

Raising attainment

 CONFERENCE


 SEMINAR

 TRAINING WORKSHOP

This series of learning opportunities brings new thinking and ideas for educators delivering Curriculum for Excellence. We're excited to introduce several new topics this season, including teaching grammar creatively, digital citizenship, and an outdoor, playful approach to maths.

Raising attainment and closing the gap: a seminar with Dr Val Corry

Date: Wednesday, 27 February 2019 (Edinburgh)
Trainer: Dr Val Corry
Cost: from £89

 Explore the academic literature, policies and practice relating to raising attainment in Scottish schools.


This interactive seminar focuses on the key factors known to impact on a child's learning and achievement, and the drivers that bring about sustainable impact. Practical activities will help you engage productively with the policy and academic findings, and support you to apply this knowledge in your own setting.

Key learning:

- Policies designed to raise attainment
- Drivers of attainment and how these can be applied in your own setting
- Identifying professional learning required to improve practice effectively and sustainably.

Teaching writing in the upper years of primary: a seminar with Sue Palmer

Date: Friday, 1 February 2019 (Edinburgh)
Trainer: Sue Palmer
Cost: from £89

 The latest SSLN survey showed that the attainment gap in writing is widening at P4, and even more so at S2.

In this seminar, literacy specialist and author Sue Palmer draws on experience spanning four decades to offer valuable insights and practical ideas on how to inspire, motivate, and integrate writing into teaching across the curriculum.

Key learning:

- Motivate reluctant writers, develop children's appreciation for written language patterns, improve organisational and thinking skills to support writing
- Learn techniques for quick bursts of word and sentence level teaching/revision
- Explore a simple model for integrating writing into teaching across the curriculum.

Meet the trainer



Dr Val Corry is an education consultant, and former secondary headteacher with more than ten years' experience in senior management roles in schools. She is a trained facilitator for Executive Arts Limited, the licensor of the transformational change tools that she uses in her training.

Val also works with the University of Glasgow, delivering leadership programmes including a postgraduate Middle Leadership and Management course and Into Headship, and delivers bespoke leadership programmes for schools.

She was part of a small group seconded to work with the Scottish Government to give advice on raising attainment, and has worked with the Scottish Government and Education Scotland as a Professional Advisor with a focus on raising attainment and reducing inequity.



Foundations of literacy: a seminar with Sue Palmer

Date: Friday, 12 October 2018 - Edinburgh
Tuesday, 2 April 2019 – Edinburgh
Trainer: Sue Palmer
Cost: from £89



To become committed readers and writers, children need the right support during their early years to develop the abilities that underpin literacy acquisition.

This seminar draws on research in speech and language therapy, developmental psychology, literacy, music, storytelling, physical development and play, to explore 'literacy readiness' between the ages of three and seven.

Key learning:

- Supporting children's language development, including listening skills in a visual child
- Integrating music, movement, stories and songs into daily practice to support literacy
- Developing children's concepts about print and building phonic knowledge
- The relationship between mark-making, emergent writing and explicit teaching.

"I left with ideas but also ways to implement them and evaluate"

Delegate, Raising attainment through parental engagement

Transforming school improvement planning: a seminar with Frank Crawford

Date: Friday, 5 October 2018 (Edinburgh)
Trainer: Frank Crawford
Cost: from £89



In this seminar, Frank Crawford will take you through stages of thinking about school improvement planning in a very practical way, encouraging you to question your approach and employ a range of tools and techniques to plan for change, whilst considering the direct impact on outcomes for young people.

Key learning:

- Develop new skills in communicating and dealing with different types of change
- Develop clearer thinking about your school's future and plan pathways towards that future
- Develop new insights into leadership and use hands-on leadership tools and techniques to lead future change.

NEW Family engagement for improvement

Date: Tuesday, 29 January 2019 (Edinburgh)
Trainer: Connect
Cost: from £79



This training will look in detail at how effective family engagement can feed into School Improvement Planning processes and improve outcomes for children, young people and their families. It is designed to support classroom teachers and senior staff within schools to develop engagement strategies which build capacity and strengthen collaborative working.

Key learning:

- Review current legislation, policy and research on family engagement and reflect on own practice
- Identify the factors that affect relationships between families and the school community
- Understand the types of engagement with families and prioritise areas for improvement
- Align family engagement with school improvement approaches and develop criteria to evaluate the action proposed.



Sharing the impact and challenges of parental engagement

Date: Tuesday, 9 October 2018 (Glasgow)
Trainer: Dr Val Corry
Cost: from £89



This interactive session is designed as a follow-up to the Raising attainment through parental engagement training (though prior participation is not a pre-requisite). It will demonstrate how a group coaching model can be used effectively to bring about transformational change in the way that schools engage parents and families.

Key learning:

- The benefits of group coaching and the skills required for effective coaching
- Exchange knowledge and experiences of parental engagement
- The impact and challenges of parental engagement improvement initiatives through a group coaching model.

NEW Messy Maths: an outdoor, playful approach

Date: Friday, 14 September 2018 (Edinburgh)
Trainer: Juliet Robertson
Cost: from £89



When children have opportunities to play with loose parts, their creativity, imagination and ability to problem-solve becomes evident. It provides the ideal context for developing mathematical concepts.

In this practical course (half of which will take place outdoors), you will explore the rationale behind using outdoor play to build the foundations of maths, along with a host of practical ways of making this happen.

Key learning:

- Outdoor play as a key, everyday approach to build the foundations of maths
- Practical ways to offer the context for exploring and developing mathematical concepts in children aged 3-7.



NEW An introduction to digital citizenship

Date: Friday, 2 November 2018 (Edinburgh)
Trainer: Jess McBeath
Cost: from £79



Today's children and young people are growing up online. The broad concept of 'digital citizenship' recognises a desire to support young people's development into ethical, critical, responsible and engaged online citizens. It encompasses elements such as ethics, hate speech, participation, fake news, privacy, self-image and online persona.

This training workshop will explore the concept of digital citizenship and the key elements and challenges involved, touching on a range of relevant teaching materials and resources.

Key learning:

- Consider the concept of digital citizenship
- Understand key elements and challenges for the digital citizen
- Build awareness of sources of relevant classroom teaching materials and resources.

Raising attainment in key topics in maths

Date: Friday, 1 March 2019 (Edinburgh)
Trainer: Amy Sinclair
Cost: from £89



This training will offer a practical and manageable overview of the key topics in maths, going beyond the theory to focus on what the learning looks like in practice. It is designed for teachers of 1st and 2nd levels but also of interest to 3rd level staff looking to consolidate learning of key topics.

Key learning:

- The progression of skills through a topic and how this connects with other maths concepts
- How to overcome common difficulties and misconceptions pupils have which hinder progress
- Lots of practical resources, activities and games which can be used to ensure deep learning and consolidation.

NEW Storytelling across the curriculum as a tool to raise attainment

Date: Friday, 22 February 2019 (Edinburgh)
Trainer: Bea Ferguson
Cost: from £79



Storytelling is highly effective in developing self-confidence, literacy and concentration skills in all pupils, as well as being an effective way to engage parents.

This highly practical workshop will draw on proven successful creative storytelling practice developed through residencies in both primary and secondary schools in Scotland. Aimed at class teachers and other education staff from primary and secondary settings, the session will demonstrate the capacity of storytelling to support pupils, while allowing you to develop your own skills as a storyteller through practical activities.

Key learning:

- Understand how storytelling can be used to support pupils':
 - Listening and concentration skills
 - Self-confidence
 - Oral literacy and creative writing skills
- Develop your own skills as a storyteller through practical activities.

