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Wednesday 28 September		Thursday 29 September	
Session 1 (Morning)	Seisean 2 (Afternoon)	Session 3 (Morning)	Session 4 (Afternoon)
Grammar for National Level	Grammar for National Level	Encouraging creative and literary writing skills in Gaelic	Preparing for the SQA Speaking Assessment (Fluent) at N5/H/AH
Ceumannan	Drama	Ceumannan	Drama
Preparing for the SQA Speaking Assessment (Fluent) at N5/H/AH		SQA – Higher writing for Learners	SQA – Higher writing for Learners
ASN*	Co-operative learning*	Co-operative learning	ASN*
Ceitidh, the Gaelic Voice*	Ceitidh, the Gaelic Voice*		
Employability and Skills: Developing the young workforce (Education Scotland)*	The National Improvement Framework (Education Scotland)*		

*Joint workshop with primary teachers

1. SQA – Higher writing for Learners

Eoghan Stewart

Eoghan is the Principal SQA Verifier for Gaelic Learners and in this workshop he will look at the requirements for Higher.

There will be an opportunity to look at the different grades and we shall look at the methods, skills and abilities required by learners in order to improve their writing grade.

2. Teaching drama in secondary

Fiona MacNab

A look at active teaching methods to promote language skills and to encourage learners at Higher.

By employing drama and active teaching methods in Gaelic Medium lessons, learners have more opportunities to speak Gaelic together and to create or study drama texts which contain excellent Gaelic.

3. Ceumannan 5

Chrisma MacFarlane

This workshop will look at the plan for Ceumannan 5 and what has been prepared already.

Also, teachers will have the opportunity to suggest what else is required and what should be in Ceumannan 5.

4. Preparing for the SQA Speaking Assessment (Fluent) at N5/H/AH

Fiona MacInnes and John MacInnes

We will look at how teachers can best prepare their pupils for the SQA Speaking Examination (Fluent).

We shall also assess examples of speaking at different levels from N5 to Higher and Advanced Higher.

5. Grammar for National Level

Eoghan Stewart and Mairi MacRitchie

Eoghan will lead us through a new grammar resource from Stòrlann for teaching of grammar to national level.

There will also be an opportunity for discussion and for the sharing of best practice.

We shall discuss how the resource could be used in the classroom.

6. Encouraging creative and literary writing skills in Gaelic

Catriona MacPhee

This workshop will look at how pupils can be motivated to write fluently in Gaelic.

We'll look at how pupils' creative and literary writing skills could be developed.

Joint Workshops – Primary & High School

1. Supporting ASN students in the classroom

Dr Fiona Lyon and Catriona Campbell

This practical workshop will look at the online ASN Handbook as well as creating Gaelic word lists on a software programme.

Literacy support resources in Gaelic will be looked at and an update on the reading assessment project will be given.

It will also look at practical matters for us to consider in supporting pupils with dyslexia – and therefore supporting all pupils!

2. Reading, writing and learning with Ceitidh, the Scottish Gaelic Computer Voice

Paul Nisbet

In this workshop you will learn how to use Ceitidh, the world's first Scottish Gaelic computer voice, to support GME learners.

Computer readers are of particular benefit to learners with ASN and literacy difficulties, but all GME learners can use text-to-speech to proof read and improve their writing.

We will find out how to read text from the internet, textbooks, assessments (for example, for National Literacy Qualifications, where human readers cannot be used to assess reading, but Ceitidh can) and examinations.

We will also learn how Ceitidh can be used with software to support writing, such as Clicker 6/7 and Penfriend XL.

Participants will receive a CD with the voice and free software tools to install at home and in school.

3. Employability and Skills: Developing the young workforce

Joan Mackay and Maeve MacKinnon, Education Scotland

This session will engage practitioners with the issues underpinning developing the young workforce and focus on their role in achieving outcomes for children and young people 3-18.

There will be an update on developments so far and consideration of the plans for the forthcoming years.

Practitioners will have the opportunity to discuss and share their own experiences of preparing children and young people for the world of work.

They will also have the opportunity to reflect on their work-related learning activities with a particular focus on Careers in Gaelic.

4. The National Improvement Framework

Maeve MacKinnon and Carol Copstick

This session will provide practitioners with an update on the National Improvement Framework and will focus on the impact the framework has for Gaelic Education.

Practitioners will have the opportunity to discuss the priorities and the six drivers for improvement outlined in the National Improvement Framework.

5. Co-operative learning

Mark Jones and Sophie Beavitt

You will be introduced to the concept of co-operative learning as a structured yet flexible approach to learning and teaching which involves problem solving, learning through talk, positive interdependence, individual accountability and emphasis on both social and academic skills; you will be taking part in and learning through doing key co-operative learning strategies and will discover how they can enhance pupil engagement in both a Gaelic-learners class and a fluent Gàidhlig environment.