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ASE Scotland updates

Hello readers.

There have been many changes to ASE HQ and we are very pleased to announce a reduction in membership fees. We recommend all student and probationer teachers to apply for membership as it is free of charge. Established teachers (primary and secondary) pay a membership fee of £45; technicians - £25. If there is a colleague in your workplace, who is not a member, and would benefit from joining then encourage them to sign up. Full details on membership are on the next page.

In 2023, ASE Scotland has delivered a national conference, at Kinross High School. We are currently organising an **online** conference, on **Saturday 8**th **June 2024**.

On 15th November, we had an AGM with Bruce Robertson delivering a keynote speech on Power Up Your Pedagogy.

The LSG (Learned Societies Group) advocates for science education and membership. ASE Scotland is part of the group along with other institutes. There was a recent consultation on SQA reforms. There is another ongoing issue on ethics in the digital world. If you have any concerns that is worth being raised at LSG, then let us know.

During terms one and two, we have offered many workshops and continue to deliver workshops for student and established teachers (early, primary and secondary) and technicians. We encourage you to come along and spread the news of the events that are taking place.

Finally, we wish you all a restful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best regards,

ASE Scotland Committee

ASE Scotland events

ASE Scotland has offered events for educators in Scotland. The following events took place.

- **30**th **October** ITE Online for Primary and Secondary teachers
- 15th November AGM and Bruce Roberston (HT Berwick H.S.) on Power up your pedagogy.
- **24**th **November** Secondary Biology
- 7th December Primary Online.

Make sure you pencil in other events in Scotland in 2024. These will be advertised via emails to ASE members and to non-members via Synapse, Sputnik, Strontium and Primary forums.

- Secondary Chemistry tbc
- ITE Visits tbc
- BGE Secondary tbc
- Primary Workshop event Mearns Primary School tbc

Note that ASE Scotland will be offering face-to-face sessions, each lasting 60 minutes, for schools nearby. Details of these events will be advertised by ASE Scotland.

ASE Membership

ASE Membership £45, Technician Membership £25 (plus any additional journal add on costs).

Full list of benefits include free and discounted CPD, national and regional meet ups, access to resources and guidance, discounted publications, pathway to chartered status, Education in Science magazine, member update emails and more.

Student Teacher Membership

Suitable for those in the first years of teacher training - across all UK teacher training pathways

First two years of membership FREE (plus any journal add-ons you choose see below), 50% discount on ASE Membership for the third year of membership - £22.50

Institutional Membership

Share membership across your entire school, college or science department.

Offering savings on equivalent individual membership.

https://www.ase.org.uk/ membership-join-and-pay



AGM 15th November: Keynote

Bruce Robertson, H.T. at Berwick High School, delivered a fantastic 15-minute presentation on Power Up Your Pedagogy. The presentation is based on Bruce's fourth book.

The book covers a broad range of themes, from professional learning and coaching to cognitive science and educational research.

Topics include presenting, questioning, feedback, differentiation and behaviour management, with excellent illustrations. There is something in here for everyone, whether you are a student or an established teacher.

https://www.johncattbookshop.com/products/power-up-your-pedagogy-the-illustrated-handbook-of-teaching



