

Let's Talk Scottish Education  
**Our National  
Discussion**



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Discussion guide for groups of **parents and carers**

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# Welcome

Professor Carol Campbell and Professor Alma Harris are helping to co-facilitate the National Discussion on Scottish Education. One of their jobs is to help make sure that anyone who wants to can take part. Click here to watch a video of how they plan to engage everyone and particularly those we don't normally hear from in the national discussion.

**Video:** Meet the National Discussion's independent facilitators Prof Carol Campbell and Prof Alma Harris



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0BaSciflZQ>

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## Introduction

This adaptable discussion guide is designed to help groups of parents and carers take part in the National Discussion on Scottish Education.

This resource should help you to create spaces where parents and carers can consider, discuss and reflect on the future of Scottish Education.

Please look at the options and decide how you might use (or adapt) them to meet the needs and interests of your group.



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## Everyone's voice matters

Each one of us brings rich experiences, skills and knowledge to the discussion.

Plus, a 2006 Act of Scottish Parliament gives parents and carers right to be meaningfully involved and engaged in the life their child's school. (Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006)

Because of this, we have some questions we'd like you to consider and want to hear all your voices in each part of the discussion today.

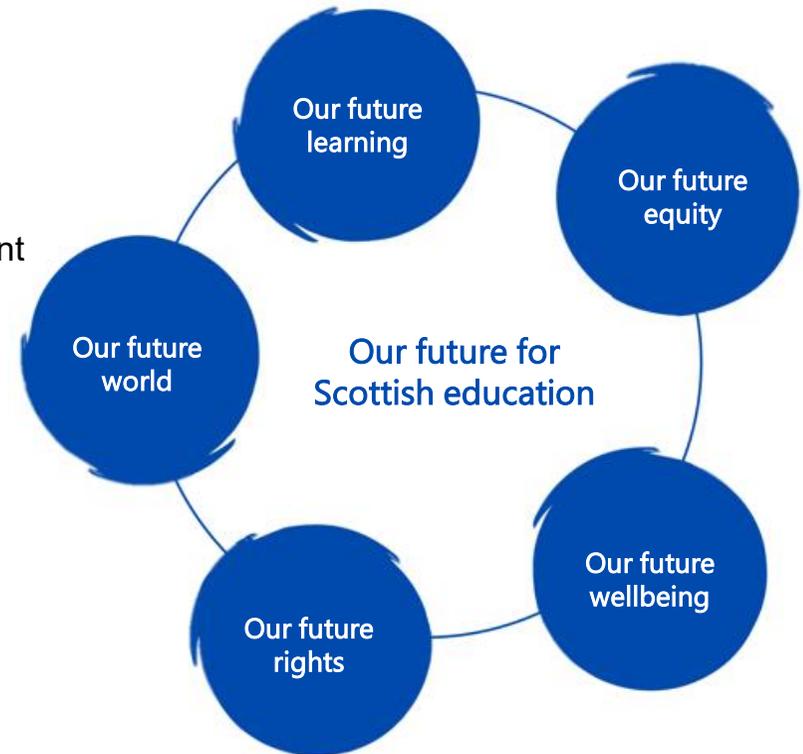


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## Session 1: Parent and Carer Voice

This session will support participants to consider questions 1 to 8.

You are welcome to reply to any or all of the questions. What's important is that you have the chance to have your say and can reflect deeply on the topics that matter most to you.



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**As a parent or carer, and thinking about your child or young person:**

- 1 What kind of education will be needed by children and young people in Scotland in the future?  
and how do we make that a reality?



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2 What do you think children and young people in Scotland will need in the future to help them feel supported in their learning?



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3 What is one thing that needs to stay and why?



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4 What are the most important priorities for a future Scottish education system?



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5 Overall, what is your vision for the future of education in Scotland?

In other words...

Do you have any thoughts on what the future of education in Scotland should look like?



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6 How can we make that future vision for education a reality in Scotland?



In other words:

Do you have any thoughts on how your future vision for Scottish education could be achieved?

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7 What are the most important steps we need to take to achieve the future vision for education in Scotland?



In other words:

What needs to happen first?

