

Board Meeting June 13th, 2011
Education Report - Annual General Meeting
Jane MacLean



Education Development

This is my fourteenth report to the IPI Board. My thirteenth board report was submitted for the May 13th 2011 Board Meeting. This Annual General Report is a summary of my work done since the last IPI AGM in June 2010.

Transit Group

During the summer 2010, 1st years from St. Stephen's and Port Glasgow High School participated in a programme designed to aid their integration into High School. As part of this, they took part in activities delivered by myself, Home Links and Active schools, covering topics related to Bullying, Conflict, 'tough talk' and health.

'Drop In' lunchtime club

Joan Boyland, Rosina Stewart and I launched the 'Drop In' Lunchtime club within St. Stephen's. This has been open to 1st and 2nd year pupils. This facility provides pupils with a comfortable place to have their lunch and discuss topics relating to health, relationships, bullying and anything else that concerns them. Around 30 pupils use this facility.

Conference 2010

The conference was hosted by Inverclyde Academy. Over seventy delegates from all Inverclyde High Schools attended and received Conflict Resolution training from our team of twenty Workshop leaders. Pupils and staff provided positive feedback and showed an interest in follow-up training and support. The training and initiatives that each school became involved after this Conference are detailed below.

Secondary Schools

Port Glasgow High School

- Pupils in s5 and s6 trained in Conflict Resolution
- s6 Pupils trained as Peer Mediators offering support during lunch break 'Drop-In'
- One to One support for s3 pupils, working on Conflict Resolution
- Senior Pupils attending IPI Port Youth Group on Monday Evening
- Senior School pupils attended team building Residential Weekend at Auchengillan
- Studio D IYFC Drama group trained in Conflict Resolution
- Pupils represented IPI at our Scottish Parliament visit

St. Stephen's High School

- Pupils in s5 and s6 trained in Conflict Resolution
- s6 Pupils trained as Peer Mediators and 'Buddies' offering support to younger pupils
- One to One with s1 pupil
- 'Drop-In' group for to s1 and s2
- Senior Pupils attending IPI Port Youth Group on Monday Evening
- Senior School pupils attended team building Residential Weekend at Auchengillan
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Notre Dame High School

- Pupils in s5 and s6 trained in Conflict Resolution
- s5 and s6 Pupils trained as Peer Mediators offering support to younger pupils during lunch breaks
- Group of Guidance staff trained in Peer Mediation
- One to One work referred by Guidance staff and Home-Links staff
- Pupils represented IPI at our Scottish Parliament visit

Gourock High School

- Pupils in s5 and s6 trained in Conflict Resolution
- s5 and s6 Pupils trained in Peer Mediation
- IYFC s3 Drama group trained in Conflict Resolution
- Pupils represented IPI at our Scottish Parliament visit

Greenock Academy

- Pupils in s5 and s6 trained in Conflict Resolution
- s5 Pupils Christmas Leavers trained in Conflict Resolution
- Senior School pupils attended team building Residential Weekend at Auchengillan
- Pupils represented IPI at our Scottish Parliament visit

St. Columba's High School

- Pupils in s5 and s6 trained in Conflict Resolution
- s5 and s6 Pupils trained in Peer Mediation
- One to One work referred by Guidance staff and Home-Links staff
- Pupils represented IPI at our Scottish Parliament visit

Inverclyde Academy

- Pupils in s5 and s6 trained in Conflict Resolution
- Group of s6 Prefects trained in Peer Mediation
- Pupils represented IPI at our Scottish Parliament visit

Other Training delivered

I have also delivered Conflict Resolution training to the following

- Mearns Centre – all pupils as part of their Health and Wellbeing week
- Glenburn School - Pupils in 5th year trained in Conflict Resolution
- FireChurch, Greenock - Conflict Resolution training to the Youth Groups.

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Primary Schools

I have arranged for Conflict resolution and Peer Mediation projects to be launched in the term 2011-2012 with a group of Inverclyde Primary Schools. I will work with the Schools whose pupils I already support in partnership with the Home Links workers Joan and Stuart during the p7 to s1 Transition Period into St Stephen's and PGHS.

A training timetable has been arranged and will commence in August 2011 in the following Schools:

- St. Michaels Primary
- St. John's Primary
- St. Frances's Primary
- Newark Primary

Training already delivered in:

- Wemyss Bay p7 pupils trained in Conflict Resolution

Other key Events during term 2010-2011

- Parliament Visit – January 2011

The three day exhibition was a great success. We had youth group volunteers represent the IPI exhibition, and also pupils from each Inverclyde High School attend the Parliament Tour – led by Duncan McNeil. An article was printed in the Greenock Telegraph and we also featured in InverclydeNow.

- Auchengillan – March 2011

We took a group of 10 young people from St. Stephen's, PGHS and Greenock Academy (plus school leavers) to the Auchengillan centre for the team building activities weekend. The weekend was a great success and the group enjoyed both centre activities and the sessions that Chris delivered throughout the Friday night and Saturday.

- IPI Office

During the Spring Break 2011 IPI moved office down to the reception of St. Stephen's High, next to the Guidance office. I still have the old room leased until the end of June for the Monday night Youth Group. When this lease runs out Chris and I will look into an alternative space for Monday youth group to meet when the next term commences. We have been offered new office space within the new campus in 2013.

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Board of Directors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the IPI Board members for their support and in particular the key people who have supported me in my role as Education Development Worker over the past year.

John has been extremely supportive and encouraging to me since he joined our team as Project Manager in September 2010. John's enthusiasm and new ideas have been a real driving force to help me develop the work that I do in Schools. Having John as a project manager has been a significant benefit to the IPI staff team and I am very thankful that he has taken on this role and all of the responsibilities that it entails.

Chris joined us in September as our full-time Youth Development Worker. He has been a great source of energy for myself and the young people who attend the IPI youth group. I am grateful that Chris and I work so well together and I believe that we make a really good staff team. I am grateful to Chris for the support and advice he offers me, and for the laughter and fun we have working together for IPI. I look forward to lots more positive and enthusiastic work with Chris over the next term.

Thanks to Bert for his commitment to the ongoing completion of applications for grants to fund the work that we do, and also for his organisational support of the Parliament Visit and support given to both of us throughout the year.

Appreciation and thanks to Luba for working on our IPI accounts. Her hard work is evident when looking at our finance sheets. I hope that Luba continues to support us and we welcome her as an important part of our team.

I'd like to thank Anna for chairing our Board meetings. Anna's positive feedback and supportive role as Chair has been very encouraging to me in the work that I do as Education Development worker. Thanks Anna for your positive contributions.