



## REPORT TO CCWP, 14 MAY 2015

1. Member Support: The last few months have been busy for SPTC Regional Advisors. We've run more than 20 information sessions for parents and teachers in Edinburgh, Angus, Stirling, East Renfrewshire, Aberdeenshire, North Lanarkshire, North Ayrshire, Glasgow and Inverclyde on the following subjects: PVG, Effective Meetings, Parent Council Essentials, Working with your Parent Council, Focus on Communications, The role of Office Bearers & Committee Members, Organising Social & Fundraising Events, Helping to Improve your School and Involving all Parents.

In addition to member support, we have also delivered a number of sessions for parents in North Lanarkshire and we were invited to attend the council's Learning Festival at the end of March, where we ran a few short sessions for parents and teachers on partnership working.

2. Parents Voice: The survey on the implementation of PVG is closed and a report will be issued in May. A short survey on the Education Bill has been released to inform our response to the Parliament's Call for Evidence.
3. Partnership Schools: We are working closely with three pilot local authorities (Edinburgh, Angus and Glasgow) to define ways forward with the programme. We are currently organising the first set of training for the pilot schools. In Edinburgh we are working with Castleview Primary and hope also to involve Brunstane PS and Forrester High. The aim is to have all teams ready to go after the summer break.

We have also been "translated" the training materials from Johns Hopkins University (they are very American!) and working on our communications plan.

4. Gathered Together: A parliamentary reception is planned later in May at which the various reports on Gathered Together's work will be made available to MSPs and other guests. We will also add to our website.
5. Parliament & Education and Culture Committee: Eileen took part in an evidence session on the committee's investigation into the Attainment Gap on 31 March.
6. Scottish Government: Over recent months we have been involved with a number of meetings at Scottish Government: with the GIRFEC team in charge of the consultation on the Children and Young People's Act Guidance; at a Stakeholders meeting regarding smoking prevention and cessation among young people; with the Bill team to discuss the new Education Bill; with the literacy and numeracy team to discuss the statistics published recently; and progress being made by the Developing the Young Workforce team.
7. Education Scotland: We have been successful in our application to run a workshop at the Learning Festival in September on Partnership Schools, and plans are underway to have a Parents Village at the event where we will have space.

8. Developing the Young Workforce: Eileen attended a Stakeholder event in March which brought together parent organisations with schools, colleges, employers and others to learn about progress and share perspectives. In addition, the team (which comprises Skills Development Scotland, Education Scotland and Scottish Government) is also asking parent bodies for input to the 'standards' being developed on careers guidance and work placements.

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