depart.