



E-SGOIL NEWS

OUR TERMLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022

Welcome to our September Newsletter.

Thankfully 2022-23 has so far been free from much of the disruption which impacted schools in recent years. Challenging as these Covid years have been, they have proved to be a catalyst for innovation in how the school curriculum can be delivered. Much of what was trialled by e-Sgoil during lockdown and shown to have impact continues as a legacy and by-product of these unprecedented times.

Poverty of experience affects different learners in different ways across Scotland. e-Sgoil continues to keep equity as its main driver as it seeks to work alongside schools and partner agencies to remove barriers and enhance and enrich the learner experience.



Steven Graham
e-Sgoil
Head of School

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This newsletter provides information on a number of our programmes. Please see our website or contact us directly should you require more information.

If you would like to have our newsletter delivered straight in to your inbox you can sign up to our mailing list using the form **here**

or scan the QR code



Early Years & Primary

If you have ever visited our website, you will have come across our favorite mascot 'Dug'! Dug and his 'Discovery Den' has inspired our practitioners with his visits around the country to ELC settings and has encouraged real life play experiences in the great outdoors with movement, song, dance and stories. ELC Practitioners across Scotland have used our 'Learning Spaces' to engage learners in leading their own learning.



Picture above 'Being Me with Dug/ Kingsland ELC



These experiences, engagements and rich learning opportunities are continued through our primary years with a thematic learning spaces to engage our learners in P2-7. Our learning spaces have been developed and are regularly updated to match topics, festivals and celebrations throughout the school year by our colleagues in Education Scotland.

Click on any of the images to be directed to the learning spaces on our website



Click on the Twitter logo to follow Dug on Twitter.



Senior Phase Study Support



STUDY SUPPORT
2022-23

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Webinars for English, Maths, Social Subjects and Sciences start in the week beginning **26th SEPTEMBER**

All other webinars start in the week beginning **31st OCTOBER**

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National e-Learning Offer

Study Support Evening Webinars for Senior Phase learners are underway again for the session 2022/2023, with weekly webinars for English, Maths, Sciences and Social Subjects having started in the week beginning September 26th. Other webinars start again in the week beginning October 31st.

Learners have rated the overall quality of our webinars at 4.5 out of 5, and we're very proud of how our teachers create a webinar atmosphere that is relaxed and enjoyable with a real sense of the online 'class' working together on interesting and relevant learning.

Learners can simply 'sit in' and listen to/watch the webinar, or they can choose to interact in the chat and the 'Your Questions' channel – there's no pressure either way. Webinars enhance the learning that is going on in schools, and 99% of learners report that the experience really helps to build their confidence.

Evening webinars are available for over fifty subjects, covering levels from N4 and N5 through to Higher and AH. All webinars are delivered by experienced, GTC registered teachers in Scotland. We have a great team of teachers, and a great range of webinar subjects. There are too many to mention them all - but just to give a flavour, we have webinars in PE, RMPS, Graphic Communication, Applications of Maths, Gaelic, Spanish, Music and many other subjects.

Full timetable details and registration (via Glow) are available on the e-Sgoil website.

Click on either of the images to be directed to the study Support page on our website or scan the QR code.



STUDY SUPPORT
2022/23

49 live online webinars each week, covering 26 subjects, ranging across levels from N4 through to N5, Higher and AH.

To view the full Study Support timetable and find out how to register, scan the QR code below or visit

www.e-sgoil.com/study-support/

National e-Learning Offer

DYW Live

Following a successful second year in 2021/22, with an estimated 130, 000 learner attendances overall, DYW Live is back this session to bring the world of work into the classroom.



There are even more work inspiration webinars, skills sessions, certificated courses, themed weeks and teacher CPD sessions, all free to attend, live and interactive, aligned to areas of economic growth and delivered by partner organisations & companies.

The programme went live on 5th September and already has received more than 120 registrations from teachers in 19 different local authorities across the country.

