

Examples of Good Practice in Education Resources for Equalities Forum June 2023

<p>Anti-Racist Education</p>	<p>Strathaven Learning Community The Learning Community used a Grant from the Scottish Library and Information Council to fund an anti-racist education project. All P7 classes and 1 S1 Class studied the novel Planet Omar which focuses on the racism experienced by the main character. All the pupils came together on May 16 2023 to participate in a series of workshops and share their learning. This event was attended by representatives from Education Scotland.</p> <p>Impact will be measured through monitoring racist incidents and evaluating pupil knowledge and attitude. The Schools in the Strathaven Learning community are keen to use this as a springboard for embedding Equalities Work into their everyday Practice.</p>
<p>English as an Additional Language (EAL) Team</p>	<p>This term the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Specialist Support Team piloted a targeted group for English as an Additional Language (EAL) and refugee learners who have been exposed to the trauma of fleeing war.</p> <p>The programme aims to be of benefit to language development and a therapeutic process. The team have further developed their Forest School programme by undergoing further training to support the children and young people to complete their Junior Forester Award. This award gives the learners insight into a career in Forestry, as well as practical woodland management skills.</p> <p>For the last session the children invited their parents/carers to the site to share their new skills and knowledge and celebrate their achievement.</p> <p>During session 2022/2023, 79 Ukrainian refugees have been directly supported in South Lanarkshire Schools by the EAL team.</p>

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support	<p>Let's Connect Project with SAMH.</p> <p>A 2 year mental health capacity building project in partnership with SLC, through the Community Mental Health Funding which aims to build the mental health knowledge and skills of young people, parents/carers and school community staff across South Lanarkshire. It involves mental health workshops, information sessions, resources. They will also roll out a Peer Supporter Programme which will recruit, train and support young people to become mental health peer supporters and support schools to embed this.</p>
AAC (Alternative and augmentative communication)	<p>Greenburn school continues to develop the use of innovative practice in removing barriers to communication and using technology to help young people participate fully in the life of the school. They are presenting at this year's National CALL Scotland conference. They are beginning a pilot using Virtual Reality technology to broaden experiences for the pupils. For example, a child in a wheelchair may experience walking up a hill for the first time. Their excellent practice in the field of complex needs has been recognised nationally by making it to the final of the Scottish education Awards in the making a difference category.</p>
Poverty Related Attainment Gap	<p>Use of Strategic Equity Fund to close the poverty related attainment gap. This funding was previously the Scottish Attainment challenge Fund and is now split between all 32 local authorities.</p> <p>School attendance rates are causing concern nationally One test of change pilot currently underway in SLC aims to close the poverty related attendance gap This involves 11 primary and 5 secondary schools in a project using quality improvement methodology. The Aim is to collectively close the gap by 0.2 percentage points by June 2023 and involves working with targeted group of learners and providing resources and training for staff and will lead to refreshed procedures for monitoring and tracking attendance being issued to schools.</p>
Cost of the School Day	<p>Work is on-going around the Cost of the School Day Measures designed to identify and reduce financial pressures on families with children in school. All schools will have a policy document available on school websites by June 2023.</p> <p>Some examples of work taking place:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangements with Greggs to provide breakfast supplies

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