



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

32nd Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 10 December 2013

Present:

George Adam  
Jayne Baxter  
Neil Bibby (Deputy Convener)  
Joan McAlpine  
Liz Smith

Clare Adamson  
Colin Beattie  
Stewart Maxwell (Convener)  
Liam McArthur

The meeting opened at 10.05 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Outdoor Learning:** The Committee took evidence from—
  - Christine Anderson, Depute Headteacher, Beeslack Community High School;
  - Nigel Marshall, Chair, Scottish Advisory Panel for Outdoor Education;
  - Dave Spence, Chief Executive, Scottish Outdoor Education Centres;
  - Professor Peter Higgins, Personal Chair in Outdoor and Environmental Education, University of Edinburgh.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—
  - Adoption (Recognition of Overseas Adoptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/310);
  - Adoption (Recognition of Overseas Adoptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/335).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to—

- consider at a future meeting an approach paper on the implications of 'Scotland's Future' for education and culture in Scotland;
- seek further information on the issues of outdoor learning, gender segregation in universities and reclassification of colleges;
- consider issues relating to my world of work, cyber-bullying and educational attainment at future meetings;
- request a scoping paper from SPICe on foreign language teaching.

The meeting closed at 12.31 pm.

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