

International Perspective

The Scottish
Learning
Festival



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Ambition and Excellence in Education



SETT – The Scottish Learning Festival

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SETT, the Scottish Learning Festival, is the pivotal event in Scottish education and one of the few events in the world where educational professionals gather together to share good practice, exchange ideas and experience policy in action. It seeks to inspire better teaching and learning, and to help create a confident teaching profession for the twenty-first century.

The Festival generates a feelgood factor amongst the education profession and continues to enhance its unique standing within global learning conferences, positioning Scotland at the forefront of leading, developing and sharing educational professional practice.

The number of international visitors to the Scottish Learning Festival continues to increase in line with the number of international presenters taking part in the event. For the first time the festival will have one of its programme themes dedicated to providing an international perspective on key educational issues, including cooperative learning, closing the opportunity gap and restorative approaches in education.

Aims for 2006

- Provide direction and support for teaching and learning and inspire leadership at all levels.
- Exchange knowledge and recognition of international excellence in teaching and learning at both policy and practitioner level.
- Celebrate and share good practice in teaching and learning across Scotland to exemplify the Ambitious, Excellent Schools agenda.
- Encourage and stimulate effective integration of ICT in schools now and in the future and introduce learning professionals to the tools and professional development opportunities available through the Scottish Schools Digital Network.
- Create a platform to provoke thinking and debate on current and future educational matters and national and international research.
- Enable a new generation of teachers to maximise and realise their career aspirations and potential.

Who should attend?

- Policy makers and government officers
- Leaders and implementation teams at both national and local level
- Teacher training and staff development officers
- Practitioners and educators at all levels
- Student teachers.

Format

The Learning Festival comprises a number of key elements based around the combination of a conference and exhibition.

- The five keynote speakers for 2006 are: **Edward de Bono, Terry Dozier, Andy Hargreaves, David Weinberger and Lady Marie Stubbs**
- Eight spotlight presentations led by experts in their own field
- 130 practitioner-led seminars and facilitated discussions
- Over 150 exhibitors in the largest education exhibition held in Scotland
- A variety of fringe activities including poster sessions and round table discussions.



Special arrangements for international visitors

- Access to international lounge
- International civic reception on Wednesday 20 September
- Provision of contacts within Scottish education to arrange meetings etc.
- Opportunity for a poster session
- Special access to all keynote presentations for all delegates with international badges.

Education in Scotland

Scotland has a comprehensive education system. It is distinctive particularly for its flexible curriculum, which isn't set by law. What and how students are taught are based on guidelines prepared by Learning and Teaching Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Executive.

- There are approximately 725,000 pupils (excluding adults) attending local authority primary, secondary and special schools in Scotland
- The number of pupils in local authority primary schools is in the region of 395,000
- There are approximately 315,000 pupils attending local authority secondary schools
- There are approximately 7,000 pupils based in local authority special schools in Scotland
- There are around 2,750 local authority schools (2,200 primary, 370 secondary and 180 special)

Education authorities

State schools are funded by the 32 local authorities in Scotland which deliver education.

HMIE

In Scotland, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education inspects schools to monitor standards, ethos, financial management, and curriculum development. It rates schools from poor to very good. HM Inspectorate is directly accountable to the Scottish Ministers.

Learning and Teaching Scotland

Learning and Teaching Scotland is an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Scottish Executive Education Department, with a remit to:

- actively promote a climate of innovation, ambition and excellence throughout the Scottish education system
- support teachers, schools and local authorities in improving the quality of education and raising levels of achievement of all learners
- ensure that the curriculum and approaches to learning and teaching, including the use of ICT, assist children and young people in Scotland to develop their full potential
- work in close partnership with the Scottish Executive and other key stakeholders to build capacity and support the delivery of a first-class education that is recognised as such nationally and internationally.

A Curriculum for Excellence

The purpose of the review programme is to improve the learning, attainment and achievement of young people in Scotland. It's also about ensuring that pupils achieve on a broad front, not just in terms of examinations. It is important to ensure that children and young people are acquiring the full range of skills and abilities relevant to growing, living and working in the contemporary world. They will enjoy greater choice and opportunity to help them realise their individual talents.



About Glasgow

Why not take some time during your visit to Scotland to explore Glasgow, one of Europe's liveliest and most exciting cities with a wealth of attractions, including some of the UK's finest Victorian architecture, internationally acclaimed museums and galleries and tourist attractions as well as Glasgow's own unique atmosphere.

Glasgow has an amazing portfolio of more than twenty museums and galleries – many of them free – including the unique Burrell Collection, the Mackintosh House, the Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery and the contemporary Gallery of Modern Art.

Anyone interested in cutting-edge design should head to The Lighthouse, while the Glasgow Science Centre will appeal to anyone interested in learning about technology and its applications in a fun and interesting environment.

Eating Out

You can quite literally eat your way round the world in Glasgow, from the style of sushi bars of the Merchant City to the restaurants and brasseries in the hip West End. Whether you prefer traditional fare, ethnic cuisine or the very latest in fusion and Pacific Rim, you'll find something to savour in Glasgow.

Retail Therapy

Shopping is an absolute delight in Glasgow, the compact city centre makes it easy to navigate during serious retail therapy, with shops ranging from high street malls such as the Buchanan Galleries and the St Enoch Centre. For Mackintosh enthusiasts, the Princes Square provides an Art Nouveau backdrop to some fabulous stores. Visit the West End for boutiques and specialist shopping, or check out the Merchant City's Italian Centre for some continental style.

Conference Venue

The SECC is one of the world's finest conferences venues, an architectural landmark and an unbeatable location. The SECC is located on the banks for the River Clyde to the west of the city centre. For more information about the venue including catering facilities and a location map visit www.secc.co.uk

Accommodation

Glasgow offers an excellent choice of accommodation in a range of properties, which stand out both for their high quality and good value for money. Hotels situated within walking distance of the SECC include, the Crowne Plaza, the City Inn and the Campanile.

Tourist Information

To find out more about the city's many world class tourist attractions, shopping, restaurants and for general information, please visit www.seeglasgow.com or pop into the Tourist Information Centre on George Square.

Conference Registration

Through funding from the Scottish Executive, Learning and Teaching Scotland and our partners, the event remains **FREE** for all delegates.

Contact Details

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How to book

Online booking will be available from 1 May 2006. To attend the Scottish Learning Festival visit www.scottishlearningfestival.org.uk and follow the online booking instructions.

