

EDUCATION EVOLVING

Enhancing opportunities through e-Sgoil



DIGITAL PARTNERSHIP
Scottish Local Government

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council) have revolutionised the delivery, uptake and attainment of education using a transformational digital platform: e-Sgoil. Refusing to give in to geographical, economic and social constraints they have provided an education system that facilitates true anytime, anywhere education for learners and teachers alike.



Teachers deliver their lessons using a webcam from their current location.



Students attend their local school and some lessons are taught by teachers on-screen using e-Sgoil.

The same lesson is made available to pupils across Scotland. Work can be shared and corrected in real time and pupils are able to revise content to support study and encourage flipped learning.

MODERN EDUCATION

The Western Isles have long struggled to juggle a dispersed geography, small class sizes and limited numbers of teaching staff within a desire to offer maximum choice, support and success to their learners. They have overcome these potential difficulties by designing and implementing this digital learning platform that enables one teacher to conduct a lesson to multiple classrooms simultaneously without diminishing the quality of teaching and the student/teacher relationship.

EQUITY AND CHOICE

Initially tested within north-western Scotland using a small number of subjects, e-Sgoil has now expanded to offer a full curriculum, with lessons delivered by skilled teachers and enjoyed by engaged students from multiple locations across the globe. This means that students within the Western Isles are no longer limited to their choice of subjects to study. They are able to select subjects from a much wider curriculum which enables them to prepare for their chosen future careers.

Increased choice for students has not only made educational choices much more equitable, it has seen a significant rise in educational attainment amongst registered students who have performed well above national attainment averages.

A true educational partnership, e-Sgoil uses digital technology to bring teachers, students and families together from across the globe. More subjects are being added to the curriculum each year with increased subscription for e-Sgoil resources being set to continue.



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