

# *Curriculum Improvement Cycle*

**LANGs updates 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

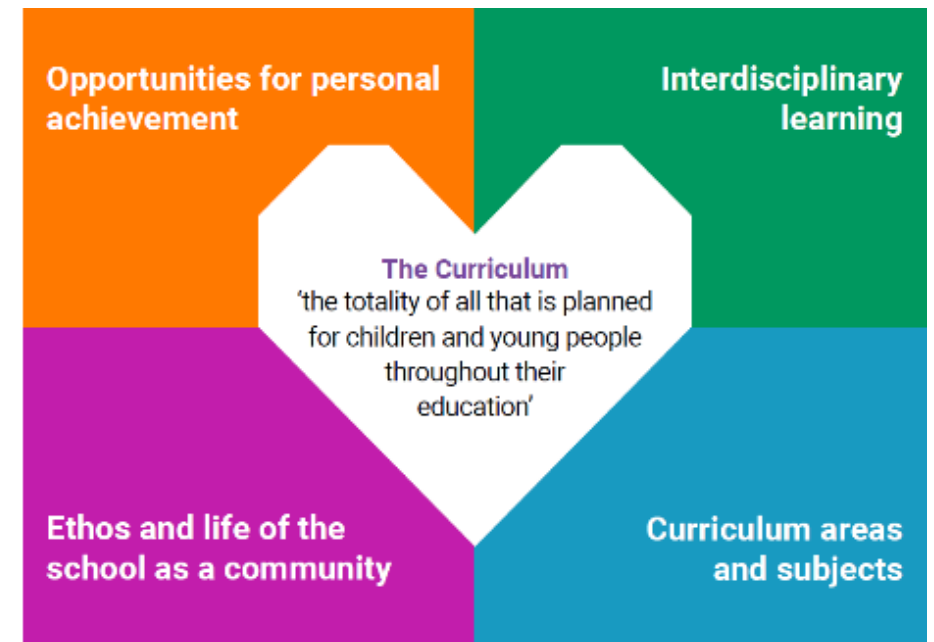
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# Curriculum Improvement Cycle- Background

- OECD Recommendation 3.4 – Curriculum Review
- OECD recommendation 1.2 – Position of Knowledge
- PISA
- Knowledge-rich debate

We are not  
starting from  
a blank piece  
of paper- 4  
capacities  
and contexts  
for learning  
remain



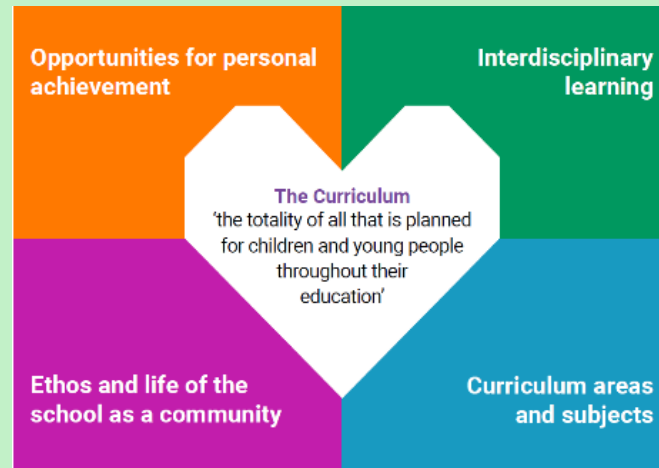


# Scotland's Curriculum Framework

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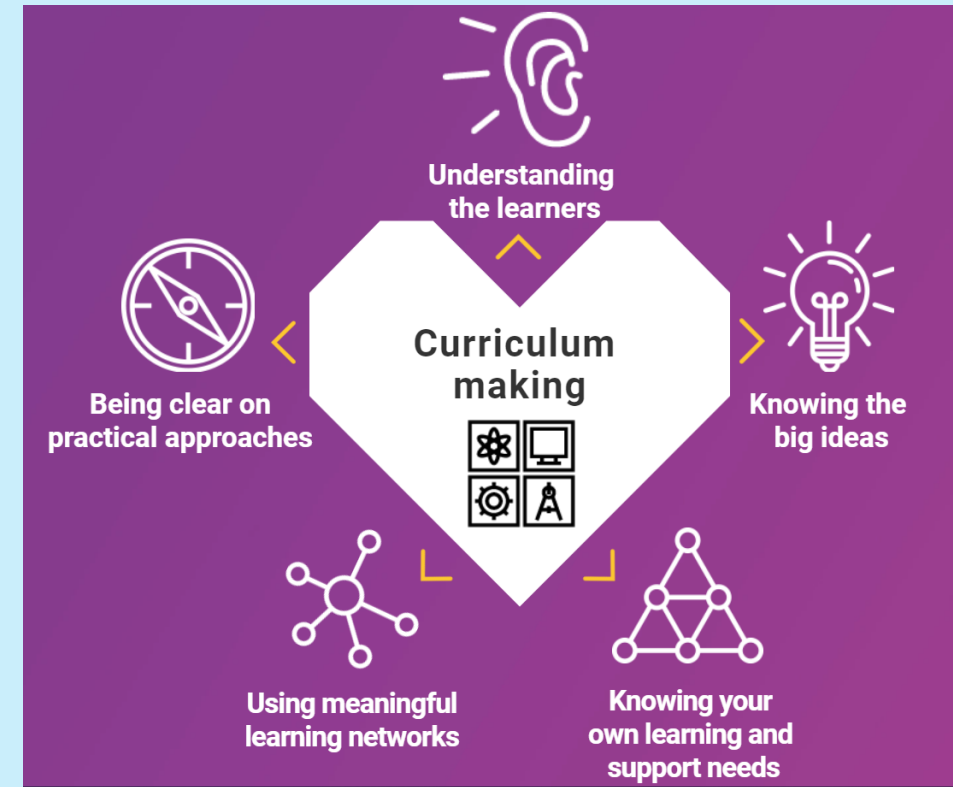


