

# Business Bulletin

## Education, Children and Families Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 20 September 2022

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### Recent News

## Leading the digital revolution



Congratulations to three more Edinburgh schools who were recognised with the Digital Schools Award during the summer.

Lorne Primary, Corstorphine Primary and Wester Hailes High School were successful in their submissions and now join four other Edinburgh schools in achieving this level.

Digital Schools Awards is a national awards scheme to promote, recognise and encourage a whole school approach to the use of digital technology. It helps schools assess progress and recognise excellence in the use of digital technology, providing practical support and encouragement to help them plan for further improvement.

In order to achieve this award, schools have to submit evidence and demonstrate capability across a range of criteria. These include having a clear vision, strategy and digital technology 'culture' across the school, digital learning well integrated into the curriculum, and a commitment to ongoing digital professional development for teachers.

More information about the awards can be found here:

<https://www.digitalschoolsawards.co.uk>

Youth Music Initiative (YMI), funded by the Scottish Government through Creative Scotland, engages our pupils in quality music making experiences. In Edinburgh, YMI delivers music sessions to pupils from P1 to P5, and in 21/22 reached nearly 20 000 children – a number which we aim to build on in session 22/23, which marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of YMI.

Our YMI sessions, delivered by our fantastic tutors, impact positively on pupils' learning experiences not only in music, but also in other areas of the curriculum, including numeracy, literacy and health and wellbeing. Here are some comments from class teachers about their experiences of YMI this summer:



Pupils at Murrayburn PS taking part in a rhythm-based warm up game.

I enjoyed learning alongside the children and playing along with the ukulele. I now play this with the children on a weekly basis and continue to use the songs that were taught.

Thank you so much! I know all the other classes also really enjoyed the sessions and the kids are still singing some of the songs that they learnt. It was a great experience for them, and we really appreciate the support from YMI. Communication was also excellent, and the sessions ran very smoothly, so a massive thank you from all.

You have inspired us to timetable weekly singing with both P2 classes together next term, and classroom music with our own classes to develop knowledge of other aspects of music too.

The children loved learning new songs and being able to develop their confidence each week by revising the songs. Learning about pitch, tempo and the Scots element was fantastic!



P4 pupils enjoying their ukulele lesson with a YMI tutor.

## **Screen Education Edinburgh (SEE) update**

### Schools

Edinburgh City Film Education Programme completed in June. Funded by Screen Scotland, final activity developed pupils and teachers in schools serving SIMD 1 communities, including Broomhouse Primary, Craigmoynton High, Forthview Primary, St Augustine's High, and Edinburgh Secure Services (Howdenhall).

ECFEP also included a CLPL programme developing 45 teachers in 31 primary and secondary schools across the Southeast Improvement Collaborative authorities, a CLPL programme for 12 probationary teachers in City of Edinburgh schools, and development of Scotland's first General Teaching Council for Scotland accredited programme in film 'Using Filmmaking to Develop Your Teaching Practice'.

The next programme 'Set the Scene' will see a pilot roll out of the GTCS programme developing teachers in Edinburgh, and a pilot roll out of Film Line Scotland, a unique online learning platform for pupils at all curriculum levels to learn and progress through each stage of animation, drama, or documentary filmmaking.

The team at SEE are also part of a nationwide group recently formed by Screen Scotland, Education Scotland, and SQA, to develop a new Screen and Film Education curriculum for Scotland, covering early years to senior phase, in response to the increasing growth of the screen industries.

Partnering the Youth Music Initiative team, from April to June, combined animation and music projects took place in Forthview, Craigmoynton, St David's, Granton, and Pirniehall primary schools.

### Young People

The Moving Image Arts programme developing young people aged 16 to 25 in Edinburgh completed in June, with 10 learners developed over the 2021-22 academic year in film theory, history, and making through the CCEA Moving Image Arts AS level qualification.

20 young people aged 16 to 19 completed the latest BFI Film Academy Edinburgh programme. Funded by the British Film Institute and Screen Scotland, learners developed in all aspects of filmmaking, produced short films, and engaged with screen industry professionals in a masterclass programme, with each studying for the level 5 BFI/Screen Skills Preparing to Work in the Film Industry qualification.

Edinburgh & Lothians Schools Film Competition in partnership with Edinburgh International Film Festival made a return to two in person events in June. Successful entrants took part in the primary/special school screening, or high school screening, with a youth jury selecting films and deciding awards across categories and presenting at each event at the Filmhouse.

Amplify was a project funded by Edinburgh International Festival, with young people based at Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre in Moredun producing music videos in their community, following on from a music making project working with EIF and Vox Liminis music organisation.

## Adult Learners

In the Frame, an Inspiring Scotland/Scottish Govt Creative Communities programme funded project focused on giving skills, knowledge, and a voice to 20 people in North Edinburgh from September 2021 to June 2022, with a series of heartfelt documentaries produced about their lives and their community, particularly in response to the covid pandemic.

## Production

The team at SEE are currently producing two films focused on the Discover holiday programme, one which will aid recruitment and of families across the city who can be supported by the programme, and another to highlight the impact the programme has made for families over the past few years.

Another film being produced celebrates 20 years of the Youth Music Initiative in the city.

