

## What's inside?

- ATL welcomes new members
- NQ Summer Seminar Report
- Building an ATL Team in your School
- AGM Report & Scotland Update
- Upcoming Events

## ATL welcomes new members



ATL welcomed new student members from universities across Scotland during the inductions days at Aberdeen, UWS, Strathclyde, Glasgow, Dundee and Edinburgh Universities. (Pictured above new ATL members at Aberdeen University PGDE registration event)

## NQ Summer Seminar 2009

**ATL's NQ summer seminar returned this year and was held at "The Teacher Building" in Glasgow on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009.**

NQ delegate's enjoyed interactive sessions on "meet the parents", voice care, managing challenging behaviour and professional development.

The "Meet the Parents" session was delivered by Tom Ingham ATL rep at Hutcheson Grammar. Tom was very ably assisted with some excellent role play by ATL NQ member Kayleigh Sturt.

Commenting on the day ATL NQ member Grace Long said: "The practical sessions were great and I'm sure will prove to be really useful going into my probationary teaching year.

Following an excellent contribution from Jane Heyna, ATL future rep from the north east of England, NQ members also used the opportunity to help establish the first ATL Future forum north of the border. The ATL (Scotland) future forum has now gone live and is available via facebook.

It was lovely to meet people at the same stage in their teaching career as me and to discover that we share a lot of the same hopes and fears for the future. This is the second ATL event I have attended this year and I would recommend them to everyone".

**To join the ATL future network email: [mhiggins@atl.org.uk](mailto:mhiggins@atl.org.uk) or for further information on ATL's student and probationer member's events email: [Scotland@atl.org.uk](mailto:Scotland@atl.org.uk)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **ATL Future Event – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009 “Assert Yourself” - Edinburgh**

Our ATL future events are designed specifically for Student and Newly Qualified members.

This session will look at assertive behaviour and identify a number of techniques that can be used in the classroom and life to help you to be more assertive.

### **Reps & Active Members Network Event – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – Edinburgh**

“Influencing Change in Your School” – Workshop.

### **ATL Scotland, Annual Lecture – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009 - The Story Telling Centre, Edinburgh**

Professor Walter Humes  
“Beyond education for conformity”

### **“CPD with a Difference” Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

A private tour of Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum followed by a meal.

To reserve a place at any of the events email [Scotland@atl.org.uk](mailto:Scotland@atl.org.uk) or call 0131 272 2748

## Building an ATL team in your school

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the Independent school sector is not immune from the current financial recession and we are continuing to see schools deciding to reduce staff numbers. To help ensure that ATL members are consulted meaningfully on these matters we need to work together to maximise the ATL presence in schools and where possible work towards achieving ATL recognition. Many ATL reps have already done sterling work by assisting us with the mapping of trade union membership in their schools, recruiting new members and assisting members facing difficulties such as redundancy.

To help us build an ATL team in your school ideally we would like to have three roles within the school: **ATL Rep, ATL Union Learning Rep and ATL Health & Safety Rep.** You may already have some experience in one of these areas such as being a member of your schools health & safety committee or involvement in co-coordinating CPD activities. If you have any ideas how we can improve the ATL organisation in your school please let us know.

## AGM report & ATL Scotland Update

We had a very good turnout of 11 members from 7 different schools resulting in a quorate AGM and 4 members elected to represent ATL Scotland at next year's ATL Annual Conference in Manchester. Once the AGM formalities were completed members participated in an excellent taster session on assertiveness from Kate Quigley, ATL Learning and Development Manager.

Since the last newsletter Dr Alastair MacPherson has been elected to represent Scotland on ATL's Executive Committee. If you wish to raise any issues with Alastair or have suggestions for the work of ATL in Scotland then he can be contacted at [amacpherson@exec.atl.org.uk](mailto:amacpherson@exec.atl.org.uk)

## CPD Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the electronic survey for Keith's MA with Edge Hill University. We can confirm that Pauline Trench of Craigclowan Preparatory School was the lucky recipient of the £50 M&S giftcard.



### **ATL Scotland**

CBC House, 24 Canning Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8EG  
(t) 0131 272 2748 (f) 0131 272 2800  
[Scotland@atl.org.uk](mailto:Scotland@atl.org.uk) [www.atlscotland.org.uk](http://www.atlscotland.org.uk)

Keith Robson, National Official (Scotland)  
[krobson@atl.org.uk](mailto:krobson@atl.org.uk)  
Michael Higgins, Organiser /Caseworker (Scotland)  
[mhiggins@atl.org.uk](mailto:mhiggins@atl.org.uk)

## RECOMMENDED PROVIDERS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES TO MEMBERS OF ATL



**ATLplus** 20% discount on road rescue cover available through ATL's relationship with **Britannia Rescue**

**ATLplus** Financial planning advice available through ATL's relationship with **Endsleigh**

**ATLplus** Car and home insurance for education professionals, through ATL's relationship with **Aviva**

**ATLplus** Your Union, your Union Mastercard, available through ATL's relationship with the **Bank of Scotland**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT ATLplus pages at: [/www.atl.org.uk/plus](http://www.atl.org.uk/plus)