



E-SGOIL NEWS

OUR TERMLY NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2022

Welcome to our December Newsletter.

Term 2 has been another busy term with lots happening for learners at all levels. National e-Learning Offer programmes continue to evolve and respond to learner needs, building on the success of previous years. In addition to this and other core business we have worked on one-off projects such as Our National Discussion live sessions which ran during the month of November with 26,000 learners taking part from across Scotland.

None of this would be possible were it not for our innovative and talented staff team. Their commitment to young people is admirable and this, along with stakeholder feedback, is what drives improvement.

This newsletter gives a snapshot of some of the work that has been done this session.

Please see our **website** or **contact us** directly should you require more information. If you would like to have our newsletter delivered straight into your inbox you can sign up to our mailing list using the **form here**.

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Early Years & Primary

OUT AND ABOUT WITH DUG

Our intrepid explorer Dug has been travelling around West Lothian visiting Early Learning and Childcare settings. He's had so much fun learning through play as he explores his world with the boys and girls.

Just some of his West Lothian adventures included making Christmas trees at the woodworking bench at Our Lady's Primary School & ELC in Stoneyburn. At Bankton Nursery he played in the snow, building a sleigh to travel the frosty streets, and at Dedridge Primary & Glenvue Nursery they noticed he'd lost a button – the only solution was for the boys and girls to teach him to sew!



You can follow Dug on his adventures on Twitter
@BeingMeWithDug

Our interactive learning space “Dug’s Discovery Den” provides plenty of playful ways for all children to join Dug in his adventures. Available in both English and Gaelic you can find them **here**

EARLY YEARS GAELIC MEDIUM STEM PROJECT



As part of the Education Scotland Enhancing Professional Learning in STEM initiative, e-Sgoil was awarded grant funding to raise Gaelic Medium Early Years practitioner confidence in, and awareness of, STEM and to build on the underlying principles of Realising the Ambition.

This e-Sgoil project was piloted within Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council) and aims to:

- Develop an online programme of support
- Coach, support and help Early Years Gaelic Medium staff to engage confidently in STEM experiences
- Assist Early Years Gaelic Medium staff in identifying and sharing good practice
- Further develop training materials to deliver Gaelic Medium STEM experiences to Early Years settings



Muriel Macleod -
Project lead



What was done?

- A survey was produced and used to gather baseline information and to identify CLPL needs
- A 100% response rate was achieved from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Early Years settings
- The programme that was developed is now being offered to all Early Years settings in Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
- An Early Years Gaelic Medium STEM Microsoft Team group was created, as a space for learning, discussion, professional development and for sharing resources, ideas and activities
- Gaelic specific links and relevant CLPL opportunities were also shared through the group
- Early Years Gaelic Medium settings requested STEM activities for a range of topics e.g. Outdoor Learning, Space, Birds, Under the Sea
- A workshop on Outdoor Learning, was delivered to a cluster of Early Years practitioners with further sessions planned
- Early Years practitioners who have taken part in the workshops, have rated all aspects of the CLPL opportunities, highly



Outdoor Learning at Stornoway Primary Nursery



Senior Phase Study Support

e-Sgoil's Study Support evening webinars are now in full swing, with a total of fifty different webinars up and running each week during term time. The number of youngsters registering continues to climb, with lots of people coming onboard just now in the run up to prelims. We currently have 2946 learners registered with a total of 11.6 thousand individual webinar sign-ups. There's still plenty of room, though, because the webinars take place on Microsoft Teams through Glow, so we're able to accommodate hundreds on a call for some of the most popular subjects.

English, Maths, Sciences and Social Subjects are all represented in our timetable, as well as a range of Languages (including Gaelic for learners and fluent speakers), PE, a suite of Business Studies webinars, Music and Art and Design, to name but a few. We cater for a range of levels from N4, through N5 and H to AH. Click on our timetable graphic below for details of the full programme.

