



**Annual Conference and AGM
 Saturday 17th September 2022
 Carnegie Conference Centre
 Dunfermline**

We hope you enjoy the programme of presenters we have lined up for you.

- *We recognise the difficulty that many of our delegates have in gaining funding for CPD events, and the difficulty of getting out of school during the week. Therefore, we continue to keep our costs as low as possible (£90 for early bird bookings ie immediate invoice to be paid by July 2022; £100 for SGA members and £130 for non-members). NB SGA membership is free – see our website.*
 - *Please book using the online booking form [CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE](#) Contact us by email (SGAEvents@outlook.com) if you encounter any problems with the booking form.*
- We look forward to welcoming you in September.*

09.30-10.00	Coffee and Registration
10.00-10.10	Welcome, opening remarks <i>Lisa Finnie, President, Scottish Guidance Association</i>
10.10-11.00	Education Scotland Update Tracy Johnston, Senior Education Officer for Health and Wellbeing Curriculum, Education Scotland Lorna Aitken, Education Scotland TJ joined Education Scotland in October 2021, after 20 years of teaching young people. She has held a range of different roles: Visiting Primary Physical Education Specialist; Teacher of Physical Education; Acting Principal Teacher of Pupil Care and Support and Principal Teacher of Health and Wellbeing. Latterly, she also worked as Deputy Principal Assessor for National 5 Physical Education at SQA. Lorna Aitken is the lead for Inclusion, Equalities & Wellbeing, Education Scotland.
11.00-11.20	Coffee & Networking in the Ground Floor Gallery
11.20-12.10	Supporting LGBT+ Young People in Schools Bryony Mole, LGBT Charter Development Officer, LGBT Youth (&Michelle McCartney/Jamie Herd) Bryony has worked for LGBT Youth Scotland for over a year. On a day-to-day basis, LGBT Youth Scotland works with schools across Scotland to review their policies, practice and visibility and support schools to build a framework which supports LGBT+ inclusivity in their classrooms. Additionally, they provide training to thousands of teachers across Scotland on how they can be inclusive of students of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Prior to this role, Bryony

	<p>worked as a History and Modern Studies teacher and completed the LGBT Charter programme as an educator.</p> <p>This presentation will discuss how education professionals can support LGBT+ students and contribute to a school environment that is inclusive of everyone. This presentation will look at the experiences of LGBT+ students and what support has been helpful for them in schools. There will be discussion of top tips for LGBT+ inclusion, what barriers LGBT+ young people may face and a look at real life examples of activities schools across Scotland have undertaken to improve visibility and LGBT+ awareness in their classrooms. There will also be information about what LGBT Youth Scotland does as an organisation and what external support is available for young LGBT+ people through LGBT Youth Scotland.</p> <p>Through this session the presenters will facilitate opportunities for discussion, answer questions and link to useful resources that may support the practice of guidance staff in supporting LGBT+ students.</p> <p><u>Website:</u> https://www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/ <u>Twitter:</u> @LGBTYS</p>
<p>12.15-13.05</p>	<p>What is Visible Difference? Angela Harris, Head of Devolved Nations, Changing Faces</p> <p>Angela is Head of Devolved Nations for Changing Faces and has been in post for 3 years with a focus of raising awareness, campaigning and service development for those with a visible difference. She works with government, NHS and national organisations across the Devolved nations. Prior to this she was Head of Scotland for Breast Cancer Care for 10 years.</p> <p>Learn more about visible difference, what it means to be young with a visible difference and what support is available for teachers and professionals working with children and young people.</p> <p><u>Website:</u> www.changingfaces.org.uk <u>Twitter:</u> @FaceEquality @Angela_bcc</p>
<p>13.05-13.45</p>	<p>Lunch Break <i>(Display by SHINE in Reception Area)</i></p>
<p>13.45-13.55</p>	<p>AGM</p>
<p>13.55-14.35</p>	<p>Northfield Matters: What We Have Learned About Integrating Suicide Prevention into the School Environment Louise Penfold, Suicide Prevention Development Officer, SAMH Lydia Tait, Education Support Officer, Aberdeen City Council</p> <p>Prior to specialising in Suicide Prevention, Louise built her experience working in front line mental health support before moving into managing services in community and primary care mental health. Lydia taught in a range of Primary Settings before moving into citywide strategic work on a variety of topics, most recently with a focus around wellbeing.</p> <p>Louise & Lydia will be sharing learning from their project, to introduce a whole school approach to early intervention and suicide prevention at Northfield Academy in Aberdeen. They aim to explore why they began the project, their progress to date and their planned next steps. They will also give information on the tools and techniques they have found to be helpful in this work and provide an opportunity for the group to ask questions and discuss this complex topic.</p>

14.40-15.20

The Power of Mentoring

Dr Iain MacRitchie, MCR Pathways

Iain founded MCR Pathways in 2007 and has led the development of the transformational MCR mentoring and talent development programme, which now supports over 3,000 young people each week. Iain's work in supporting the country's disadvantaged young people has been recognised by a number of awards including Glasgow's St Mungo Medal, a Lifetime Achievement Award for Diversity, honorary doctorate and other national and international leadership awards. He became visiting professor at the University of Strathclyde in 2020.

Dr Iain MacRitchie created MCR Pathways, the award-winning mentoring charity which supports care-experienced and other young people in high schools across Scotland, in 2007. The Young Talent programme began in Glasgow and now supports over 3,000 young people in local authorities across the nation. The premise is simple - volunteer mentors spend an hour a week with a matched young person through term time, helping them find and use their talents - but the impact is profound. Today, Iain explains the purpose and transformational potential of the Young Talent programme, and how working with MCR Pathways can help improve the post-school opportunities of your young people.

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Plenary and closing remarks

Lisa Finnie, President, Scottish Guidance Association

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We hope you enjoy your day!

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Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline,
in September 2023!

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The Annual Conference is organised by the members of the SGA committee. We hope that you enjoy the day.

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