what



+ entitlements

how



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# Curriculum Review ML journey so far

- Oct 2023- Pilot curriculum review begins. Event for all secondary ML teachers. 70 attendees.
- Follow up online sessions Nov and Dec 2023
- Materials shared at LANGs and other stakeholder groups invited to contribute – Microsoft form.
- March 2024 – PT focus group meets in Glasgow - 29 out of 32 local authorities represented.
- Dec 2024 – PT focus group reconvenes in Dundee.
- January 2025- ML formally joins CIC. ES Associates appointed

# Curriculum Review ML journey so far

## ES Associates appointed to support the CIC in languages:

- Zoe Gordon, Acting Principal Teacher/1+2 Development Officer, West Lothian
- Denise Riley, PT Modern Languages, Glasgow
- Andrew McCulloch, PT Modern Languages, Edinburgh

## Collaboration Group for Modern Languages and Latin (80):

- Meetings in April and in May

## Core group to be established from collaboration group (15) , plus some others (20):

- Meetings in July

# Curriculum Review ML journey so far

## Critical friends:

-Initial focus on languages, but also working across all CIC areas, **please apply for these roles!**

<https://forms.office.com/e/NMNNz8ByVM>

## Two National advisors to support the ES languages team (23 month secondment) :

-Interviews end March, in post by end of school year

## Curriculum Improvement Cycle (CIC)







# Scotland's Curriculum Framework curriculum improvement cycle



1

**Review evidence and feedback** on how the curriculum is working in practice for children and young people from a wide range of relevant sources to identify areas for closer focus.



**analysing**

2

**Use the findings from analysis** to plan changes needed.

**Work with co-design partners** to develop and test relevant workstreams.



**engaging and co-creating**



**Work with co-design partners to build capacity** and develop professional learning at different levels of the system from place-based to national.

**sharing, learning and adopting**

3

4

**Monitor and evaluate impact and effect** of changes as they are being made.

**Gather feedback** in order to support improvement as part of the ongoing cycle.



**mobilising, monitoring and evaluating**



**Holistic review of Scotland's Curriculum once every 10 years - e.g. a National Discussion type exercise**



# The Process



Evidence Base



Identifying the 'Big Ideas' of a future orientated curriculum



From these, selecting the knowledge, skills and understanding



Progression and alignment with Senior Phase

# Latest Publications

## Latest News – Curriculum Improvement Cycle



### Language Matters – a glossary of terms

December 18, 2024

Language Matters! The OECD (2021) recommended that Scotland should be clear about the key terminology around curriculum and education reform. The Curriculum and Assessment Board has asked that “a piece of... [Read more](#)



### Curriculum Improvement Cycle – Towards an Evolved Technical Framework

December 18, 2024

Today (Thursday 19 December) Education Scotland has published the second of three discussion papers which have emerged from the findings, key messages and learning from a series of pilot curriculum reviews... [Read more](#)

"provide parameters for the selection of content and a process for prioritising and deprioritising"

"GREATER CLARITY ON THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS LEARNERS SHOULD HAVE AT KEY POINTS IN THEIR LEARNING"

"clarity on progression from Early Learning and Childcare (ELC)"

"clarity on the role and purposes of knowledge and skills"

## Criteria for an evolved technical framework emerging from the pilot curriculum reviews



"adaptable to realities of the differing nature of sectors and curriculum areas"

