

‘Caledonian education symposium’, September 2016

International study programme to learn from the Scottish approach to system improvement, evaluation and quality assurance

Scottish education has many strengths, attracting significant interest from the global education community in recent years. Requests for study visits have increased further since the OECD published “Improving Schools in Scotland: an OECD perspective” in 2015.

Education Scotland is offering the opportunity to join us for a 4-day study visit; 2 days of seminar sessions, professional dialogue and school visits, followed by 2 days at the Scottish Learning Festival 2016. This professional networking and dialogue will help build contacts for future work.

We have designed a 2-day initial programme which enables visitors to learn from our experience of curriculum reform and stimulating change in school improvement. Participants will find out more about Scottish policy and practice, our approaches to quality assurance, school improvement and evaluation, hosted and delivered by staff who worked through these change programmes. The delivery team will include strategic managers, members of Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of schools and colleges, and curriculum development staff. **The cost of the symposium is £300 per person.**

This focused study visit takes place in Glasgow in the week beginning 19th September 2016, the week of the Scottish Learning Festival, Scotland’s largest education event and one of the best-established in Europe.

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Scottish Learning Festival 2016 offers unique opportunities to access high-quality and continuous professional learning; Its elements include:

- Inspirational keynote speakers with a global reputation, including
Dr Yong Zhao, Presidential Chair and Director of the Institute for Global and Online Education in the College of Education, University of Oregon.
Professor Carol Campbell, Associate Professor, Ontario Institute of Education, University of Toronto.
Mark Beaumont, TV presenter and broadcaster, round the world cyclist and ultra-endurance adventurer.
- Conversation and debate in professional discussion sessions on Early Learning and Childcare, Curriculum Pathways and the Scottish Attainment Challenge
- Seminars on educational themes where you can learn from practitioners and young people and engage with local perspectives on key developments
- An education exhibition with more than 100 organisations and companies demonstrating their range of support for education professionals

For **more information** about this exciting and engaging learning experience, please contact Lisi Kama lisi.kama@educationscotland.gsi.gov.uk