

Developing Active & Responsible Citizens



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Glencairn Primary School, North Ayrshire

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Making education for citizenship a priority

Initiatives or projects in place to encourage the development of education for citizenship.

Jean Todd, Glencairn's Headteacher has been involved in the organising group for a North Ayrshire conference on citizenship entitled, 'Speak Out' to be held on 27th September 2002. Each secondary from North Ayrshire schools will send two pupils and each primary cluster will send four. The authority hopes to have 60 – 70 young people attending.

Glencairn's school development plan has 'citizenship' as a main priority for the session. The school is producing materials and draft guidelines and an Authority policy statement, which is out for consultation at present.

What are some of the biggest challenges faced by teachers and young people in implementing the initiatives or projects?

A very tight timetable to fit in 'yet another subject' is the view of many staff. We intend to look at making citizenship link with existing programmes of PSD.

What has worked well?

An integration approach – making education for citizenship a clear focus in teaching and learning by giving it status and a priority place in the school development plan.

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What did not work & lessons learned?

Trying to rush projects without a proper plan and strategy in place.

Future plans?

Putting the policy in place which we see as a natural extension of existing good practice and to make it a 'given' that our pupils participate in all activities and feel they have a part to play.

Any materials the school is willing to share or relevant publications that are for sale.

Report from the 'Speak Out' conference held in North Ayrshire on 27th September 2002.