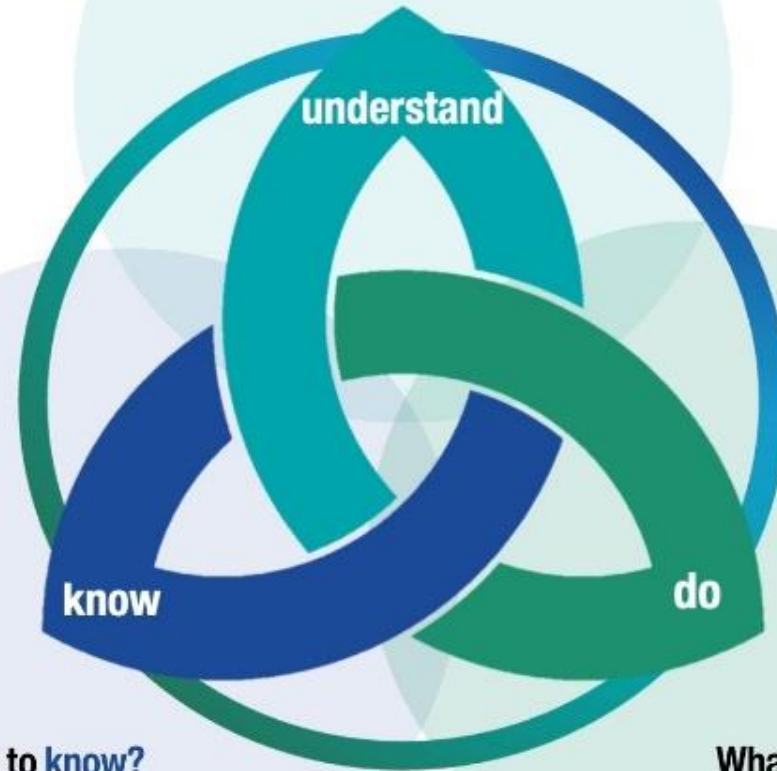
"flexibility and autonomy at the level below the key ideas"

"a 3-18 'framework' alignment and consistency with Senior Phase"

*"a clear position in terms of cross curricular themes and expectations"*



What do we want learners to **understand**?

