

CISS update – May 2018

Support for DYW

CISS will continue to support the DYW agenda by helping to set up business links between primary or secondary schools and a local business (recent links include Dunblane Abbey and P1-4 pupils or S6 pupils Mandarin beginning learners with Blackness Castle.); we will continue to work in partnership with Foundres4Schools to support this work. We will also build on the success of the Business Brunches which will be held in Aberdeen, Inverness, Glasgow and Dundee and Edinburgh, as well as each of the Ayrshires. Dates are still to be confirmed.

We would also urge you to make teachers, pupils and parents aware of the Job Profiles which are regularly updated on the SCILT/CISS website and which support DYW work.

Working with our Specialist Confucius Classroom Hubs

To date this has been with Scottish Opera and our ongoing work with Edinburgh Zoo. We have delivered 30 workshops from Buckie in Moray to Dumfries and Galloway in primary schools to support the opera Zheng He. Working with primary teachers in this way has proved to be an effective way of supporting L3 in the primary and developing the knowledge of the teachers.

Edinburgh Zoo has 181 outreach sessions for P1-3 and P4-7. 12 schools in Fife benefited from the Mobile Library also provided by Edinburgh Zoo to support the learning of Mandarin. Another example of partnership working was the film which Braehead PS did with Edinburgh Zoo about the Chinese Lanterns. Here is the link for this project:

<https://www.scilt.org.uk/Business/Developinglanguageskillsfortheworldofwork/StirlingCastleandBraeheadPrimary/tabid/6373/Default.aspx>

If anyone is interested in working with our specialist Confucius Classroom hubs, please get in touch with us on ciss-info@strath.ac.uk or speak to our PDO, Meryl James.

New Hanban teachers and volunteers

In the next session, there will be 59 Hanban teachers and volunteers in Scotland. They will arrive between September and November and have a week long induction on arrival in Glasgow before going to their respective hubs. There will be CLPL sessions for them 4/ 5 times a year and a mentor training day the first term of 18-19.

Chinese Headteachers visit Scotland

- Beijing Academy of Education will take 13 Beijing Headteachers to Scotland at the end of August. CISS will involve in planning their visit. Further details will be confirmed soon.

- Tianjin Education Commission will lead a group of 20 headteachers from Tianjin to visit their partner schools and Confucius Classrooms in Scotland at the end of September. They will spend time with their partner schools. Details to be distributed shortly.
- The Headteacher (HT) visit to China has been running through CISS since 2011. The 2018 HT visit will take place between the **12th and 21st of October 2018** and it will be the 6th visit of its kind. The visit is fully funded by the Confucius Institute Headquarters and Scottish Government. The visit offers participants the opportunity to:
 1. *Learn more about the Chinese education system*
 2. *Build on links with your partner school in Tianjin*
 3. *Work collegiately with Confucius colleagues around Scotland*

The visit will include:

1. *Visits to Chinese partner school*
2. *Visits to the Tianjin Education Commission*
3. *The opportunity to meet Scottish young people studying in China*
4. *Sightseeing opportunities in Beijing and Tianjin)*

CISS Professional Learning Programme

We have a new Project-Based Professional Learning Programme for 2018-19. It is designed to provide ongoing professional learning to suit the needs of teachers in their own contexts.

The menu supports the aims of national and international education priorities. Teachers participate in professional learning which they then use directly to facilitate a project with their own learners. Project-based professional learning can be offered with on-going support at times to suit the teachers involved. If you have any questions about the content of the workshops please email scilt@strath.ac.uk