

Rationale

A Curriculum for Excellence now recognises the educational and cultural value of the Scots Language in the 21st Century.

By updating the often limited range of literature and methods traditionally used in schools with new texts and strategies, the Scots Language can provide teachers and pupils with engaging, effective learning experiences.

Course outline

The course explores new approaches to Scots for S1 - S2, looking in detail at:

- strategies for introducing pupils to the Scots Language
- developing pupils' Scots reading and writing skills
- discussing with pupils the terms *language*, *accent*, *dialect* and *slang*
- bridging the gap in Scots provision between primary and secondary
- the benefits of enhanced use of Scots in the classroom

Outcomes

Staff will:

- gain confidence in using Scots in their teaching practice
- receive practical ready-to-use Scots language teaching strategies
- learn about the wide range of new Scots teaching material

Cost of courses:

School/department twilight	£175	Duration: 1.5 hrs - 2 hrs
Local authority in-service	£265	Duration: 1.5 hrs - 2 hrs

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