



Mansfield Traquair Centre,
15 Mansfield Place,
Edinburgh, EH3 6BB
Telephone: 0131 474 6199
Email: sptc@sptc.info
Online: www.sptc.info

Item No. 9.1

Report to Consultative Committee with Parents

1. Parents Connect at Scottish Learning Festival: SPTC and National Parent Forum Scotland are hosting the first parent space at the Learning Festival in September, with lots of discussion and activities for parents – it's completely free and there is a full programme of workshops and talks, as well as a large exhibition. Registration is desirable <http://www.scottishlearningfestival.co.uk/>
2. Information sessions for Edinburgh parents: PCs in Edinburgh are invited to work with us to host information sessions for your parents.
3. Membership: The Stirling/Clackmannanshire joint education service has agreed membership of SPTC for all its PCs, taking SPTC membership across 17 local authority areas as well as individual PCs and PTAs across the country – almost 2000 parent groups.
4. Member support: We have introduced two new services for members: a series of regional networking meetings are being planned, designed to improve networking for parent groups and help them share what they are doing in their school (information will follow). The first of a planned set of audio 'Conversations' have been completed and will be added to the website shortly. We have also published a new Member Leaflet outlining membership benefits and key contacts.
5. Gathered Together (Cruinn Còmhla): This project is working in six pilot areas to support involvement of parents from different ethnic and cultural minorities in their children's school community: it is progressing well and information is available on SPTC and Bemis's websites.
6. AGM 2015: We will be organising a lecture for sprint 2015, which will combine with our AGM. More information to follow.
7. Parents Voice: The last survey on the role of religion in education was published at the end of June. The next one to be launched in September will be around CfE and qualifications.
8. Teacher Shortages: We will shortly be publishing a short report on issues of teacher shortages across Scotland and we are asking parents for their experiences.
9. RespectMe: SPTC is working with RespectMe on offering a training course targeted specifically for parents, to help build awareness and confidence in using IT and also helping build understand of different on-line platforms and how they can help to keep their children safe.

Eileen Prior
29 August 2014