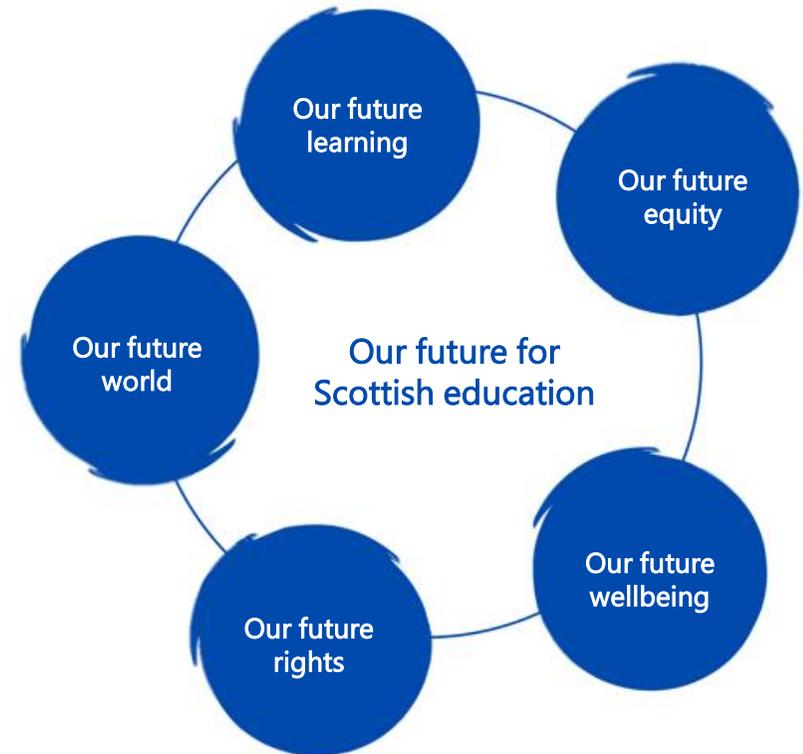
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8 How can we ensure that everyone involved in education in Scotland has a say in future decisions and actions?



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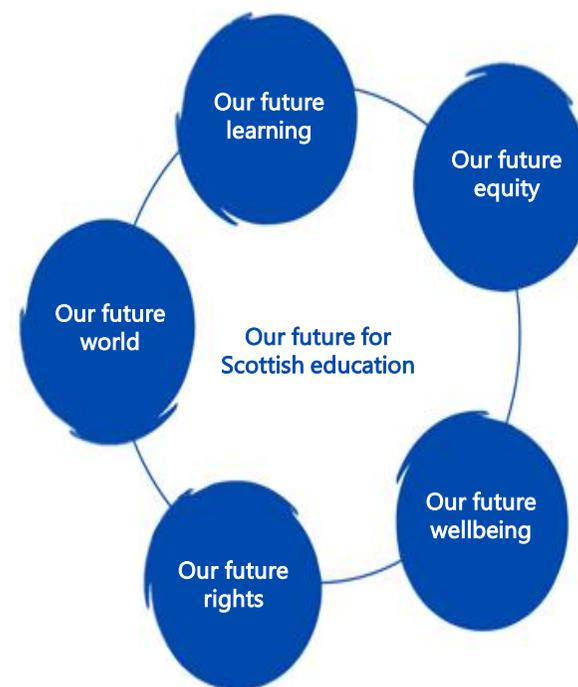
## Session 2: Our future learning, equity, wellbeing, rights & world



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## Our Future Learning

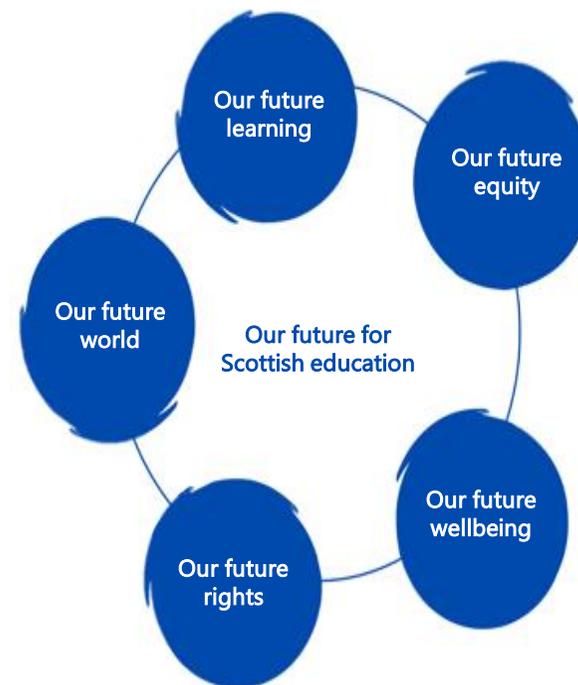
How can high quality educational experiences, teaching, and learning be best supported for children and young people in Scotland?