In partnership with The Guardian as part of their Made in Britain series, and funded by Joseph Rowntree and Paul Hamlyn foundations, SEE produced the only Scottish film of the strand, Made in North Edinburgh. A very timely, powerful, and immensely positive documentary focused on the community of North Edinburgh and the return of a local festival, the voices of local people and organisations are at its heart.

Follow this link to view – <https://www.screen-ed.org/news/made-in-north-edinburgh>

## Creative Conversations

Last session saw a packed programme of virtual Creative Conversations, bringing around 600 school leaders, practitioners and partners across the South-East authorities together to discuss important ideas in and about education. We welcomed back familiar and new guests to deliver a programme of conversations to inspire educators. These include Professor Ken Muir, to discuss his most recently published report '*Putting Learners at the Centre*', as well as Sir Tim Brighouse and Mick Waters on their co-published book '*About our Schools*' on

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educational systems through the ages. We engaged with young climate activists, classroom practitioners and school leadership teams, to hear their views on current matters such as the Climate Emergency, pandemic recovery and increasing poverty.

With current planning in place for the 22-23 programme, it is anticipated that a blended approach of in-person events, online conversations as well as short creative clips, showcasing inspiring creative practice, can be showcased on our new [Creative Conversations YouTube channel](#). You can keep up-to-date with the latest news and events by [signing up to the Creative Conversations mailing list](#) as well as by following us on Twitter, @CreateLearnEdin.

Excitingly, we will be hosting our first live, in-person event of the session, kicking off on the 29 September at the Edinburgh Training and Conference Venue. [Click here to sign-up now!](#)

*We are grateful to be supported by the Creative Learning Network Fund, a partnership between Creative Scotland and Education Scotland under Scotland's Creative Learning Plan, to run Creative Conversations.*

### Racket Skills Holiday programme is a Big Hit!



The 'Racket Skills' Holiday programme was delivered this summer within 3 areas of the city. The programme delivers badminton and tennis activities as part of the Racquets Development programme headed up by Ryan Harrower - Racquets Development Officer with the Sport and Outdoor Learning Unit.

116 pupils aged between P3 – P7 attended across 5 sports camps.

It is really encouraging to see so many pupils engaged in the content and the feedback has been fantastic from parents and pupils!

*“By far the best summer camp/ activity we have put our kids into. So happy to see our daughter enthusiastic to go every morning, running to get her stuff ready and bouncing into the class!”*

*“Kids loved it, I felt good sending them to a class where they wanted to go and it wasn't just 'babysitting' - kids made new connections and had fun.”*

### **Health and Wellbeing afternoon inspires pupils participation**

To **introduce pupils to extra-curricular opportunities** at Castlebrae High School and to strengthen links between local clubs and partners a **Health and Wellbeing afternoon** was held for the 80 new S1 pupils.

Pupils rotated around 5 stations – girls football, boys football, rugby, hockey, basketball. Sessions were led by PE staff and local clubs/partners. The afternoon introduced new S1 pupils to the extra- curricular programme and allowed pupils to experience what is on offer at Castlebrae High School. The afternoon strengthened links between clubs and partners working with or looking to work with Castlebrae High School and Community Sports Hub.

**"It was great to see team sports, (hockey), being offered at Castlebrae."  
HT Castlebrae CHS.**

Pupils were able to get to know staff/partners and vice versa and were then able to sign up to extra-curricular activities. This was the first time this type of event had been run for S1 pupils, and the event had come about due to lack of opportunity for transition during COVID. The event was very successful and will now be repeated at the start of each academic year building on the links with local clubs/partners.

### **Active Schools working in partnership with West Edinburgh Sting Rays**

Following the reopening of the pool at Balerno High School, Active Schools partnered with **West Edinburgh Stingrays Waterpolo Club** to provide a range of swimming lessons for the local community, as well as offering a Waterpolo Club for the students at Balerno High School, along with some “Come and Try” Waterpolo sessions for the local primary aged young people. The high school club proved very popular with over 20 S1 and S2 students signing up to take part, with plans now in place for creating a competitive team to take part in national competitions. The swimming lessons saw sessions available for all ages and abilities, providing affordable and accessible opportunities. The interest for both swimming lessons and waterpolo has been so high that we are now creating plans for additional sessions in the coming months to try and satisfy the demand.

### **Set for Success at Liberton High School!**

The partnership between NUVOC Volleyball Club, Active Schools and the Liberton Community Sports Hub has been prevalent for over 6 years now. Throughout this time, NUVOC have engaged fully with all aspects of the Community Sports Hub and the Active Schools programme: attending events both local and city wide, delivering at extra-curricular clubs and holiday programmes.

NUVOC have a partnership with Liberton High School, along with Scottish Volleyball and other partner clubs to create a Volleyball Pathway within the curricular timetable. This provides pupils the opportunity to participate in volleyball during school time learning every aspect of the game.

It was through this partnership with Scottish Volleyball and the clubs, that the high school and community sports hub were able to acquire funding to build 1 of only 2 Beach Volleyball courts in Scotland; this was built on the grounds of Liberton High School and is frequently used for PE, extra-curricular clubs, and local and national beach volleyball events.

**“There are many great kids involved and I love the way that the link just gets stronger.”**