Study Support 2022/23

National e-Learning Offer

DAY	TIME	SUBJECT	LEVEL	
MONDAY	5PM	English	Advanced Higher	
	5PM	Physics	National 5	
	6PM	Maths	National 5	
	6PM	RMPS	National 5	
	6PM	Physics	Higher	
	6PM	Physics	Advanced Higher	
	6PM	Human Biology	Higher	
	6PM	Business Management	National 5	
	7PM	Application of Maths	Higher	
	7PM	Business Management	Advanced Higher	
	7PM	PE	Higher	
	7PM	Biology	Higher	
TUESDAY	4PM	Maths	National 4	
	5PM	Modern Studies	Higher	
	5PM	Geography	National 5	
	5PM	Music	National 5	
	5PM	Maths	Higher	
	5PM	English	National 4	
	6PM	Chemistry	National 5	
	6PM	Gaelic (learners)	National 5	
	6PM	Spanish	Higher	
	6PM	Maths	Advanced Higher	
	6PM	Business Management	Higher	
	6PM	Music	Higher	
WEDNESDAY	5pm	German	Higher	
	5pm	Graphic Communication	Higher	
	5pm	Geography	Higher	
	5pm	Applications of Maths	National 5	
	6pm	Graphic Communication	National 5	
	6pm	Gaidhlig	Higher	
	6pm	Design & Manufacture	National 5	
	7pm	Gaidhlig	National 5	
	7pm	Design & Manufacture	Higher	
	THURSDAY	5pm	PE	National 5
		5PM	English	Higher
		5PM	Engineering Science	National 5
6PM		Engineering Science	Higher	
6PM		Chemistry	Higher	
6PM		Art & Design	National 5/Higher	
7PM		Graphic Communication	National 5	
7PM		History	National 5	
7PM		Health & Food Technology	National 5/Higher	

We ask participants to evaluate their experience termly, and we're delighted to report that young people have recently rated the 'overall quality of webinar experience' at 4.5 out of 5. This is a great endorsement, and testimony to the commitment of the e-Sgoil Study Support team. Participants enjoy the sense of an online learning community, and the positive relationships that develop between learners and teachers as the year progresses. We also offer a 'Your Questions' channel, where youngsters can post questions about revision or their work through the week between webinar times. 'Your Questions' is monitored, and suggestions and tips are provided by specialist teaching staff.

Study Support is freely available to all senior phase learners via Glow, including for young people whose Local Authority doesn't routinely use Glow - we can provide clear support for easy access.



It's been a very busy Term 2 for the DYW Live team and the extensive network of partner organisations, companies and volunteers who inspire, inform and upskill learners across Scotland in work-related topics.

Almost every week this term there have been themed webinars in addition to the 39 courses currently offered via MS Teams. The themed week webinars are usually streamed via the e-Sgoil website and recordings for the following events are now available to view on demand. Click the images below for more information.



World Space Week



Scottish Careers Week



COP27 programme



Social Care Careers Week



Winter Pathways Week

The programme continues to strike a chord across the country, with teachers from 29 out of Scotland's 32 local authority areas having registered for either provision for their learners, or CLPL for themselves, so far this year.

One highlight from this term was a partnership with National Galleries of Scotland, who arranged for guest artists to run Experimental Drawing sessions across two evenings with Senior Phase learners considering applying to art school. This was the first opportunity for learners themselves to register and join DYW Live sessions. The young artists' work will be showcased in a digital display in the Scottish National Gallery next year. Having received great feedback from learners and the teachers supporting them, we hope to expand this model to other areas of skills development.

As this newsletter goes to press, DYW Live is also supporting an innovative online pilot, with learners from 7 schools in the Scottish Borders aiming to achieve a SCQF Level 4/5 Work Placement with NHS Borders. If successful, DYW Live intends to widen this type of work placement offer to learners across the country, with a variety of job sectors to choose from. Watch this space...!

In the meantime, we hope that you and your learners can join us after a well-earned Christmas break for some of the great range of high quality, free, work-related learning on offer. Among Term 3's highlights will be the massively popular **Talk to a Farmer** series, which will run from 6-10th February this session.

Please visit the DYW Live section of the e-Sgoil website by clicking on the logo opposite for more information and to sign up for any of our sessions, either for learners or CLPL.





Gaelic

NATIONAL 5 & HIGHER COURSES 2022-23

The number of people studying Gaelic at Advanced Higher, Higher and Nat 5 levels through e-Sgoil continues to rise. Currently there are over 140 individuals from across Scotland involved in such classes. The vast majority are adults who find that this flexible delivery approach suits their circumstances.

Some of them are teachers or people working in education who are interested in introducing Gaelic as a 1+2 language option in their own schools and local authorities.

Pupils whose schools do not provide Gaelic or who aren't able to take Gaelic in school column structures have an alternative option through the e-Sgoil offer.

Those studying these courses with e-Sgoil come from the length and breadth of Scotland.



LEARN GAELIC

Learn Gaelic, Scotland's oldest National Language, online with other students from across Scotland via e-Sgoil.

When & where
Twice weekly lessons online via Microsoft Teams

Courses Available

- N5 Gaelic (Learners)
- H Gaelic (Learners)
- N5 Gàidhlig (Fluent speakers)
- H Gàidhlig (Fluent speakers)

For more information and to register your interest visit www.e-sgoil.com/gaidhlig/

UHI OUTER HEBRIDES INNSE GALL

NATIONAL 5 & HIGHER COURSES 2023-24

Learn Gaelic, Scotland's oldest National Language, online with other students from across Scotland via e-Sgoil.

