

Empowerment, equity and excellence: Where next for Scottish education?



This inaugural [International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement](#) (ICSEI) Professional Learning Conference aims to stimulate participants to reflect on the emerging empowerment agenda within Scottish education.

- **Location:** Hilton Grosvenor Hotel, Glasgow
- **Date:** Friday 21 February 2020
- **Times:** 9:00-14:00

The conference is co-hosted by the University of Glasgow's [School of Education](#) and [Policy Scotland](#)*

Rationale

The conference is aimed at teachers and educational leaders in schools and local authorities. It is designed to explore the key emerging debates within Scottish education.

It is anticipated that this event will be the catalyst for a systemic conversation and debate within the profession to develop a shared understanding about what the future of an empowered Scottish education system might and should look like.

Thus, the defining question that frames this conference is: *What should an empowered Scottish education system look like?*

The event will take place at the Hilton Grosvenor Hotel on Byres Road in Glasgow, Scotland, on 21 February 2020.

The conference

The conference will be chaired by Professor Chris Chapman.

It will open with a keynote from the University of Glasgow's world-leading educationalist Professor Mel Ainscow, CBE.

This will be followed by three parallel interactive workshops led by leading figures in the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement communities and members of the First Minister's International Council of Education Advisors. The sessions will be a combination of input and provocation to stimulate reflective conversations about what it means to be an empowered educational professional.

There will be academics from the School of Education and Policy Scotland to capture round table discussion and anonymised key themes from the workshops. Participants can choose in advance which two of the three workshops they will attend.

The workshops will focus on three key themes:

- Workshop A: Empowered and effective professional learning – Professor Carol Campbell
- Workshop B: Empowered and effective leadership at all levels – Professor Alma Harris
- Workshop C: Empowered and effective learning systems – Professor Graham Donaldson, CB

These conversations will then continue more informally over a networking lunch.

Programme

- 9:00-09:20 Registration and coffee
- 9:20-09:30 Welcome and introduction
- 9:30-10:30 Keynote
- 10:35-11:35 Parallel workshops one (participants choose A or B or C)
- 11:35-11:55 Coffee break
- 12:00-13:00 Parallel workshops two (participants choose A or B or C)
- 13:00-14:00 Networking lunch

*The conference is supported by the University of Glasgow's [School of Education](#) and [Policy Scotland](#) and all speakers are offering their time on a pro-bono basis.

Booking

The delegate rate is £95.

Booking opens on Monday 20th January.

The link for registration will be circulated and will be available on the Policy Scotland website at policyscotland.gla.ac.uk/empowerment-equity-and-excellence-scottish-education

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