



苏格兰中国教育网络

Promoting learning Chinese and about China in Scotland

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STRATEGY 2018-2019

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Scotland China Education Network is the advancement of education through the promotion of the teaching and learning of Chinese and about China in Scotland.

SCEN works with a network of schools, colleges, universities, national agencies, commercial organisations and associations which are keen to provide opportunities for children, students and young professionals to learn Chinese and about China. It supports local authorities, headteachers, representatives of colleges, universities and national agencies in their efforts to develop the teaching and learning of Chinese and about China in Scotland and to encourage connections with Chinese education. SCEN responds to the needs and the issues raised by all sectors, including the wide range of commercial interests.

POLICY

- 1. To support Local Authorities, Headteachers, Schools and national agencies in Scotland, in their efforts to implement the national languages strategy and connections with China in Scotland's schools.**
- 2. To work with Universities and Colleges, to support their teaching work in Chinese and about China, research into the teaching and learning of Chinese, and collaborative research projects with Universities in China.**
- 3. To work with the Scottish Government, in particular the China and Americas Team and the Curriculum Unit and its Languages Team, in helping to meet the targets and evaluate the progress of Scotland's China Strategy and its Languages Plan.**
- 4. To respond to the needs and the issues raised by all sectors, including the wide range of commercial interests represented by the China Scotland Business Forum, the 48 Group Club (The Icebreakers) and the China Britain Business Council.**
- 5. To support the relationship between Hanban and the Confucius Institutes and Confucius Classroom Hubs in Scotland.**
- 6. To link with the First Secretary for Scottish Affairs and the UK Embassy in Beijing, the Embassy for the PR of China in London and the Consulate General in Edinburgh, to support Scotland's links with China and to facilitate its participation in UK connections.**

PARTNERS

- **Local Authorities and their Schools**
- **SCEN Founder Ambassadors and Ambassadors**
- **The Confucius Institute for Scotland at the University of Edinburgh**
- **Other Confucius Institutes and Confucius Classroom Hubs**
- **SCILT, Scotland's National Centre for Languages**
- ***Bilingualism Matters* Centre, University of Edinburgh**
- **HKSSIP, The Hong Kong Scotland School Improvement Partnership**
- **Swire Chinese Centres of Excellence in Edinburgh and Glasgow**
- **China Scotland Business Forum (CSBF)**
- **China Britain Business Council for Scotland (CBBC)**
- **The 48 Group Club (The Icebreakers)**
- **Universities and Colleges**
- **Chinese Community Schools**
- **CUS, The Children's University Scotland**
- **The Scottish Government, especially the China and Americas Team of the International Division, the Languages Team in the Curriculum Unit of its Learning Directorate, and relevant national agencies such as Scottish Enterprise and Scottish Development International**
- **The Cross Party Group on China at the Scottish Parliament**
- **The Scottish Qualifications Authority**
- **Education Scotland**
- **The General Teaching Council for Scotland**
- **The Scottish Parent Teacher Council**
- **British Council Scotland and British Council *Generation UK: China Network***
- **The Scottish Youth Parliament**
- **SELMAS**
- **Scottish College of Educational Leadership**
- **The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland**
- **The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh**
- **The Scottish International Education Trust**
- **The Scottish Churches China Group**
- **Asia Scotland Institute**
- **Young Chinese Professionals**
- **PLUS committed individuals**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In February 2018 SCEN published a major independent review of its activities - “Review of SCEN: Ten Years on and the Future”, commissioned from Archie McGlynn, former HM Chief Inspector of Education (Scotland) and current director of the Hong Kong Schools Improvement Partnership (HKSSIP). The Review contains a number of recommendations which will form a substantial part of the work of SCEN over the next year.

In February 2018 the Founder and Chair of SCEN since its inception, Dr Judith McClure indicated her intention to retire as Chair in the summer of 2018. Trustees agreed, as successors, to appoint Simon Macaulay as Chair and Morag Anderson as Vice Chair.

SCEN, as all charitable bodies, were charged with complying with the new GDPR procedures. This meant a major operation in contacting all existing Members of SCEN. The result has been a much more accurate database of members, with the majority of current subscribers retained in membership.

In the course of the year SCEN has sought to enhance the voice of young people in its work, especially through the work of the Youth Committee and Youth Summit and is working on proposals to take this forward over the next period.

