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Dear SICI members and colleagues,

On behalf of the Standing International Conference of Inspectorates and Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education at Education Scotland I would like to invite you to a SICI workshop in Glasgow on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the Hallmark Hotel.

The SICI Executive and Education Scotland have developed an exciting workshop to stimulate discussion and promote improvement.

The theme of the workshop is:

**The impact of inspection on school improvement, the quality of teaching and the performance of children.**

We will consider how the Scottish model of inspection promotes effective self-evaluation leading to school improvement, better teaching and learning and from there improved attainment and achievement. We look forward to sharing our approaches to this theme with you.

During the two day workshop we will hear keynote speeches from senior leaders across Scottish education. They will share their experiences of inspection, as well as their views on how inspection is helping them to continue to improve the quality of teaching and the performance of children. Furthermore, we will hear how various international inspectorates use inspection to impact on school improvement.

We wish to invite school inspectors and SICI members as well as education policy makers to attend this workshop.

There will be a networking conference dinner, including a short music performance, on the evening of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 for workshop participants.

There will also be some time for shopping in the nearby famous Buchanan street precinct, coffee in the newly re-furbished Charles Rennie Mackintosh tearooms in Sauchiehall Street and perhaps even a short trip by the subway to the West End of Glasgow, where the University and Art Galleries are situated.

The conference will be held in English.

Please access the registration form for this International SICl workshop using the link below, no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

**Eventbrite registration:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-standing-international-conference-of-inspectorates-tickets-47674837723>

Please note that the hotel room must be confirmed no later than **16<sup>th</sup> July 2018** to secure a special SICl event price of £85 per night for bed and breakfast. We have also secured this rate for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September for delegates who wish to arrive on the Sunday or stay on and attend some of the Scottish Learning Festival.

For information:

**Hallmark Hotel**

**Address:** 27 Washington St, Glasgow G3 8AZ

**Phone:** 0330 028 3407

<https://www.hallmarkhotels.co.uk/hotels/hallmark-hotel-glasgow>

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY THE SCOTTISH LEARNING FESTIVAL:**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Glasgow will host the annual Scottish Learning Festival. This conference and exhibition for the teaching profession in Scotland seeks to inspire teachers to improve teaching and learning. Co-located with the conference is The Scottish Learning Festival Exhibition which will host over 200 suppliers of educational resources. The festival takes place at the Scottish Exhibition Centre in Glasgow and attracts more than 4500 delegates over two days. We would be delighted if you would like to attend. Entry to the festival is free.

The venue for the Scottish Learning Festival is within walking distance, a short taxi drive or via rail travel (one stop) from the Hallmark hotel.

The keynote speakers at the Scottish Learning Festival this year are:

**John Swinney MSP**, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (seminar code K1)

**Dr Jo Boaler**, Professor of Mathematics Education, Stanford University (seminar code K2)

**Louise Macdonald OBE**, Chief Executive, Young Scot (seminar code K3)

Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (seminar code K5)

**Prof Louise Archer**, Karl Mannheim Professor of Sociology of Education, University College London (seminar code K7)

**Dr Jamie Gallagher**, award-winning scientist and science communicator (seminar code K9)

You can register for the conference at the following URL:

<https://www.slfexhibition.com/>

You can view the Scottish learning Festival programme here:

[https://www.slfexhibition.com/uploads/1/1/2/0/11208538/slf18\\_conference\\_programme.pdf](https://www.slfexhibition.com/uploads/1/1/2/0/11208538/slf18_conference_programme.pdf)

For your convenience, if you are keen to attend any of the keynote seminars mentioned above, please contact Education Scotland at the e-mail address below. We will try to ensure you get a ticket for any two of these sessions.

[edsir@educationscotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:edsir@educationscotland.gsi.gov.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you to Education Scotland's SICI workshop, to share and exchange knowledge across inspectorates about how inspection supports improvement in outcomes for children and young people.

With kind regards,

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