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## Our Future Equity

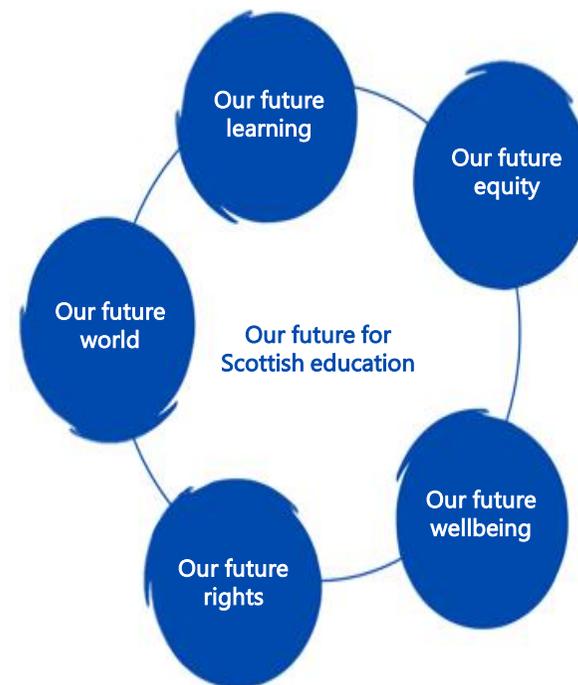
How can every child and young person's individual needs be supported and addressed in the future?



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## Our Future Wellbeing

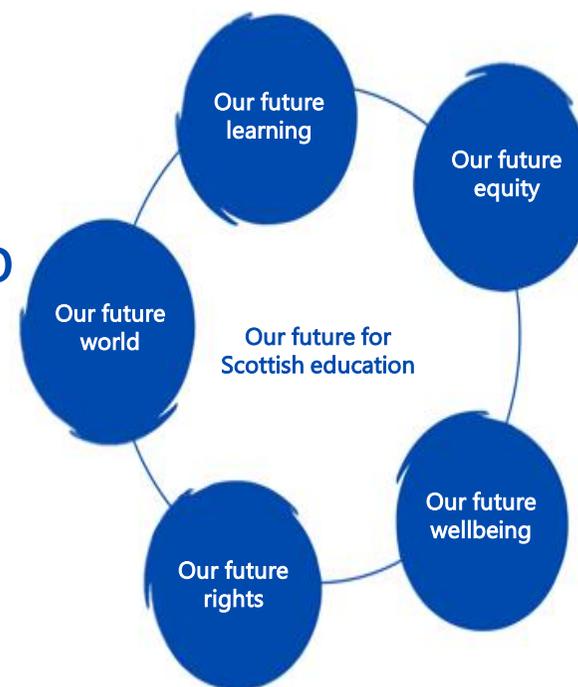
How can children and young people's mental, emotional, social, and physical wellbeing and safety be cared for and supported in the future?



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## Our Future Rights

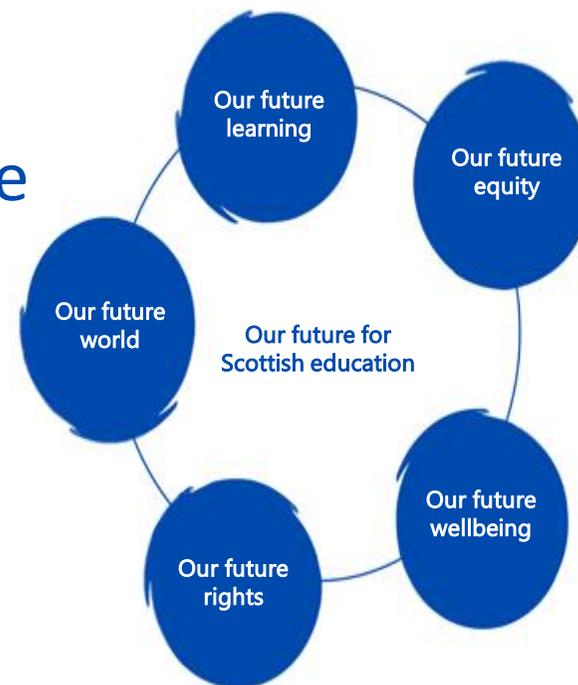
How can the right of every child and young person to have opportunities to develop their full potential be achieved in future?



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## Our Future World

How can children and young people be helped to learn about our changing world, so they feel able to positively contribute?



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## Feedback

Thank you for taking part in the National Discussion.

These tasks will have helped us all think about some of the National Discussion questions.

You should now either work in groups to complete a joint response via the following link: <https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/national-discussion-feedback>

Or, complete your own personal response via the following link:  
<https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/national-discussion-on-education>

If neither of these options fit your group's needs, you can instead choose to email a summary to: [nationaldiscussiononeducation@gov.scot](mailto:nationaldiscussiononeducation@gov.scot), or post on social media **#TalkScottishEducation** (via Instagram or Twitter). Please remember to include a rough description of who was in your group and how many people took part.



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## What happens next?

Education plays a key role in finding solutions to global and local challenges and in making sure children's rights are respected. That's why we need to listen carefully to you – whether you are a learner, parent, teacher, practitioner or someone who has an interest in the future of education.

Your response will be independently analysed alongside all other responses to contribute to an inclusive and exciting future vision for Scottish Education.

Follow [#TalkScottishEducation](#) on Twitter or Instagram to keep up with the discussion.

The discussion will conclude on 5th Dec 2022. We look forward to reporting back to you in Spring 2023 on the vision you've informed.



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