Notes of interest and provisional registration are now sought from schools and learners for N5 & Higher Gaelic classes which are offered free of charge. These will begin in August 2023.

Delivery of these courses is in partnership with UHI Outer Hebrides



GLPS - GAELIC LANGUAGE IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

From January 2023, e-Sgoil will launch GLPS sessions to support schools with their L2 and L3 development as part of their 1 + 2 delivery.

This offer will give P5 – 7 pupils the chance to learn Gaelic with a Gaelic speaking teacher using Microsoft Teams. The timing and frequency of the sessions can be flexible, to suit the needs of your pupils.



GAELIC LANGUAGE IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

First sessions
beginning
January/
February 2023

ONLINE GAELIC
(LEARNERS)
SESSIONS FOR
P5-7 PUPILS

MORE INFO
[www.
e-sgoil.com/
gaidhlig](http://www.e-sgoil.com/gaidhlig)

Further information on any of our Gaelic programmes and expression of interest forms for each of those noted above can be found on our website **here** or click on any of the graphics in this section of the newsletter to be redirected.

e-Sgoil out and about



e-Sgoil went on tour in October & November. Our staff participated in the Connected Learning for All Conference, organised by Glasgow City Council, and visited the School Leaders Scotland Conference in St. Andrews.

It was great to connect with new and old friends of e-Sgoil and to chat about what we can offer schools and learners. If you didn't get a chance to chat with us, and want to know more, **get in touch!**



In each edition of our newsletter we will introduce you to some of the members of the e-Sgoil team. This time we meet **Laura Howitt** - Digital DHT and **Alex Kuryluk**, Business Studies teacher.

Meet the team



I am the Gaelic Digital Depute at e-Sgoil, having spent 9 years in Gaelic Medium Education in a variety of different roles including working at Local Authority level in my home area of Argyll and Bute. My subject background is Gaelic, Spanish and RMPS and I have lived and studied in Spain.

My e-Sgoil role sees me working closely with primary and secondary colleagues to promote and create opportunities for Gaelic Medium, Gaelic Learner and Adult learners of Gaelic and it is something I am very passionate about.

e-Sgoil has been a perfect opportunity for me to have a wider impact on Gaelic pupils and it still offers me the chance to keep up my Spanish and RMPS skills.

In my personal time I love to travel. I recently spent a month in the United States and I am making plans to visit Peru as it has always been a dream to visit Machu Picchu.

My name is Alex Kuryluk, teacher of Business Education subjects at e-Sgoil since January 2020.

I was attracted to apply to e-Sgoil for several reasons. Following a long career as a Principal Teacher of Business Education I decided to become a supply teacher and help schools who were having difficulties recruiting a Business teacher. I was also extremely interested in developing skills in on-line teaching. The pandemic reduced the opportunities for supply but increased on-line opportunities and I was fortunate to be selected by e-Sgoil and have been fairly active since then.

I was involved in teaching of all the Business subjects to all levels during lockdown, as well as creating content for the Big Questions & Learning Spaces.

I also managed to get involved in delivering evening Study Support webinars and Easter Study Support webinars. This year I am also delivering into a school as a supply teacher on-line - teaching Higher Business Management at Golspie High School.

What I really like about e-Sgoil is that you can make suggestions and, if possible, they will try to deliver. I was really pleased when my suggestion that the teaching of Beginner's English to forcibly displaced Ukrainians could be delivered using e-Sgoil's platform became a reality during the summer of 22.

Outside of all of this teaching - I love to spend time with my family, go to the football, walk, visit real-ale pubs, sing in our Edinburgh Ukrainian choir, teach beginners Ukrainian, study politics and economics, rest and relax.





National e-Learning Offer

The National e-Learning Offer complements the delivery of teaching and learning by schools and settings, local authorities and Regional Improvement Collaboratives in Scotland.



The NeLO is made up of three elements - live, recorded and supported resources.

Live resources include interactive, online classes. Recorded resources are available to watch at any time. Supported resources include assessments, practical experiments, revision resources and more.



All resources have been created by educators for educators to support the development of learning opportunities across the curriculum, from the beginning of the Broad General Education through to the Senior Phase.

Click on the NeLO & West OS logos above to find out more and search the resource banks.



- Updated Senior Phase Learning Spaces
- Easter Study Support launch
- New DYW Live offers and themed weeks

Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more information and updates on all our programmes.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH E-SGOIL



Every Friday during term time we publish details of what's coming up the following week along with a detailed timetables for the live Study Support webinars showing the topics to be covered.

These are published on the homepage of our **website** as well as on our social media channels. Click on the logos below to be directed.



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