In addition to this year's initial offer of 30 courses delivered via MS Teams, the following themed weeks are coming up:

COMING SOON:

Space Week: 4th – 6th October

Scottish Career Week 2022 – 7th – 11th November

DYW Live COP27 Programme – 14th – 18th November

Creative Careers Week – 21st – 25th November

DYW Skills Academy – 28th November – 2nd December

Social Care Careers Week – 5th – 9th December

Winter Pathways Week 2022 – 12th – 16th December

COMING IN 2023

Farmer's Week 2023

Money Day 2023

Scottish Apprenticeships Week 2023

Numeracy Day/Week 2023

Summer Pathways Week 2023

The programme will continue to expand and we hope to be able to offer online work placements later in the year. We'll keep you up to date with further developments.

Click on the logo below to be directed to the DYW Live section of the e-Sgoil website for more information and to sign up for any of our sessions, either for learners or teacher CLPL.

DYW | Live
Skills | Employability | Pathways



i-Sgoil

i-SGOIL OFFER FOR INTERRUPTED LEARNERS

As part of the National e-Learning Offer, e-Sgoil is continuing to develop its provision for learners who have disengaged from their own school setting. The i-Sgoil programme works in partnership with local schools to re-engage learners within an online space offering live, interactive timetabled classes for learners from P2 - S6.

i-Sgoil works in partnership with each learner's school to support each child with their learning. Schools and local authorities are expected to provide learners with a suitable device, headset and connectivity should this be required.

Nutshell overview guides have also been produced for both learners and parents which can be accessed by clicking on the images below



i-Sgoil — A Nutshell Guide for Learners

What is i-Sgoil and who is it for?
i-Sgoil is an online Scottish education service which supports young people who are unable to attend their local school. i-Sgoil works alongside regular schools to remove barriers and is suitable for a wide range of learners, at both Primary and Secondary stages.

What will I gain?

- The opportunity to re-engage with learning from your 'safe space'
- A connection to a live, interactive learning community
- A greater sense of feeling included and understood
- Regular pastoral support
- Qualifications and wider achievement awards
- Knowledge, skills and confidence
- The opportunity to progress towards a positive destination beyond school

How will I learn?

- Through live, online lessons with a specialist teacher
- In small groups alongside other learners from a range of different schools
- In an environment which allows you to learn in a way that does not cause you additional stress or anxiety
- By using a range of digital tools which allow you to learn and work with others in different ways

What is my role?

- To be willing to learn and receive support
- To identify ways in which you can participate in lessons which do not make you feel uncomfortable or anxious
- To set yourself realistic targets and to work to the best of your ability
- To be ready to develop new skills
- To communicate effectively with i-Sgoil teachers so that they can provide you with the support you need
- To share feedback on your experience

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Everyone in the class is out of school for some reason so nobody is different. — i-Sgoil learner*

National e-Learning Offer

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i-Sgoil is an online Scottish education service which supports young people who are unable to attend their local school. i-Sgoil works alongside regular schools to remove barriers and is suitable for a wide range of learners, at both Primary and Secondary stages.

What will your child gain from i-Sgoil?

- The opportunity to re-engage with learning from their safe space
- A connection to a live, interactive learning community
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What will be your role?

- To continue to support your child with their learning
- To reassure your child that i-Sgoil learners will only be expected to interact in ways they are comfortable with
- To encourage your child to engage with what will at first be a new and different learning experience
- To encourage your child to communicate effectively with their teacher so that they can provide the correct level of support
- To share feedback on your own and your child's experience of i-Sgoil

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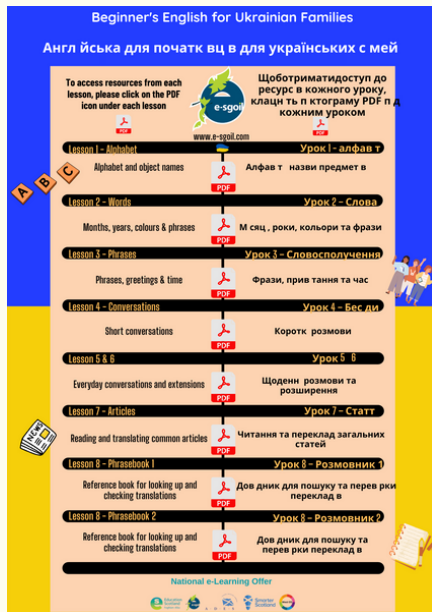
“ It is a lifeline for a child who simply cannot attend school due to anxiety. I cannot imagine how our pupil, her family and we would manage without it. ”

PT Guidance

i-Sgoil is currently accepting new referrals from schools for P2 – P7 interrupted learners.

