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exploring core values

Waking up to character formation in Scotland

Character Education Scotland

The charity for character education & development



“I am glad I took part in this project because it has forced me to think about the person I am and the person I could become.”

Ross, Aged 14, Glasgow

David Lorimer, Chief Executive

I am very pleased to introduce Character Education Scotland, a new charity working with schools, universities, public and voluntary organisations and the business community to develop values based education and training.

The charity builds on the excellent work of the Learning for Life project, a UK wide programme of academic research, teaching and learning development and practical activities in schools. For the last four years, the Learning for Life Values Poster Programme has been successfully run in Scotland, reaching over 30,000 young Scots like Ross.

Character Education has a vital role at the very heart of our shared challenge to unlock the potential of our young people at risk of not being able to make use of their talents, skills and opportunities in life. We believe that the foundations for a successful life are the character qualities and core values we need to develop for lifelong practical wisdom. Without this insight, self-awareness and self understanding, young people don't feel they have choices and don't believe they have the chance to change. Effective character education can change this. We understand that this is the difference we can make to young people and their prospects.

This short briefing sets out our plans. I hope you can help us in our journey to fulfil them.

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Aim 1

To develop a strategy for Character Education by bringing key people and organisations together to form a Character Education Partnership for Scotland.

We believe that the emergence and development of Character Education across education and youth service sectors will provide a new pathway to improved results in early intervention work. This will help raise aspirations and inspire attainment in young people including those most at risk. There are many excellent projects, programmes and organisations which support young people in their development. Our aim is to support this work and provide a national showcase for best practice in this arena.

Aim 2

To empower teachers, youth work professionals, key workers and others with new tools that engage young people in character formation.

We want tackle the barriers that professionals can face when trying to engage young people in making positive life progress. We want to share our experiences of Character Education and work closely with those making a difference to the lives of young people. We want to develop and share resources to support this work and help provide evidence of the measurable difference that professionals can make to the life prospects of the young people with whom they work.

The Character Education Partnership for Scotland (CEPS) brings key people and organisations together to develop a clear strategy for Character Development in Scotland. This new partnership will champion the aspiration agenda and work towards realising the potential of all of Scotland's young people through four strands of activity:

Partnership

- Steer the strategic and operational development of Character Education in Scotland.
- Support key agencies to develop this agenda in Scotland's communities.
- Develop and support world class research with Scottish University partners.
- Collaborate, share experience and apply best practice in partnership working and policy development.

Membership

- Develop solid representation from stakeholder groups.
- Develop active channels of communication that support those engaged in character development.
- Develop a robust membership strategy that delivers value adding services to members.
- Facilitate charitable membership support for our work through grants and donations.

Programmes

- Develop training programmes in character education coaching.
- Endorse and facilitate programmes with proven transformative effects.
- Develop new tools and resources to support character education.
- Provide training to teachers and other youth professionals with new strategies that engage young people in their future and tackle the barriers to engagement and life progress.

Awards

- Provide recognition and certification for quality learning in values education.
- Support organisations engaged in character development with an awards structure.
- Showcase the achievements of our partners, members and individuals.
- Raise the profile and support for early intervention in character education and development.

Aim 2 > Character Development Awards for Scotland

The Character Development Awards provide recognition and certification for quality learning in values education. They reward individuals for developing and applying positive character attributes for the benefit of themselves and/or others.



The Explorer Award is designed for use with young people aged between 11–16 and can be used across a wide range of abilities. The Award makes a significant contribution to Curriculum for Excellence by recognising quality learning in the exploration of human values and character qualities. Awards are achieved by completing programmes with proven transformative effects on the lives of young people.

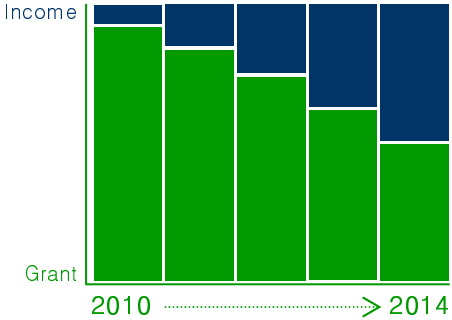
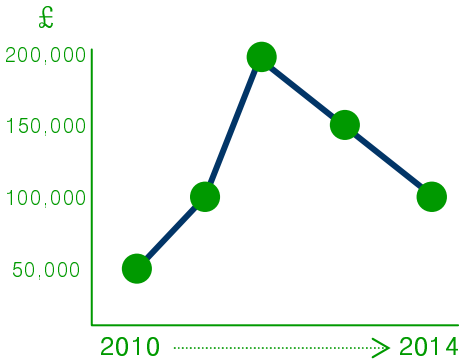
The Discovery Award recognises and certifies quality learning in the exploration of values and character qualities by young people in post school training, further education or other youth environments. It is a method of certification for endorsed activities or experiences where young people have identified their strengths and development needs to enable a successful transition to a positive destination.

The Achievement Award recognises an individual of any age who has applied their values and demonstrated positive character attributes in the context of a personal achievement or a contribution to others. Awardees are nominated as role models by peers, colleagues or by members of the public who feel that this individual deserves credit and recognition for their actions.

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