

# The Fourteenth Annual Scottish Summer School

## *School at the Centre: shifts and changes in the system*

*9<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018*

### **The Marine Hotel, North Berwick**

On behalf of ADES, the Staff College Scotland ran the first Summer School in 2005. Since then, it has taken place every year at The Marine Hotel, North Berwick and provides a unique opportunity for local authority colleagues to come together in advance of the new school year to focus on a theme of national importance, to learn from each other and to meet interesting and stimulating contributors from Scotland and beyond.

The theme for this year's summer school is The School at the Centre. Why has this been chosen?

One of the Scottish Government's key policy aims is to develop a "school-led system" for Scottish Education. Additional powers will be devolved to schools and head teachers within the framework of a new Head Teachers' Charter. There are expectations that both parental involvement and pupil voice will be significantly enhanced. These changes are taking place in a context of wider change and uncertainty, with local authority leaders still grappling with the implications of the new Regional Improvement Collaboratives. Additional clarity on the meaning of all these changes should emerge when a new Education Bill is published in June 2018.

It is therefore very appropriate for ADES members to take some time this summer to consider the implications of these policy developments. What might a "school-led system" actually look like? What will it mean for head teachers, for local authority staff and for ADES itself? What will be the nature of the relationship between schools and local authorities (and between schools/local authorities and the Regional Improvement Collaboratives)? Perhaps above all, what does it mean for a school to be at the centre of its community and for a head teacher to be a community leader?

The 2018 Summer School will aim to provide the opportunity for those in senior leadership positions in education to take some time out to consider the implications of these and other questions and of the Scottish Government's policy direction more generally. Specific examples will be given of Scottish schools which are already seen to be at the centre of their communities. As in previous summer schools, we will also aim to learn from school leaders from beyond Scotland and from other systems which have gone down a similar route to that being proposed by the Scottish Government.

As always at the Summer School, it will be the sharing amongst colleagues and reciprocal peer learning that will be the most important element of the programme, with ample time for the swapping stories and the sharing of ideas, initiatives and resources.

Booking details can be found below. Please note that booking fees have been held at last year's rates.

**The numbers are necessarily limited to allow effective discussion and participation so it is important to reserve places quickly**

**The fee is £360 (+ VAT) for ADES members and £395 (+ VAT) for non-members**

**To reserve your place please, return the attached booking form to [hello@thestaffcollege.uk](mailto:hello@thestaffcollege.uk)**