



What have we learned from fifty years of Scottish comprehensive schooling?

Tuesday 27th October 2015, 9.00am -1.30pm

Godfrey Thomson Hall, Thomson's Land, Moray House School of Education

The 27th October 2015 is the 50th anniversary of the introduction of comprehensive education in Britain. While the ideal of comprehensive education has been largely abandoned in England, comprehensive schools are alive and well in Scotland and command public support. But the Scottish system's success is still only partial.

This conference will provide a reflective long-term overview of the experience of comprehensive schooling in Scotland. Drawing on a wide range of research, it will ask to what extent Scottish comprehensive schooling has realised the underlying values of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. It aims to promote discussion about the difficult educational and policy issues that face the Scottish system in trying to offer the best educational opportunities and experiences for all young people aged 11-18.

Attendance is free, but places are limited and must be booked through Eventbrite <<http://50-years-scottish-comprehensive-schooling.eventbrite.co.uk>> on or before the 19th October 2015.

09.00	Registration (tea and coffee will be available)
09.30	Welcome: Dr Rowena Arshad, Head of Moray House School of Education
09.35	The research evidence: Daniel Murphy, Linda Croxford and Cathy Howieson will present key issues arising from their book ' <i>Everyone's Future: lessons from fifty years of Scottish comprehensive schooling</i> '
10.45	Dr Alasdair Allan, Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages
11.00	Tea and coffee
11.30	Question Time panel. Chair: Rowena Arshad <u>Panel members:</u> Avril McNeill, Headteacher, Glenrothes High School; Larry Flanagan, General Secretary Educational Institute of Scotland; Linda McTavish, Chair of Board of Lanarkshire College of Further Education; and Walter Humes, Visiting Professor Stirling University.
12.25	Reflections on the Scottish experience and its challenges: Tony Gallagher, Professor of Education and Pro Vice-Chancellor at Queen's University Belfast
12.40	Chair's closing remarks
12.45	Buffet lunch

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