

## **Time for Inclusive Education**

### **Notice of Motion**

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 20 on 7 August 2023, proposed by Councillor Janine Calikes, seconded by Councillor Katy Loudon, as follows:-

“Council celebrates the fact that in 2021 Scotland was the first country in the world to agree to embed lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) inclusive education across the school curriculum, and notes that there is a national expectation that Local Authorities ensure that all schools are delivering an LGBT inclusive education for their learners.

Council notes that in March 2023, LGBT Youth Scotland published their education report: Life In Scotland 2023, which stated that only 48% of young people who participated felt supported as an LGBT person in education, and just 21% reported seeing LGBT representation in lessons within their educational setting.

Council agrees that LGBT inclusive education contributes to how all young people see themselves, their families, and the world around them; and further agrees that this learning should be meaningful, relevant, and part of ordinary learning.

Council welcomes the progress that has been made to date to nurture a supporting environment in educational settings for LGBT young people within South Lanarkshire; such as the training that has been delivered to some schools, the schools which have been supported by the Inclusive Education Service to gain or to work towards gaining LGBT Charter Awards, and the forthcoming LGBT Inclusive Education Showcase that will be delivered by the Time for Inclusive Education charity (TIE) in September.

Council notes that TIE provides services and resources that are co-developed with teachers from across Scotland and suitable for primary and secondary pupils that include stage appropriate educational workshops for pupils, professional learning for teachers, and curriculum materials. This is in addition to their responsibility for managing the new national platform [lgbteducation.scot](https://lgbteducation.scot) on behalf of the Scottish Government, and is endorsed by a variety of stakeholders including those in the education sector.

Council also understands that schools in other authorities that have utilised this national platform and completed Stages 1 and 2 of the CPD pathway provided by TIE on the [lgbteducation.scot](https://lgbteducation.scot) website have reported significant and notable success in increasing the confidence of teachers to deliver LGBT inclusive education; and schools who have engaged with TIE's learner sessions have reported that pupils within their school community have a greater understanding of diversity, the impact of prejudice, and anti-bullying.

Council notes that these resources and training are entirely free and come at no monetary cost to schools thanks to core funding support from Scottish Government. Council asks that appropriate officers continue their positive working relationship with TIE in order to engage the Council's headteachers, heads of department and officers from Education Services to promote the opportunities that the new national platform can bring.

Council therefore agrees;

- ◆ The working aspiration of the Council should be towards all of South Lanarkshire's primary and secondary teachers completing the Scottish Government's Stage 1 and Stage 2 national professional learning in line with the national expectation set by the Scottish Government and CoSLA
- ◆ Regular updates on progress towards this national expectation will be provided to the Education or other relevant Committee"