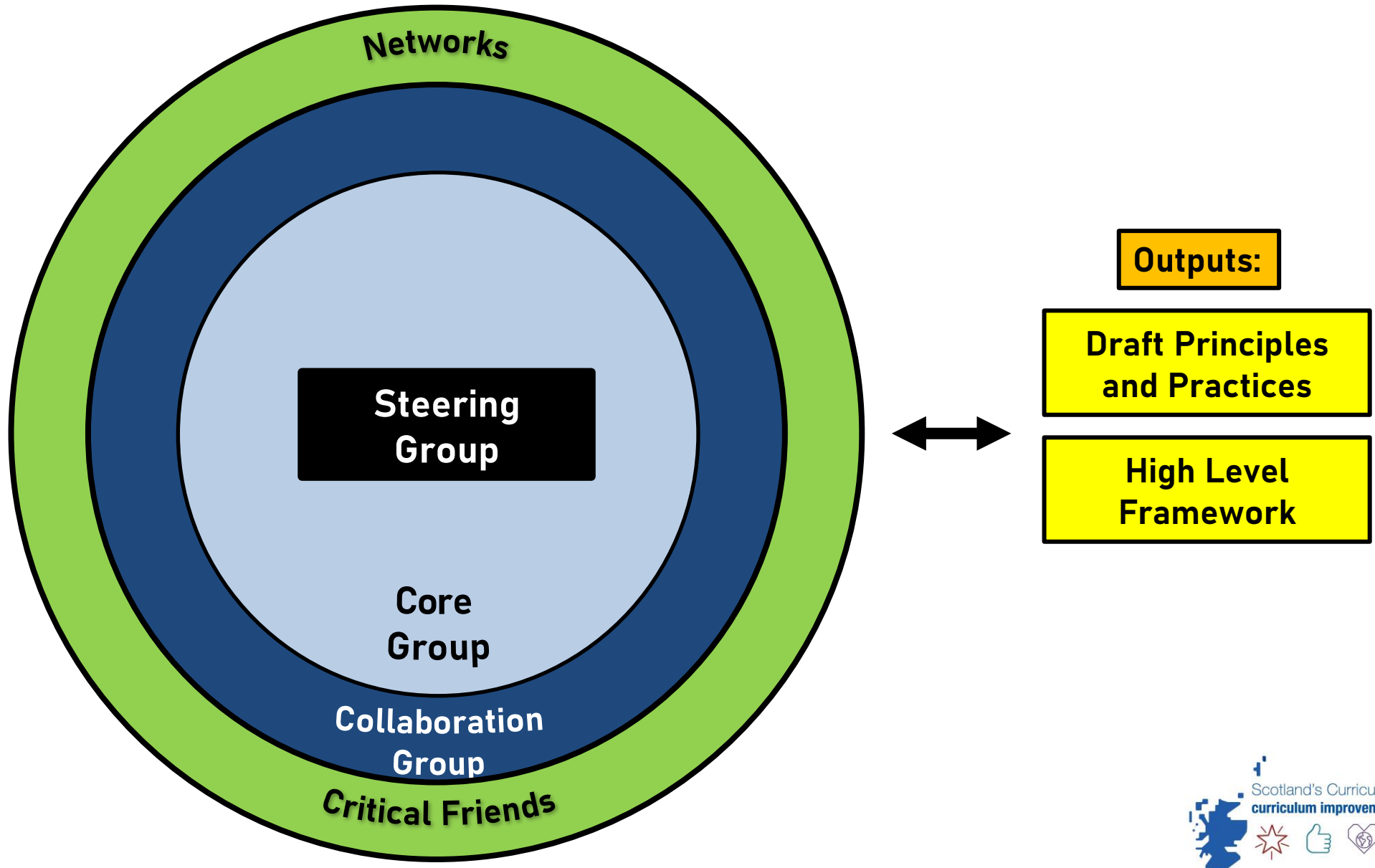


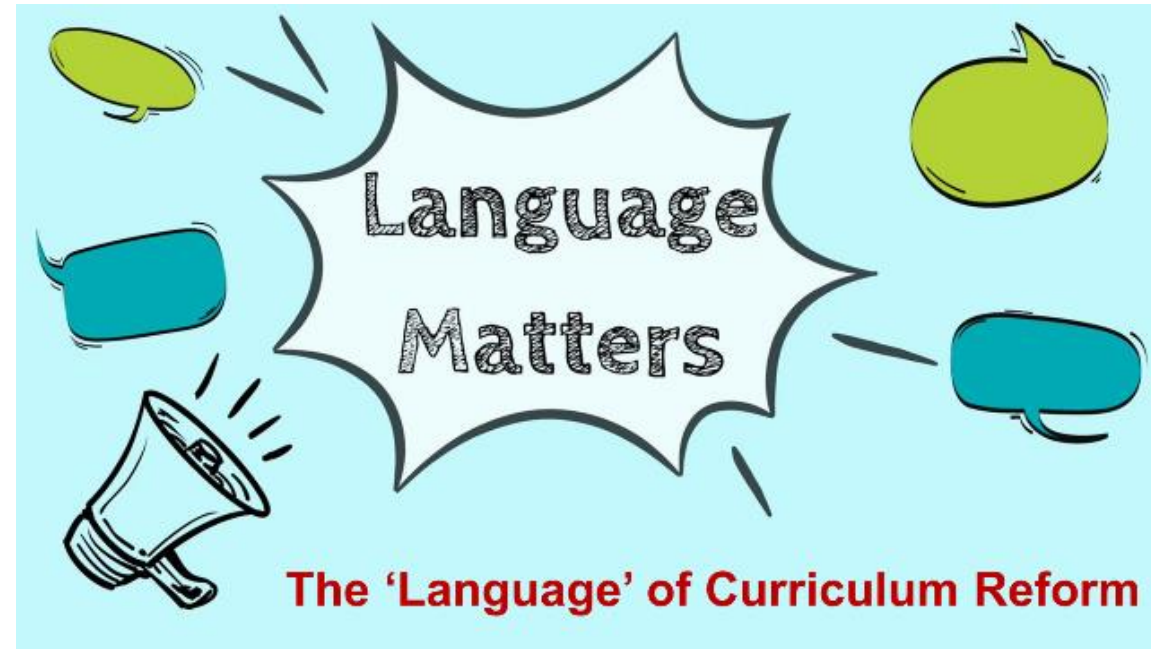
What do we want learners to **know**?

What do we want learners to **do**?



# CLC: Projects structure





attribute/s; Big idea/s; capacity/capacities; concept; curriculum; curriculum design; curriculum making; inter-disciplinary learning (IDL); knowledge; pedagogy; Scotland's Curriculum Framework; service design; skill(s) and technical framework.

The timeline



## Contexts for Learning (including Curriculum Areas): Proposed Timeline

The following proposals will be reviewed after six months:

- Analysing, Engaging and co-creation of revised technical framework by **June 2025**. This will include consideration of, and alignment with, the wider skills landscape.
- Analysing, Engaging and co-creation from initial exploration into core competencies by **June 2025**.
- Analysing, Engaging and co-creation of revised Maths and Numeracy, Literacy and English, Literacy and Gàidhlig, Health and Wellbeing and Science curriculum frameworks between **April 2024 – June 2026**. Sharing, learning and adopting from **August 2026**.
- Analysing, Engaging and co-creation of the context for learning: Life and Ethos of the School; Recognising Personal Achievement; and Interdisciplinary Learning between **April 2024 – June 2026**.
- Evidence gathering for Analysing stage for the remaining curricular areas: Languages; Expressive Arts; Technologies; Social Studies and Religious & Moral Education begins during **2024/2025**.





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