



Children and Young People Improvement Collaborative

CYPIC NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Who we are

CYPIC's purpose is to bring focus, connection and method where it is most needed to improve the wellbeing and life chances of children & young people in Scotland.

- Focus on improving outcomes for evidence-based priorities
- Connect people and share learning to accelerate improvement
- Support systematic use of the Quality Improvement journey to improve outcomes

Upcoming Events

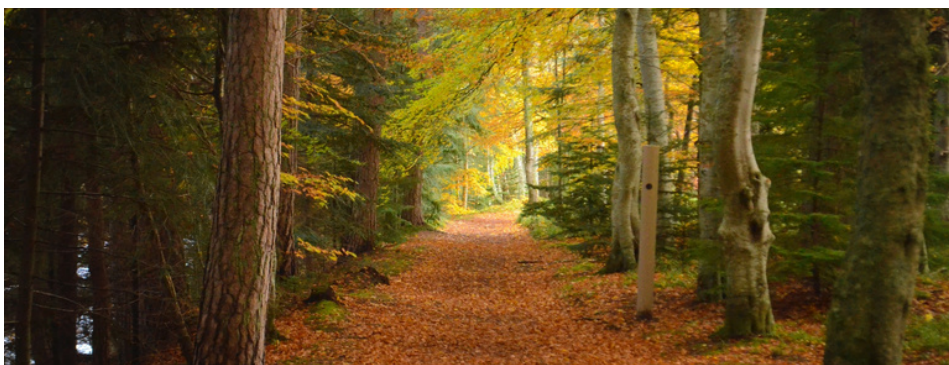
10 Oct – LiA Network Link & Learn Session (see page 3)

27 November – CYPIC QI Alumni Event 2023

28 November – CYPIC National Conference 2023

7 Dec – ELC QI Learning Exchange In Conversation

Welcome to the Autumn edition!



Read on to find out about:

- How to register for this year's CYPIC National Conference!
- Whole Family Wellbeing Funding Learning into Action Network (LiA)
- Progress with the National Improving Writing Programme
- Work to improve children's speech, language and communication in early years

Feedback sought

We started writing regular newsletters in 2022 and are looking for your feedback to make sure the information we share is what you want to hear about!

We hope you can spare two minutes to answer a few questions to help us:

<https://forms.office.com/e/dim4QBP9zd>

CYPIC NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023

FOCUS, CONNECTION AND METHOD

**Don't miss out – here's how to register for this year's event
at the SEC in Glasgow on Tuesday 28th November!
Places are limited so act now!**

This event is a fantastic opportunity for our CYPIC community to connect in person, to share learning and innovative ideas on how we can collectively make the greatest impact on outcomes for children and families across Scotland.

The theme of the day will be how we work together to apply **focus**, **connection** and **method** where it is most needed to improve outcomes for babies, children, young people and families. We will explore key leverage points that exist in the system, based on current evidence, national outcomes and local priorities.

The programme will include dynamic keynote speakers and a chance to ask your burning questions to a panel of system leaders as well as to meet and learn from likeminded colleagues from across Scotland. In line with our national priorities, there will be workshops focussed on The Promise, Whole Family Wellbeing Funding and Early Language Development. In parallel there will be a workshop around our shared method, which will go back to QI basics to help you to break through the implementation challenge.

This year we have 2 registration routes for the conference. Some of you will already have received an invitation, if you are working closely with the national team on a priority area, so please make sure you register through the link in your email as soon as you can to secure your place! For the wider CYPIC community, please [register interest](#) in attending the Conference. We anticipate a high demand and will let you know in early October whether you have secured a place, or are on our waiting list. In the meantime, please make sure to save the date in your diary.

We are also excited to be organising a pre-conference QI Alumni Event on Monday 27 November for those who have been through a cohort of ScIL or SCLIP, or are actively involved in using QI methodology on a regular basis. It will be a great opportunity to refresh and rejuvenate your QI knowledge and passion with colleagues from across the country: [Register to attend the CYPIC QI Alumni Event](#)



Whole Family Wellbeing Funding Learning into Action Network (LiA)

The LiA Network Project Manager, Ariane Beaver, came into post in May and has had the opportunity to connect with many CSPP colleagues over the past few weeks. She has also developed the KHub group which was launched in July.

Anyone working to support the Whole Family Wellbeing (WFWF) programme is welcome to join the KHub group. It offers access to a range of resources as well as a discussion forum for member to connect, ask questions and share learning. You can register for a Khub account or log in to [join the group here](#) for free.

Ariane is working alongside CYPIC Improvement Advisors to develop regular LiA Network learning sessions and engagement activities. These include regular sessions held virtually on Teams:

- 'Monthly Mingle' sessions – a drop in space each month designed 'in the moment' around the needs and interests of those who attend.
- 'Link and Learn' sessions – held every 6 weeks and designed to support connection and learning around specific themes that are emerging from our work together on WFWF.

The first Monthly Mingle takes place on 21 September and the next Link and Learn session is on 10 October. Please contact Ariane for more details and to access your invitation!

A LiA development group has been set up to co-design future sessions, and we'd welcome your input. If you'd like to take part in this group and help shape the LiA Network, please get in touch!

Contact: ariane.beaver@improvementservice.org.uk



National Improving Writing Programme

Wave 2 of the programme started earlier this month with teams from Clackmannanshire, Dumfries and Galloway, Highland, Scottish Borders and the Western Isles. Our launch days were full of energy and learning and we have a series of busy twilight sessions coming up to improve CfE first level writing attainment.