PROJECTS

1.SCEN China Youth Summit for 500 delegates from all sectors

The Sixth SCEN China Youth Summit, “East Meets West” took place in Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on 3 November 2017

2.Meetings of SCEN Advisory Council

1 December 2017 South Hall.

3. SCEN Ambassadors' Forum

2 February 2018 South Hall, University of Edinburgh. *Update circulated*

4. Meeting of the Languages Think Tank

A Meeting of the Languages Think Tank took place on Thursday 2 March 2017, 1.30 – 3.30 pm, in Abden House, the Confucius Institute for Scotland. *Notes in SCEN Update circulated*

5. Meetings of the Chinese Teaching Club

Meetings of the Chinese Teaching Club took place on :

19 January 2018, at Abden House, Confucius Institute for Scotland (chaired by Lynnette Martin, City of Aberdeen)

4 May 2018 at George Square, University of Edinburgh (chaired by Simon Macaulay)

6. The SCEN Lecture in Association with The Royal Society of Edinburgh

24 May 2018: Lecturer Dr Roger Collins, University of Edinburgh

7. The SCEN Learning of Chinese Programme

This Programme, initiated by SCEN in East Lothian schools continues to be a success. Volunteer students, native speakers of Mandarin, are now focused in two areas, North Berwick High and associated primary schools and Musselburgh Grammar and associated primary schools. They are supported by qualified teachers of Mandarin based in Edinburgh, and from the early part of 2019 it is anticipated that there will be a qualified teacher of Mandarin working in East Lothian Schools, funded by the Swire Trust.

8. SCEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

The SCEN flyer has been widely distributed and is currently being updated. The SCEN distribution list created on Mail Chimp has facilitated the sending of SCEN Newsletters monthly, and also of papers for SCEN Committees and Groups. Megan Hammell now maintains the SCEN website and takes photographs and prepares video material on behalf of SCEN.

9. SCEN YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

26 September, 8 June and 21 September

10. MEETINGS OF SCEN TUSTEES

25 September 2017

2 November 2017 – individual Trustee meetings with Archie McGlynn

10 January 2018

15 February 2018

24 September 2018

In the course of 2018 two additional Trustees were appointed: Jack Simpson, City of Edinburgh Council and former Head Teacher Leith Academy and Rosemary Mitchell, former Depute Head Teacher, Lasswade High School

11. COOPERATION WITH BODIES IN CHINA

SCEN works with Hong Kong Scotland Education Connection (HKSEC) (director Nigel Fong) in identifying schools in Scotland to partner with schools in Hong Kong. In September 2018 SCEN hosted a Cantonese Opera Group, organized by Nigel Fong, who performed for an invited audience (including 100 SCEN invitees) in Edinburgh Castle.

SCEN supports the work of Hong Kong Scotland School Partnership (HKSSIP) (director Archie McGlynn) in school exchanges between schools in Scotland and schools in Hong Kong

SCEN is seeking to develop educational partnerships with Shandong Province and Nanning, Guanxi Province .

12. SCEN CONTINUES TO WORK WITH:

- [The Confucius Institute for Scotland at the University of Edinburgh](#), where Judith McClure, the former Chair of SCEN, is Ambassador for the Teaching and Learning of Chinese.
- [The Directors of Scotland's five Confucius Institutes](#), at the Universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Strathclyde, Aberdeen and Heriot-Watt. .
- [The Royal Zoological Society for Scotland](#), now a Science Specialist Confucius Classroom, opened in February 2018, with a SCEN presence.
- [The China Scotland Business Forum \(CSBF\)](#),
- [The China Britain Business Council \(CBBC\) Scotland](#)
- [The Asia Connections Network Scotland](#),
- [The Cross-Party Group on China at the Scottish Parliament](#)
- [The Scottish Qualifications Authority](#), in relation to qualifications at all levels in Chinese and about China.
- [The British Council](#) .
- [The Scottish Churches China Group](#); Simon Macaulay is a member of the Management Committee.
- [Swire Centres of Excellence for the Teaching of Chinese](#): .

[Support for Teaching of Chinese Initiatives](#): SCEN supports the China Dream initiative of Crystal Pan Balish, and other initiatives that it considers appropriate.

STRATEGY AND REVIEW 2018-2019

WORK IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN “THE REVIEW OF SCEN; TEN YEARS ON AND THE FUTURE (February 2018)

- 1. Identify new sources of funding support**
- 2. Review the Committee structure of SCEN**
- 3. Develop the potential for student voice within SCEN – especially through Youth Conferences and at the Youth Committee**
- 4. Organise events and networking throughout Scotland, including those areas where Chinese is not currently being taught**
- 5. Develop working with SCEN partners, while emphasising the independence of SCEN**
- 6. Increase the numbers of Trustees in line with the Review, to include a Mandarin speaker**

FUTURE PLANNED SCEN EVENTS

9 November 2018 Youth Summit Perth Concert Hall

23 November 2018 Chinese Teaching Club

7 December 2018 Advisory Council

March 2019 Models for Learning Chinese Conference

TBC Youth Committee