

# Early Learning and Childcare in Highland

keep up-to-date ~ share best practice

Welcome to the 4th Early Learning and Childcare newsletter and the final one from session 2017/18. In this newsletter we've included information related to the most up to date ELC news this term as well as some ideas to inspire you to take learning forward in your settings.

## **\*\*Developmental Overviews\*\***

Please remember the deadline to submit Developmental Overviews for all children starting Primary one in August is Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. Copies can be scanned to [careandlearningadmin@gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:careandlearningadmin@gcsx.gov.uk)

'A' cur taic ris an Ìre Thràth ann am Foghlam Tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig' - goireas Ionnsachadh Proifeiseanta bho Foghlam Alba



Tha an goireas Ionnsachadh Proifeiseanta seo a' co-roinn bheachdan practaigeach, bho measgachadh de shuidheachaidhean ro-sgoile agus bun-sgoile gus taic a thoirt do luchd-obrach a tha ag obair aig an Tràth Ìre le Curraicealam airson Sàr-Mhathais.

## Using 'Our Creative Journey'



Practitioners across Highland have been using 'Our Creative Journey' to reflect on their provision and provide more opportunities for children to investigate, be creative and develop their imaginative play skills! Read Lundavra's story below! 😊

## Redefining Dressing Up at Lundavra ELC

'After attending 'nurturing creativity through expressive arts' training with CALA, staff at Lundavra Nursery discussed and decided to change our dress up from tailor made costumes, to basic shirts, skirts, trousers, hats, belts and scarves. This allows each child the opportunity and freedom to stretch their imaginations and express themselves, dressing up as anything they choose to be. This also helps develop fine motor skills and independence, with learning to tie buttons, zips and belt buckles.

This has been a massive hit with all of our children!



Kerry Mitchell, EYP

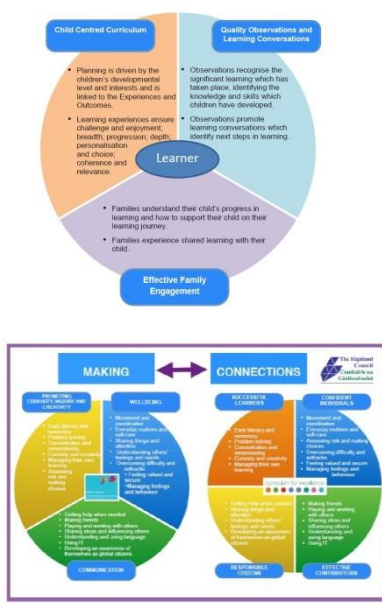
Further resources from Education Scotland with ideas about how you can address gender bias in ELC can be found [here](#).



## Profiling and Reporting in Early Learning and Childcare

This three hour training session has been designed as an introduction to Profiling and Reporting for managers of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) settings - both school and partner provider ELC settings. The aim of this training is to introduce Highland's approach to Early Years Profiling and Reporting for ELC managers and provide an outline of the rationale for this.

The first round of trainings has taken place across Highland this term and further dates will be available early next session for managers to attend.



The **EYESO** team would like to thank every **Highland ELC Practitioner** for their continued hard work and commitment to making your settings the best they can be! We wish all of you an enjoyable summer and look forward to working together with you in your settings next session!



Further ideas to support best practice can be found on the [National Improvement Hub!](#)



### \*\*Sharing Best Practice\*\*

You can find examples of best practice on the Highland ELC Blog [here](#). If **YOU** have any examples you would like to share, then please get in touch with your EYESO. Contact details can be found [here](#).



### Health and Social Care Standards Highland Launch Event



This April we were delighted to welcome to Inverness Henry Matthias, the Care Inspectorate's Strategic Lead for Scotland's new Health and Social Care Standards. Henry gave a presentation around the new standards and what they mean for Early Learning and Childcare settings in Highland. If you were unable to attend the event you can access online resources, including an audio and PPT presentation, to help you understand what the new standards mean for you. You can access these [here](#).

### \*\*Retirement News\*\*

We'd like to share the news that Ruth Davidson, EYESO South, will be retiring at the end of June. Ruth has been an integral part of the Highland ELC team over the last 21 years. During this time, she has made an immense contribution to ELC development in Highland sharing her expertise and leading the way for others. We wish her a long and happy retirement!

