



SICI Scotland Workshop 2026

Delegate Briefing and Agenda Overview

Standing International Conference of Inspectorates (SICI)

Theme: *Embedding Learner Voice in Policy, Practice and Inspection*

Venue: Scottish Gas Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh

Hosted by: His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE)

Welcome to Edinburgh and to the SICI Scotland Workshop 2026. This workshop brings together colleagues from inspectorates across Europe and beyond to explore how learner voice can be meaningfully embedded within education systems, policy development, professional practice and inspection. Through presentations, discussion and collaborative activities, delegates will have the opportunity to share approaches, challenge assumptions and learn from one another's experience.

The event is designed not only to showcase international practice but also to create space for reflection and professional dialogue around the opportunities and challenges of involving learners in education improvement.

Day 1: Thursday 1 October

Learning from International Practice

The first day will focus on hearing from a range of inspectorates and educational organisations about how learner voice is incorporated into policy, practice and inspection.

Morning

09:30 – Registration and Coffee

An opportunity to meet fellow delegates, collect materials and network before the formal programme begins.

10:00 - Welcome and Opening Remarks

Workshop introductions and housekeeping information.

10:05 - Welcome from SICI

Welcome from **Janie McManus**, President of SICI.

10:15 - Keynote Address

Ruth Binks, His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education (Scotland), will open the workshop with reflections on learner participation and educational improvement.

10:45 - Scotland Presentation and Q&A

Presentation by **Louise Turnbull**, Assistant Director, exploring the Scottish context and current approaches to learner participation.

11:15 - Coffee and Networking

12:00 - Finland Presentation and Q&A

Insights from Finland presented by **Niina Rumpu**, Evaluation Adviser.

12:30 - England Presentation and Q&A

Presentation from England by **Mark Peters**, Deputy Director for Research and Evaluation.

Afternoon

13:00 - Lunch

14:00 - Ireland Presentation and Q&A

Presentation by **Suzanne Conneely**, Assistant Chief Inspector, sharing the Irish perspective on learner participation.

Interactive Workshop Session

14:30 - Collaborative Discussion: Three Big Questions

Facilitated by HMIE, this interactive session will give delegates the opportunity to reflect on the presentations and compare international approaches.

15:15 – Coffee Break

Expert Panel Discussion

16:00 - International Panel Discussion

A moderated discussion featuring the day's presenters. This session will provide an opportunity to explore key themes emerging from the workshop, ask questions and consider future directions for learner participation in inspection. **Ruth Binks** will chair the discussion.

16:40 - Networking Break

Murrayfield Experience

17:00 - Scottish Gas Murrayfield Stadium Tour: A guided tour of Scotland's national rugby stadium.

Evening

18:00 - Workshop Dinner

An opportunity for delegates to continue conversations informally, strengthen professional connections and enjoy Scottish hospitality.

Day 2: Friday 2 October

Broadening Perspectives and Drawing Conclusions

The second day will focus on additional international perspectives before bringing together the key lessons and conclusions from the workshop.

Morning

09:30 - Registration and Coffee

10:00 - Luxembourg Presentation and Q&A

Presentation by **Somia Salah**, Observatrice, highlighting approaches from Luxembourg.

10:40 - Sweden Presentation and Q&A

Presentation by **Malin Karikoski**, Statistician, sharing experience and evidence from Sweden.

11:15 – Coffee and Networking

12:00 - Closing Remarks: Closing reflections from **Janie McManus**, drawing together key insights and messages from across the workshop.

12:15 – Lunch and close: A final opportunity to connect with colleagues before departing Edinburgh.

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