



ESOL Network Meeting 1st October 2008

National update

- **National panel:** the panel met on 9th September 2008, the minutes of which are available at <http://www.esolscotland.com/nationalpanel.html>.

- **Update on working parties:**

The *Curriculum Framework Working Party* is looking at the underlying principles of the framework and the outcome which will be: successful language learners, confident language users, responsible multilingual citizens and effective communicators. They are also looking at how to take this forward in terms of assessment, accreditation and case studies of effective practice.

The *Professional Development Working Party* is exploring the potential market for a Scottish teaching qualification at Level 9 of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework and also the possibility of additional units to CELTA/Trinity Cert.

The *Funding Principles Working Party* is investigating the numbers and types of ESOL learners studying at different levels, funding arrangements and staff:student ratio.

- **ESOL waiting lists in Glasgow:**

There are long waiting lists and a lot of unmet demand. Providers will be getting together to look at a way forward.

- **E-newsletter**

We are developing a bi-monthly e-newsletter for ESOL, with the first edition to be issued at the end of October. It will feature information on national and local developments and activities, the ESOL website and practitioner network, professional development and resources for learning and teaching. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Jackie.Borge@scotland.qsi.gov.uk.

Contributions should be around **100 words maximum** to include website and email addresses.

Learning Connections will issue information on how to sign up for the newsletter.

- **Website**

We held a focus group meeting in August to review the content and design of www.esolscotland.com and are currently working with the website designers to take this forward.

- **Case studies**

We are working with Procurement colleagues in the Scottish Government to appoint a contractor to develop case studies of effective practice in:

- ESOL in family/intergenerational learning
- ESOL in work-related and work-based ESOL
- and working with settled minority ethnic communities.

These case studies will be useful to workers in different learning contexts, to those involved in developing and co-ordinating ESOL provision and to policy makers. They will be published in hard copy and on www.esolscotland.com.

The network will receive notification when the *Invitation to Tender* is issued.

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