The commitment and rigour of Wave 1's writing participants has resulted in substantial improvements across many participating classrooms. Qualitative data from Wave 1 will be shared following the publication of ACEL in December.

Quantitative participant feedback sums up the immediate impact! Teachers have shared that how they deliver writing in their classrooms has transformed and the changes made are sustainable. We will continue measuring their outcomes to ensure lasting impact.

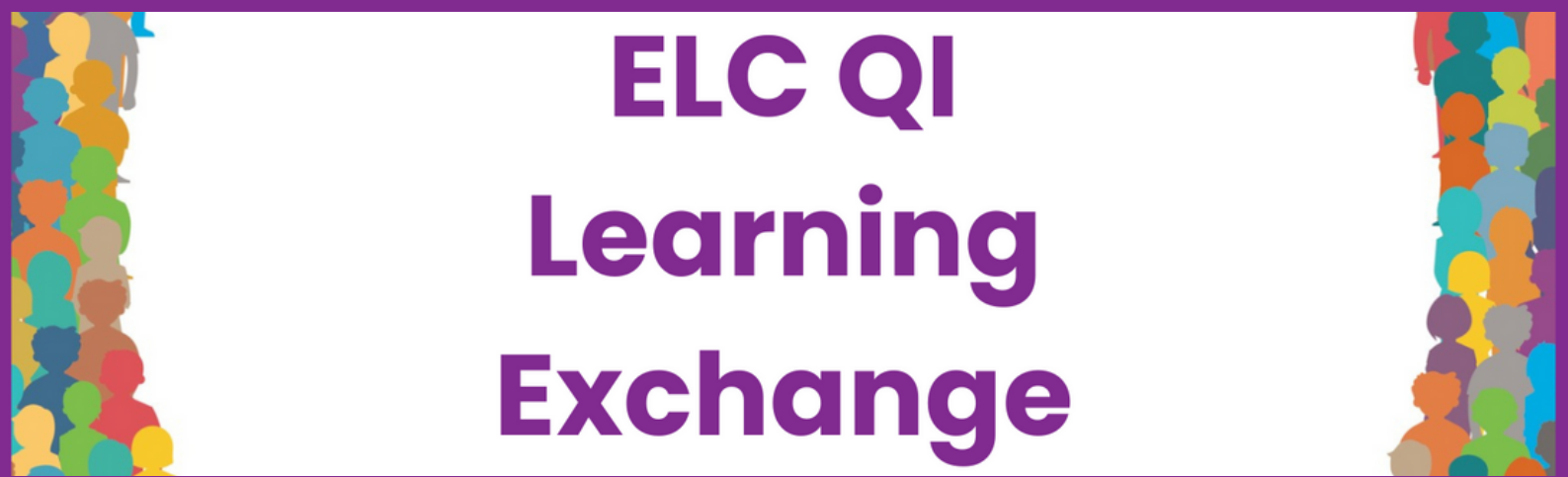
Teacher confidence in
teaching writing increased
from 32% to 79%

Teacher reporting of
confidence in assessing writing
more than tripled to 81%

Participants in Wave 1 are all invited to continue their improvement work through our national networks: Improvement Science Writing Network for class teachers and the School-Wide Spread Network for school leaders. Email CYPIC@gov.scot to sign up.

Education QI Network

Calling all improvers in Education: If you are a ScIL, ScLIP, QI lead or delivering quality improvement in your area come join us! The first session was held in September with a further 5 scheduled this academic year. We'd welcome new members to our Steering Group to guide the conversation too. [Contact us to learn more.](#)



ELC QI Learning Exchange

Collaborate: Exploring a change theory together

This academic year the ELC QI Learning Exchange is focussing on early language development. We are collaborating with teams from Dumfries & Galloway, Falkirk, Perth & Kinross and Shetland to improve the number of ELC settings that provide language rich environments which support children's talking and listening.

In our first session we explored how staff track and monitor core language skills and use the data to act. Teams explored the variation and practice that exist and reflected on what they can test to improve coverage and completeness of data gathered and how it is used. We were joined by Louise Steel and Alan Fleming from Education Scotland.

Throughout the programme, the exercises and examples developed will be shared with the wider membership on our Glow site to support local improvement.

Connect: In Conversation

The final **In Conversation** session for 2023 is on **Thursday 7 December**. Please get in touch if you're interested in sharing your QI journey with other members or there is a topic you would like us to focus on: CYPIC@gov.scot

Membership

We hold a register of members who receive regular communications about the work of the network. If you work in ELC and have an interest in applying a systematic approach to improvement, you can find out more and register here: <https://cypic.co.uk/focus/elc-qi-learning-exchange/>



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Improving Speech, Language and Communication in Early Years

Education Scotland is delighted to welcome Louise Steel who has joined as the team leader of a new regional early speech and language project.

The project contributes to the Scottish Government's key health and education agenda on closing the gap in health, developmental and educational outcomes for children and young people across Scotland.



Six seconded Regional Early Speech and Language Leads will soon join Louise, across Education Scotland's Regional Improvement Teams.

The Leads will work with health and early education partners across Regional Improvement Collaborative areas to support collaborative multi-agency planning for the support of early speech and language. The team will also have focus on working with partners to build the confidence and capacity of practitioners who work with young children and their families.