



Landscape Review Launch and New Framework for 14-19 Education & Training

The Department of Education has published an independent 'Landscape Review' of the Education Authority. The Review was undertaken on behalf of the Department by the consultancy firm Baker Tilly Mooney Moore. Its purpose was to consider the overall operation and governance of the EA, and the extent to which it is effectively able to deliver against stated Executive and Departmental priorities. The report makes 13 recommendations and is available [here](#).

Also launched this week was a joint framework from Education Minister, Michelle McIlveen and Economy Minister, Gordon Lyons, to help drive forward a more strategic approach to education and training for 14 to 19 year olds. More information is available [here](#).



The GBA will be engaging with stakeholders regarding both of these documents. If you have any feedback you wish to share please [contact us](#).

Online Conference Invitation - the 'Bystander Approach' - Ending Violence Against Women and Girls

The Executive Office is hosting an online Bystander Approach Conference on Tuesday 28 June, 1.30 – 4.15pm.

This is an opportunity for thought leaders and those who can drive change in Education to hear from keynote speaker Dr Jackson Katz, co-founder of the Mentors in Violence Prevention programme, a programme used extensively in North America across schools and colleges.

As a pioneer of the Bystander Approach, Dr Jackson Katz, a US based educator, author and renowned TEDx speaker, will talk about the impact of being an active bystander; Dr Katz will also take your questions about the initiative.

Bystander Approach Conference - [click this link](#) for online registration.

INVITATION

Violence and the fear of violence in all its forms has long-lasting, life-changing impacts on the lives of women and girls.

GBA Chairperson Pays Tribute to Retiring Executive Member and Principal, Scott Naismith

Scott Naismith, GBA Executive Committee Member, and Principal of Methodist College, Belfast, will soon be stepping down from the roles, officially retiring in August 2022.

The GBA's Chairperson, Jacqueline Weir, said: "Scott has led the Methodist College community with unwavering dedication and has shown the same commitment to the GBA Executive Committee, providing representation on various education forums and strategic groups, and advice and support around educational challenges. He has undoubtedly improved the educational experience for the pupils at Methody and beyond."

Jacqueline added: "I am extremely grateful to Scott for his commitment to the work of the GBA. His expertise as Principal of a voluntary grammar school has proved invaluable in advancing the interests of the sector and in influencing the educational landscape as a whole. On behalf of the GBA, I would like to express my gratitude to Scott and wish him well for the future."

Education Safeguarding Forum - Update

At the most recent meeting of the Education Safeguarding Forum, chaired by the Assistant Director of EA Children and Young People Services, a request was put forward for experienced Principals to attend an upcoming meeting with Professor Ray Jones and his review team in Academy Street, Belfast, 10 am-

12pm on 4th July (provisional date).

Professor Jones is leading the [Independent Review of Children's Social Care Services in Northern Ireland](#). This is an important opportunity for him to interface with education in the context of child protection and welfare issues and key role schools play. If you are interested in attending, please [contact us](#).



Consultation on Functions of GTCNI Now Open

Following the dissolution of the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland (GTCNI), the Education Minister has announced that her Department is consulting on the functions currently assigned to the GTCNI and how these can be delivered efficiently and effectively.

The consultation launched on 13th June and closes on 30th September 2022 and will provide the teaching profession, wider educational system and stakeholders with the opportunity to consider the structures used in other jurisdictions and the differing functions these bodies provide. For more information and to respond, click [here](#).

NI Assembly Update

As you will be aware, the Northern Ireland Assembly has yet to elect a speaker, blocking the formation of a new government.

Questions for written answer continue to be published on the NI Assembly website and are available [here](#). The purpose of Assembly Questions is to ask for information or to press for action. The latest education questions include topics such as:

- Capital builds
- Educational Psychology Service
- Ventilation in schools
- Uniform grants

Weekly written answers are usually published on a Friday and are available [here](#).



Area Planning Update

- Education Minister Michelle McIlveen has approved a number of Specialist Provisions in Mainstream Schools as part of a Special Educational Needs (SEN) Area Planning pilot exercise. The pilot includes the simultaneous provision of 128 Specialist Provisions across 58 schools.
- The Strategic Area Plan and Special Education Strategic Area Plan 2022-2027 are planned for launch at the end of June 2022, along with the first Operational Plan which will run from September 2022 to August 2024.

If you would like to discuss provision in your area, please [contact us](#) for an initial conversation.

Shared Education

The Education Authority's latest "Sharing in Action" newsletter is available [here](#) and details some of the recent developments in Shared Education. The EA's Shared Education hub is available [here](#) and provides further information and resources for schools.

If you would like to discuss Shared Education projects or future partnerships, please [contact us](#).

Teaching & Non-Teaching Vacancies

The GBA provides a free advertising service for our member schools. Job vacancies are posted on our website and Twitter page. There is also a link to our job listings on the Education Authority website in the job opportunities section.

As we are currently receiving a high volume of job requests, please use our [job template](#) and allow one working day for posts to be uploaded. This does not include bank holidays and weekends.

If you would like us to host a vacancy for your school, please [contact us](#).

Newsletter Subscription

Please feel free to forward our monthly updates to your school Governors or to subscribe, please use this [link](#).

If you wish to unsubscribe to these emails, please [contact us](#).

GBA Change of Accommodation

Please note that GBA staff will be working remotely for the month of July to facilitate us moving office. Please correspond via email during this period and we will update you in due course.

School Contact Details

We are currently updating our databases so that we have accurate and up to date details for our member schools.

If there have been any recent changes to Principal, Chair of Board of Governors or Bursar posts, or any other significant changes, please [contact us](#) and let us know.