



## **ESOL and Citizenship in Scotland**

**Tuesday 27 June 2006**

**SFEU, Argyll Court, Stirling**



## Background

“We want British citizenship to embrace positively the diversity of background, culture and faiths that living in modern Britain involves. The Government is also concerned that those who become British citizens should play an active role, both economic and political, in our society and have a sense of belonging to a wider community.”

*The Home Secretary, the Rt. Hon. David Blunkett, MP, 2002*

Since 2002, aspirant new Scots have needed to demonstrate competence in the English language, as well as knowledge of life in the UK, in order to become British citizens. In support of the new legislative requirements, teaching and learning materials to develop ESOL and Citizenship were developed for UK wide use by NIACE and LLU+. In recognition of the need for a distinctively Scottish focus to citizenship education, the Home Office has provided funding for a Scottish materials pack. From January until June of this year, the Scottish Qualifications Authority has worked with five ESOL centres in Scotland to develop, pilot and evaluate materials for delivering ESOL and citizenship courses in Scotland.

## Aim of Event

- The event will inform participants about the work of the pilot projects for ESOL and citizenship, share best practice in citizenship education and materials development, and will set citizenship and ESOL in a clear Scottish context.

## Target Audience

- ESOL managers and practitioners from community, college or the voluntary sector
- managers or practitioners who work with refugees, asylum seekers, new migrants, or minority ethnic groups who have English language learning needs.

## After this event you should be able to ...

- access and use high quality materials for delivering ESOL and citizenship provision
- share best practice with colleagues in teaching, learning and assessment to meet legislative requirements for ESOL and citizenship
- inform colleagues about the ‘broader picture’ of policy development which underpins the citizenship agenda.

## Cost

This is a free event.

## Option to Video-Conference

It is possible to use video-conferencing to access this training event. Places for this are limited and preference will be given to colleges in more remote areas. Please contact Katie Sutherland on 01786 892007 for more details.



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**Conference Code:** C1454

## Programme

0915 **Registration and Coffee**

0930 **Welcome and Introductions**

Jean Wilson, SQA ESOL Consultant and Member of the Advisory Board for Naturalisation and Integration (ABNI)

0940 **Opening Remarks**

Malcolm Chisolm MSP, Minister for Communities

MSP Malcolm Chisolm will provide delegates with an overview of ESOL and citizenship in Scotland.

1010 **Active Citizenship and Volunteering**

Sir Bernard Crick, Author of the Crick Report – ‘The New and the Old’

Sir Bernard Crick will promote a participatory approach to citizenship education.

1040 **Question and Answer Session**

1050	<b>Presentation from Pilot Centres</b>	<p>Presentations will be provided by the following pilot centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Langside College</li> <li>• Anniesland College</li> <li>• Dundee College</li> <li>• Stevenson College</li> <li>• Inverness WEA</li> </ul>
1145	<b>Workshop Session 1</b>	Delegates will have the choice of attending 4 workshop sessions.
1230	<b>Lunch</b>	
1315	<b>Integration, Employability, Citizenship</b> Patrick Wintour, Director, Employability Forum and ABNI Board Member	The ABNI is an independent Board which exists to inform Government about issues relevant to citizenship and to lobby for good practice.
1340	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>	
1355	<b>Workshop Session 2</b>	Delegates will have the choice of attending 4 workshop sessions.
1440	<b>Coffee</b>	
1555	<b>ESOL and Citizenship: A Question of Priorities?</b> Dr Philida Schellekens, ESOL consultant	Dr Schellekens will talk about balancing language learning with citizenship content.
1630	<b>Plenary and Close</b>	

## Workshops

Participants can attend **two** of the workshop sessions listed below. We will attempt to accommodate your preference. However, depending on demand, it may be necessary for participants to attend workshops outwith preference.

<p><b>Workshop A</b></p>	<p><b>Citizenship and Integration: Policy Perspectives</b>  Peter Beaumont, Further and Adult Education Division, Scottish Executive and Jonathon Duke-Evans, Head of Social Policy Unit, Immigration and Nationality Directorate</p> <p>This workshop will highlight the broad policy issues which underpin citizenship legislation for Scotland as a nation within the United Kingdom.</p>
<p><b>Workshop B</b></p>	<p><b>ESOL, Employability, Citizenship</b>  Gillian Scott, Inverness Worker's Educational Association and Rhona Hodgart, Senior Lecturer, Anniesland College</p> <p>This workshop focuses on the central role which employability plays in citizenship and participation, and illustrates good practice in integrating ESOL and work.</p>
<p><b>Workshop C</b></p>	<p><b>Materials for ESOL and Citizenship – Inside and Outside the Classroom</b>  Robin Ashton, Senior Lecturer in ESOL, Langside College and Alec Edwards, ESOL Team Leader, Dundee College</p> <p>This workshop will give participants a chance to examine and work with, first hand, a range of published and online materials relevant to citizenship in Scotland. There will also be the opportunity to see materials developed by practitioners in the various centres.</p>
<p><b>Workshop D</b></p>	<p><b>Assessing ESOL Skills for Citizenship: Theory and Practice</b>  Ann Morgan Thomas, ESOL Development Officer, SQA and Jill Murray, Curriculum Team Leader, Stevenson College</p> <p>This workshop will introduce participants to the National Qualifications Framework for ESOL in Scotland and showcase good practice in integrating assessment for citizenship into programme delivery.</p>