



Learning Reps News

Edinburgh Local Association

Seasonal Transitions

In schools we are well aware that transitions of any kind can be challenging. I'm reluctant at this point to lose hold of the summer but as a geographer I can't ignore the Met Office. It notes that the Meteorological autumn runs from September through to November, with the expectation that cooler, more changeable weather will move in. Autumn is literally a 3 month transition period between the summer and winter.

For many of us autumn is a magical time with the vibrant colours of nature on full show, however for others decreasing daylight hours and cold wet weather is... well, miserable. However, as each and every one of us seeks to deliver our best every day there are some practical steps we can all take to ensure ongoing good health and well-being. Firstly, as someone once said, there is no bad weather in Scotland (just the wrong choice of clothes). As a hangover from covid some of us have discovered the importance and benefits of snatching outdoor time during the school day. Prioritising time with friendly colleagues outside the school environment in a nearby green space at lunch times can be an empowering way to return invigorated for the afternoon session. Often it does require us to 'know our no's' but once we overcome this challenge it is a win-win situation for all concerned.

Secondly, how many of us have considered the use of a sunlamp (often referred to as SAD lamps)? It would seem that they actually do work by mimicking outdoor daylight to help improve mood and regulate sleep patterns. I'm willing to accept the perceived wisdom of this in the knowledge that at the very least I am benefiting from the improved lighting conditions on my desk. See what you think.

Over the coming year we will also seek to focus on the importance of staff health and well-being which is a legitimate area for development within your PRD plans. Please keep this in mind, please keep the conversations around this going, and if you come across a health and well-being PL opportunity that you think others might benefit from please let us know.

Core Essential Learning



As we settle into the new academic session hopefully you do so with a good balanced Working Time Agreement (WTA). Hopefully you are also aware of the need to complete the following core essential learning that is included in your WTA.

Five hours in total have been allocated for the following e-learning sessions that are accessed through 'myLearningHub'.

- Working for the People of Edinburgh
- Fraud Prevention and Anti-Bribery
- Public Protection (including Domestic Abuse)
- Trauma Informed Practice
- TIE (Time for Inclusive Education) Stage 1 Training (2 hrs)

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We notice that 'Anti-Bribery and Fraud Prevention' is currently available with the remaining sessions programmed to be launched throughout 2026/27.

Please Be-Aware! This training is core and essential. To fulfil our contractual obligation with our employer we must undertake this training, and not to do so could potentially lead to corrective actions.

Accessing Core Essential Learning



From your workplace. Using your normal sign in credentials visit the Orb and Log into *myLearningHub*





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[Celebrating exam results, festival buzz, and our community](#)

myLearning Hub

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Learn, connect, and collaborate

myLearning Hub gives you access to a modern, social, digital learning resource for your role. You'll, not only be able to complete compliance learning but also explore the platform for other learning resources.

[Log into myLearning Hub](#)

Your Core Essential Learning will be displayed on the homepage (see opposite).

Don't forget that *myLearningHub* is a CEC wide website that supports colleagues with a diverse array of learning opportunities. It is not specific to an educator audience but rather supports staff across all services. However you are able to search learning opportunities using the 'Learn' button.

Handily you can access *myLearningHub* from home which offers us flexibility in our learning. The link to do this is included here:

<https://mylearninghub.learn.link/>

Less handily however is the need to sign up beforehand and use your alternative name@school.edin.sch.uk credentials. Unfortunately, at this point, despite Martin and Phil Pearce's campaign, CEC remain reluctant to facilitate access to *myLearningHub* through the single sign on process. This is a great disappointment and unquestionably a barrier to learning as it hinders members access to their PL at home or a place of their own choosing.



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If you are having difficulty logging in please refer to the myLearning Hub Orb page

Forgot username?

Forgot your password?

Learning for Sustainability



August saw the launch of a new and innovative LfS project led by Scotdec with EIS funding and CEC support. The project seeks to support and develop the delivery of LfS in secondary schools by encouraging teachers to view their own subjects through a 'LfS lens'. It is a values based approach that is grounded in GTCS Standards which place an expectation on all of us to deliver LfS in every classroom.

The aspiration is to support secondary teachers in how they think about LfS, and how they can make naturally occurring connections between what they teach and how it connects to LfS. The first cohort got off to a great start on our August inservice day and we are currently exploring additional funding opportunities to bring more colleagues on board. Please look out for an announcement in the near future, or contact me now to register your interest.

Your Learning Reps



Martyn and I are your Learning Reps. In our role as Learning Reps we seek to support and promote the learning aspirations of you the members.

This year we are hoping to get out into your schools at your invitation so we can meet and engage with as many of you as possible. You might be an EIS Rep and want to discuss learning around WTA's or PRD/PU for example, or you might be a member who wants to discuss and explore PL in general or something more specific?

Martyn and I are classroom teachers but we have some time to offer (Dominic - Tuesday afternoons, Martyn - Friday mornings, and Allan Crosbie our LA Treasurer - various times)

Please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will always try to get back to you as soon as possible. Hopefully we will get the chance to meet with some of you in the near future.

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EIS Professional Learning 2026



Hopefully you are aware of some of the PL courses and seminars that regularly become available through EIS HQ. See here: [Courses we offer](#)

Our Professional Learning Coordinators send out regular ebulletins though they are always keen to hear if you have any further ideas. Please contact Pauline McColgan at: pmccolgan@eis.org.uk and Zoe O'Rourke at: zorourke@eis.org.uk.

Education Scotland Professional Learning



The Professional Learning and Leadership team at Education Scotland are keen to share with us a range of professional learning opportunities designed to support your growth, leadership development and professional enquiry. Topics for the year ahead include 'Leading Professional Learning', Middle Leaders Leading Change and Coaching in Education' to name a few. The offer includes both facilitated and self-directed learning. Please use this link to review the opportunities:

[Professional learning opportunities for 2026-2027 | Professional Learning | Education Scotland](#)

