


# 6.1 Business bulletin

## Education, Children and Families Committee

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European Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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## Recent news

### **Second year of the Paolozzi Prize for Art**

Planning is well underway for the second Paolozzi Prize for Art, which will follow the same successful format as last year's prize.

Teachers in all City of Edinburgh High Schools will again be invited to nominate pupils in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year under the following categories:

- Talent and Creativity
- Overcoming Barriers
- New Directions

Last year 13 High Schools and Edinburgh Secure Services nominated pupils and the judges were prominent members of the art world. The Award Ceremony was held in the National Gallery with Gillian Tee, Councillor Paul Godzik, Councillor Cathy Fullarton and Councillor Paul Edie present, speaking and giving prizes. Music was provided by pupils from City of Edinburgh Music School and the Edinburgh Schools Jazz Ensemble. All nominate pupils and guests were invited to the ceremony.

A Commended, Highly Commended and Winner was announced for each category, with each category winner receiving a cheque for £250. There was a 4<sup>th</sup> prize of £500 awarded to the overall winner of the Paolozzi Prize for Art.

A teacher at St Catherine's commented that one of their pupils winning the prize in the Overcoming Barriers category had generated a real sense of pride and achievement throughout the school.

Negotiations are currently underway with judges including Richard Demarco, and with the National Gallery. The details for nominating pupils and the date of the 2014 Award Ceremony will be announced in early March.

## Background

More information is available at <http://edinburghbrightfutures.com/2013/04/18/paolozzi-prize-for-art-winners-announced/> or from Linda Lees on 469 3956 [linda.lees@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:linda.lees@edinburgh.gov.uk)

## **Creative Conversations and Learning**

Creative Conversations are helping educators to unlock their creativity. The Arts and Learning Unit began developing Creative Conversations in 2011/12 and, to date, it has engaged more than 600 practitioners from most schools in the city, as well as arts organisations, HE/FE, CLD, senior managers within the authority and colleagues from other areas.

The conversations have been led by guest speakers, including Keir Bloomer; Angus Farquhar (conceptual and community artist); Graham Tydeman (Consultant Paediatrician); Heather Reid OBE; Frank Crawford; Laurie O'Donnell; Jim Elder (Apple Education); Ollie Bray; Jem Anderson; National Theatre; Sir Tim Brighouse, Don Leddingham; and Eric Booth.

Creative Conversations asks the questions:

- What do we mean by creative learning within Curriculum for Excellence?
- How do the arts and culture support creative learning – what are the core capacities of creativity that the arts can help develop?
- What are we doing to further the agenda?
- How do we know if learners are developing creativity skills and attributes?

The overall aim of Creative Conversations is to develop creative leaders and practitioners, contributing to improved outcomes for children and young people. A new programme of Creative Conversations is now available

### **WHEC receives Lottery funding to celebrate Commonwealth connections**

Wester Hailes Education Centre has received lottery funding to send three pupils to the Northern Cape, South Africa to visit their twin school, Barkley West High School.

During the visit they will learn Tswana dancing and teach the South African children Scottish country

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dancing. This will be followed by a return exchange visit where primary school children from feeder primary schools will attend workshops in Tswana dancing. The project will culminate in a final Commonwealth celebration event with South African and Indian dancing.

### **‘Be Part of It’ Commonwealth Games 2014 programme gets underway**

In mid-January the first event of the ‘Be Part of It’ 2014 programme took place – the P6/P7 sportshall athletics finals held at Meadowbank.

200 children (10 teams of 20 pupils) plus their teachers and supporters were packed into the main Games Hall at Meadowbank Stadium. Each school was representing a Commonwealth country.

The competition itself commenced with the Girls’ relay and their energy and commitment set the tone for a tremendously competitive event. At the final tally of points Bonaly and St Peter’s emerged as the top two. These schools will now go forward to the East of Scotland Finals next month.

For further information on the full ‘Be Part of It’ programme see the [Commonwealth Games 2014 – Edinburgh events brochure](#) (PDF).

### **Positive Destinations numbers reach a new high**

The number of school leavers going on to “positive destinations” for the year 2012/13 reached 91.4% – a 3.1% increase from the previous year and a 10-year high in performance in Edinburgh.

In comparison with last year’s initial figures for local authorities Edinburgh has moved from 25th out of the 32 local authorities to sharing 16th position.

### **Youth crime at a ten-year low**

There has been a large drop in the rate of youth offending in the city. According to statistics from the Scottish Children’s

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Reporter Administration, 216 youngsters were referred for an offence in 2012-13 – down from 299 the previous year and 921 in 2005-06.

**Forthcoming activities:**

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A new programme of Children and Families briefings and visits is being arranged and will be circulated to Committee members as soon as finalised. Also, a further programme of neighbourhood briefings will be delivered before the end of the summer term. Dates will be available imminently.