



## **National ESOL developments Lifelong Learning Directorate, Scottish Government**

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### **National Panel and Working Parties**

The Panel met on 9<sup>th</sup> February. Minutes from that meeting are available on [www.esolscotland.com](http://www.esolscotland.com). The Panel will be holding an event on 29th May 2009 at Stirling Management Centre to discuss the preliminary recommendations from the three Working Parties - *Professional Development*, *Curriculum Framework* and *Funding Principles*. The event will give practitioners and managers from CLD, colleges and the voluntary sector an opportunity to influence the final recommendations that the Working Parties will present to the National Panel in the autumn. Further information will be issued nearer the time.

### **National conference**

We will be holding an ESOL Conference in November at Stirling Management Centre. The date is still to be confirmed, but will be either the 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>

The programme will include keynote speeches and workshops. Further details will be issued at a later date.

### **PDA: Introduction to tutoring ESOL**

The Scottish Government has awarded a grant to SQA to develop a pack of training materials to support delivery of the award. SQA will work with CLD, college and voluntary sectors to develop the materials and will deliver training workshops to support centres to use the materials.

### **Case studies of effective practice**

The invitation to tender for the contract to develop 18 ESOL case studies will be issued this week by procurement colleagues, with a view to the contract starting at the beginning of April 2009. The contractor will work across sectors (CLD, college and voluntary) to identify effective practice in workplace ESOL, family ESOL and working with settled ethnic

minorities. We will be asking the network to identify effective practice within their areas and the case studies will be launched at the national conference in November.

### **ESOL Funding for 2009-2011**

On 4 February 2009 the Scottish Government met with Community Learning and Development Managers Scotland (CLDMS), COSLA, Scotland's Colleges and the Scottish Funding Council to discuss allocation of funds for ESOL provision for 2009–2011. It was decided that the funding recommendation to Ministers should follow previous years, with a 60% allocation to colleges and 40% to CLD Partnerships (after 10% is reserved for national developments). The exact amount will be determined once the Scottish Government budget is approved and agreed by Ministers.

### **Enewsletter**

The first edition of *ESOL enews* was issued in November 2008 and issue 2 in February. If you like to submit a contribution to the newsletter or register to receive a copy please email me.

### **Website**

We continue to update the website with news, information and contributions from users. Your feedback is always welcome.

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