

Item 6.1 - Business bulletin

Education, Children and Families Committee

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European Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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[Edinburgh Learning Festival](#)

The Edinburgh Learning Festival took place on Friday 26 April at Hibs Stadium. The title of the event was 'Developing Future Leaders' and featured three keynote speakers: in the morning Graeme Logan (Assistant Director, Education Scotland), gave a presentation about 'Moving forward with teachers' professional development', and Steve Munby (Chief Executive of CfBT Education Trust) talked about 'Leadership for the future'. Dr. Margot Sunderland (Director of Education and Training at The Centre for Child Mental Health) gave the keynote address in the afternoon about 'Enabling troubled children and teenagers to thrive: The brain science, the psychology and practical interventions that work', which emphasised the importance of positive relationships for healthy child development. All of the presentations were challenging and thought-provoking. Musicians and singers from Broughton, James Gillespie's and Gracemount High Schools and from Tollcross Primary School and The East Craigs Community Choir (East Craigs Primary School and Community Learning and Development) performed for the delegates. There was also an 'Exhibition Village' showcasing a diverse range of work taking place in schools and learning centres across the city.

The conference was very well received by all who attended.

[Aspiring Head Teachers achieve national standard](#)

Congratulations are in order for a number of colleagues who have successfully achieved the Standard for Headship, awarded by the General Teaching Council Scotland. The standard defines the leadership and management capabilities of head teachers. Five City of Edinburgh staff were awarded either the Scottish Qualification for

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Headship (SQH) or Flexible Route to Headship (FRH). The recipients were:

Pamela Tosh, Broughton High School (SQH)

Mike Irving, Craigmount High School (SQH)

Ian Porter, Firrhill High School (SQH)

Lewis Paterson, Trinity Academy (SQH)

Doreen MacKinnon, Currie High School (FRH)

Paolozzi Prize for Art

Over 120 people gathered at the National Gallery on 16 April for the first [Paolozzi Prize for Art Award Ceremony](#). Organised by the Arts and Learning Team, 27 pupils were nominated from 13 high schools and Edinburgh Secure Services. Also in attendance were art teachers, families, friends and Yolanda Tartaglia, sister of Eduardo Paolozzi. The event was an outstanding success, and there were three category prizes and a prize for the overall winner. The categories were: Talent and Creativity; Overcoming Barriers; and New Directions. The work submitted was judged by a panel of art experts: Scottish artist Richard Demarco; Dundee academic Michael Spens, who commissioned the Paolozzi ceilings at Cleish Castle; Duncan Robertson, freelancer with the National Gallery's Education Team and who trained in Paolozzi's class in Munich; and Councillor Paul Edie, whose original idea it was to set up the prize. The overall winner was Lorna Searl, an S6 pupil from Boroughmuir High School. The Talent and Creativity prize went to Kit Andrew, S6 at St. Thomas of Aquin's High School. Overcoming Barriers was won by Siobhan Anderson, S5 at Edinburgh Secure Services, and Peyton Murdoch, S6 at James Gillespie's High School, took the New Directions prize. Congratulations to all who won and were commended, and to all who took part.

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Edinburgh Guarantee

The [Edinburgh Guarantee](#) goes from strength to strength. Following its success at [the COSLA Excellence Awards 2013](#), it has now been commended by judges in the [MJ Local Government Achievement Awards 2013](#). It continues to make great progress with its efforts to help young people into jobs, training and further education. At the same time, Hollie Sword, a sixth year student at Tynecastle High School, has been named 2013 Career Academies UK winner of the Sir Win Bischoff Award (Scotland and Northern Ireland). This is an award which recognises the student who has 'travelled the furthest' in terms of personal development and commitment during the programme.

Physical Education in Schools

The City of Edinburgh Council is committed to achieving by 2014 the target of 100% of its schools delivering two hours of quality PE in primary and two periods of PE in S1-S4. Good progress is being made and in the current academic year, 84% of primaries, 65% of secondaries and 80% of special schools are already meeting the target.

Work is also underway to support the development of the quality of PE. Two part-time PE Development Officers will focus on improving planning and professional development of PE Specialists and class teachers in primary schools, and developing cluster work in secondary schools. The cluster work is intended to share standards for the development of Curriculum for Excellence. Community Sports Hubs in Forrester/St. Augustine's, Broughton and Royal High School already use a cluster approach to PE, involving a number of partners. £200k of funding over two years from Education Scotland and Sportscotland is helping to support the development of PE.

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[Primary school placing requests fall](#)

The number of requests for out-of-catchment primary school places has fallen compared to last year. 807 requests were received this year, compared to 1109 last year – a drop of 27%. This comes on the back of a campaign by Children and Families to encourage more parents to send their children to their local school. And it looks as though concerted efforts to encourage parents to learn more about their catchment school and the benefits of attending it are paying off. There is increased pressure of rising school rolls, meaning that 577 requests were refused of the 807 received (compared with 610 refusals out of 1109 last year). At the same time, the number of P1 registrations has increased from 4408 last year to 4538. The primary roll is expected to increase by a further 20% by 2019. All parents who made placement requests outside their local school have been informed of the decision.

[A plan for people with autism who do not have a learning disability](#)

Autism is a lifelong developmental disorder from which people experience problems with: communication, understanding others and restrictive repetitive behaviour. The severity of the disorder varies; some people can live independently whilst others need specialist support.

The Government published [The Scottish Strategy for Autism in 2011](#). One of its indicators for best practice is the development of a local autism strategy for each area. From May to July, the Council and NHS Lothian will be consulting on a draft plan for services for people with autism in Edinburgh. [The plan](#) has been developed in partnership with people with autism, their carers, NHS Lothian and local service providers. It focuses on people with autism who do not have a learning disability, as there are significant gaps in provision and specific

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[Towards an Edinburgh Autism Strategy – A Plan for People with Autism who do not have a Learning Disability](#) - Report to the Corporate Policy & Strategy Committee – 16 April 2013

needs for this group.

The draft plan outlines a range of proposals including the need to raise awareness across services including, for example, identifying 'autism champions', improving the care pathway for people with autism, improving housing services, increasing access to employment, and support for carers. The report attached gives more background detail and lists the recommendations.

Forthcoming activities:

The Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee will next meet on Wednesday 12 June 2013 at 2.30pm in the European Room. The next meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee will be on Tuesday 8 October at 10.00am in the European Room.

A series of Children and Families briefings and visits for Elected Members were organised this term. There have been briefings on: Integrated Property and Facilities Management; School Admissions; Early Years; ICT and Teaching and Learning; and Healthy Children. Additionally, visits to PrePare, Edinburgh Families Project and Edinburgh Secure Services have taken place. More are planned for late May and June 2013. The briefings will be: Sport and Outdoor Learning (23 May) and Child Protection (26 June). A visit to Oxfams Young People's Centre is also arranged for 5 June. Places on these visits can be reserved via either John Heywood or Vivienne Shaw. A visit to Lagganlia Outdoor Centre was arranged for late June but had to be postponed following the announcement of the by election date in the Liberton/Gilmerton ward. This visit is being re-arranged. A series of further briefings and visits is arranged up to late December 2013, and dates for these will be available shortly. If there are areas of Children and Families' work about which you would like to be briefed but which are not covered by the programme, please let us know and we will try to arrange them.