



The Power of Positive Relationships – inspiring children to achieve their true potential

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Technology & Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde

AGENDA (subject to change)

6 hours accredited CPD

Session One – The importance of relationships

08:50 – 09:20

Registration and refreshments

09:20 – 09:30

Welcome by the Chair

Elly Chapple, Founder of #flipthenarrative and CanDoELLA

09:30 – 10:00

Children's human rights

Bruce Adamson, The Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland

- Universal rights
- Human dignity and relationships
- Happiness, love and understanding

10:00 – 10:30

Beyond values: the importance of culture and identity in schools?

Robin Macpherson, Head of College, Robert Gordon's College

- All schools focus on core values and advertise these widely, but are they just a veneer?
- What is the identity of your school, and what is that based on?
- How do you evolve culture so that good relationships are the lived experience of all?

10:30 – 10:50

Staying person centred, learner centred in a time of education reform

Douglas Hutchison, Executive Director of Education, Glasgow City Council

- Education reform

- System for learners or learners for the system?
- Curriculum and qualifications that meet the needs of children and young people

10:50 – 11:20 Questions and discussion

11:20 – 11:35 *Refreshments*

Session Two – The impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences in education

11:35 – 11:55 **The importance of attachment in Education**

Alison MacDonald, Chair, Scottish Attachment in Action Education Group

- Why attachment matters?
- Attachment means positive relationships, so what might we need to consider?
- Bringing a lens on attachment in education: What next?

11:55 – 12:40 **Interactive session - Reducing the impact of ACEs to build stronger relationships**

Jennifer Knussen, Head Teacher, Pitteuchar East Primary School

- How adult's mindset can impact on relationships
- Holistic approaches in developing relationship
- The theory in practice

12:40 – 13:00 **The Power of Positive Partnerships: How working with the third sector can support tackling the poverty related attainment gap**

Maureen McAteer, Assistant Director, Barnardo's Scotland

- Children in Scotland spend approximately 15% of their waking hours in school
- Given 85% of children's time is spent at home and in their community what happens here is an important factor in achieving success
- In this session we'll explore how can we work together to support Scotland's children and their families and help them to thrive?

13:00 – 13:20 Questions and discussion

13:20– 14:05 *Lunch*

Session Three – Changing the Narrative

14:05 – 14:35 **Case Study - Turn your life around**

Pattie Santelices, Health & Wellbeing Team, City of Edinburgh Council and Volunteer from 'Turn your life around'

- Introduction to innovative project using volunteers sharing their stories of adversity, trauma and resilience in schools
- Hear from a Turn Your Life Around Volunteer
- Explore impact of the project on volunteers, staff and pupils and key considerations

14:35 – 14:55

Building strong home-school relationships to support all children: how empathy and compassion in relationships make the difference

Eileen Prior, Executive Director, Connect (formerly SPTC)

- Parental engagement in relationship building
- Why education is a human service
- Empathy and ACEs

14:55 – 15:15

'Hero or Villain'

Charlene Tait, Deputy CEO, Scottish Autism

- Teacher mindset and knowledge
- Relationships, language and values and the importance of all being at the forefront of thinking when supporting autistic learners
- The importance of reflection on practice

15:15 – 15:35

Supporting relationships for children with additional needs in mainstream schools

Dr John McDermott, Counselling Psychologist, Studio III

- Trauma informed perspectives
- Working with the whole system around the child
- Introducing the PACE model

15:35 – 16:05

Questions and discussion

16:05 – 16:15

Chairs closing remarks

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