For more information email e-sgoil@gnes.net

Beginner's English for Ukrainian Families



In May e-Sgoil started online English lessons for Ukrainian families. These lessons were led by Alex Kuryluk, a Ukrainian speaking Scottish teacher who already works here at e-Sgoil, who was ably assisted by a team consisting of language specialist teachers and technical support. These lessons were online, free and available to all families. There were over 400 emails to e-Sgoil asking to register for the classes which resulted in an average of 70 families joining in each learning session. This included parents with children, couples and individuals from the age of 5 to 65! The learners came from right across Scotland including Shetland, Skye, Millport, Mallaig, Peterhead, Aberdeen, Dundee, Tighnabruach as well as huge swathes of the central belt and down as far as Duns and Hawick.

Not only did the lessons help support learners to integrate into the community better, they were fun and built a sense of comradery amongst participants. All learners reported that after the lesson they were more encouraged to continue to learn and use English. Although the lessons have finished for now the resources are still easily accessible from the e-Sgoil website. **Click on the image above to access a PDF containing all the lesson resources.**

e-Sgoil staff recently presented at the
Scottish Learning Festival &
Scottish Education Expo

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- **Being me, being us in 3-18 Gaelic Education: Sharing Scrutiny Evidence**
- **Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) Live: Your Learners' ambitions - our commitment to supporting their pathways**

If you were registered for SLF the recordings from both these sessions are available until 30th November through the SLF virtual event portal.

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e-Sgoil's Head of School, Steven Graham and e-Learning Business Development Officer Richard Tarves presented on the Keynote stage on the subject of **Removing Barriers for All Learners.**

In each edition of our newsletter we will introduce you to some of the members of the e-Sgoil team. This time we meet **Sarah Paterson** - Digital DHT and **Annchris Maclean** - Gaelic Medium Primary Teacher

Meet the team



I am currently one of the Digital Depute Head Teachers for e-Sgoil and I am based in Sutherland in the Scottish Highlands. I have been a DHT for 6 years in a local authority school and have a background in teaching History and Modern Studies. My favourite period of History to teach has always been WWI.

My family and I have relocated from Aberdeenshire to the Highlands as I am originally from here (not far from Dornoch) and wanted to return home to be close to family. We love living in such a beautiful and rural area of Scotland.

My role within e-Sgoil is to work alongside the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) to support the delivery of National Qualifications and SQA Awards to young people learning through our i-Sgoil provision. I also lead on Senior Phase curriculum and tracking, monitoring, and reporting on young people's progress. Professionally I am keen to support young people in tracking and celebrating their achievements to support their wellbeing.

My name is Annchris Maclean, I am currently a Gaelic Medium Teacher with e-Sgoil and have been teaching for over 10 years. I currently teach through the Misneachd programme which in English translates to the Confidence programme.

For me personally, e-Sgoil has been a lifeline. Having recently moved back home to Harris, childcare and work were two things I was going to have to choose between. I had come to terms with more than likely having to leave the teaching profession to look after my two young children. However, I was offered a few hours a week teaching through e-Sgoil during the first National Lockdown. This was possible as I would be teaching from home and able to balance teaching with family life. As the weeks progressed, the hours increased,



I found that this online teaching revolution could be the answer for me as a single parent. I now work full time 5 days a week and have the right degree of flexibility to make it possible. I am now back in the GME teaching system, which has given my life meaning and stability to my family, as well as enabling me to contribute to my local economy.

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.



- **The return of Scotland's Assembly for primary schools**
- **31st October - more Study Support live webinars starting**
- **Updated Senior Phase Learning Spaces**

Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more information about these.

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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