

Connect Report to CCWP

October 2018

1. Updated Resources for PC and PTA members: Work went in over the summer both to update and produce new materials and resources for members. In particular we have looked at all our information with the lenses of equity and poverty to ensure that our focus is clear and we are following through on our manifesto commitments. These resources are available to members (individuals should create their own account on the website to access member-only resources. We are recording and videoing interviews with parents and practitioners around their work to build community engagement to be used on our website and on our new YouTube channel.
2. Partnership Schools: We have been working with St John's and St Peter's over the last year and hope to continue that relationship and while working to extend to other schools.
3. Data Protection: GDPR is something Parent Councils and other parent groups need to be aware of – we have information available on our website to help.
4. AGM and Lecture: We'll be holding our AGM in March 2019 and once again welcome nominations from both parents and teachers! Please think if that could be you! Look out for details of our Annual lecture too!
5. Working Together: a plan has been published by Government to bring additional focus to parental engagement in schools and early years. Connect, along with other organisations, will be working with government on new guidance for schools and parents during this year.
6. Consultations: We submitted responses to the following consultations:
 - Protection of Vulnerable Groups and the Disclosure of Criminal Information
 - Early Learning and Childcare Service Model for 2020
 - Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in Schools
 - Supporting Disabled Children, Young People and their Families
7. Education and Skills Committee: We answered the Committee's call for evidence on Senior Phase Pathways. The Committee expressed interest in our surveys of parents and teachers on P1 Scottish National Standardised Assessment, and we sent them our survey reports.

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8. Standardised Assessments: we are working with Upstart and others on the #PlayNotTests campaign around standardised assessments, with a focus on P1.
9. Shared Inspection Framework for Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) and Out of School Care Settings: we provided feedback on draft Quality Indicators and themes and are feeding back on the draft ahead of a meeting scheduled for October.
10. Inspections: We have raised concerns about school inspections giving negative feedback to parent groups about their efforts – we will keep you informed.
11. EiS: we published a joint statement on excessive thank you gifts given to teachers at the end of the school year and will aim to gain wider support on this issue.
12. RespectMe: we have developed joint online sessions on bullying which are available to members.
13. Church of Scotland: We are working with CoS on an initiative around school chaplaincy and Time for Reflection: launch of event in October.
14. Skills Development Scotland: members of the Connect team met SDS to provide feedback on their new parents' website.
15. Give them Time Campaign: We have been contacted by the co-ordinator requesting that Connect joins this campaign to promote parents' right to defer.

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