

# Impact Report



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# About the Scottish European Educational Trust



The Scottish European Educational Trust (SEET) is an independent, non-political charity committed to promoting international education, skills development and language learning amongst children and young people in Scotland. SEET aims to maximise skills development and encourage participants to realise their full potential. This is achieved through a programme of engaging projects, which offer targeted support to empower young people in rural communities and areas that are experiencing economic or social disadvantage.

SEET is passionate about supporting and enabling future generations of young people in Scotland to gain the skills necessary to engage and flourish in a multinational, multi-lingual environment. Our projects offer a context for language learning, global citizenship education, and increasing cultural awareness, while encouraging the development of a range of core skills essential to enhancing future employability prospects; these skills will be more vital than ever, both economically and socially, as we emerge from the Covid pandemic. A key aim for SEET in 2022-23 will be to support schools and young people as they navigate this next phase of Covid recovery, ensuring that language and international education opportunities remain accessible to all. We feel strongly that we can play a key role in ensuring the importance of language learning and international education remain at the forefront of Scottish education. We will continue to work closely with schools and local authorities to ensure that the positive impact of SEET's projects on the development of Scotland's young people remains as strong as ever.

SEET continues to compliment the needs of Scottish education, whilst developing new and creative approaches that will enable us to deliver high quality educational opportunities for young people. We will continue to offer online engagement options for SEET projects to ensure equity of access for all. We look forward to planning for the future and continuing SEET's essential work with learners across Scotland.

## Our aims



- Promote and encourage the teaching and study of European matters, citizenship and culture
- Provide projects that assist teachers in the implementation of the Curriculum for Excellence, Scottish Attainment Challenge, 1+2 Language Policy and Learning for Sustainability
- Encourage language uptake among pupils
- Raise awareness among young people about opportunities for living, working and studying in Europe and beyond
- Create outward looking, confident young citizens
- Work in collaboration with other organisations and agencies pursuing similar objectives

## Our Projects

### Euroquiz

Euroquiz is an annual project for P6 pupils, which started with just 6 schools from Edinburgh and has grown to involve all 32 Local Authorities across Scotland. Euroquiz sees teams of four working together to broaden their knowledge of Europe and the wider world. Subjects covered include history, geography, culture, languages and European affairs. Heats take place in every local authority across Scotland from February to April, with the winning teams from all areas going forward to the National Euroquiz Final in June. Euroquiz creates an enthusiasm for learning, developing pupils' ability to work in teams and communicate effectively, ultimately increasing their confidence and range of core skills.



*This is an incredibly well run and rewarding project. It creates purpose to our learning and has enabled pupils to develop lifelong skills in communication, research, self-motivated learning, evaluation, teamwork, and resilience. It has also enabled pupils to develop their breadth and depth of knowledge in different aspects of Europe, including history, geography, politics and languages. I have seen a huge growth in confidence with pupils and they have developed a knowledge base that will last a lifetime.*

**Primary 6 Class teacher**

### Our World



Our World is an innovative filmmaking project which uses interdisciplinary learning to engage secondary school pupils in language learning and to deepen their knowledge of Europe and the wider world. SEET contributes to the development of language learning and global citizenship amongst pupils through the creative processes of storyboarding and filmmaking. Participants work in teams of four to develop film ideas based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, before receiving training from industry professionals on how to film and edit their concepts. Teams then create their own multilingual films before showcasing them at a Premiere & Awards Ceremony, where they receive recognition of their achievements throughout the learning process.

*Our World is a great way for us to address the goals set out in Curriculum for Excellence and Learning for Sustainability. It gives us, as languages teachers, a route into looking at Global Citizenship in a truly interdisciplinary and skill-based way. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part, their confidence in using their languages grew, and they gained new skills. We'll definitely take part again!*

**Our World participant teacher**



## The Impact of Our Work

SEET is committed to conducting regular evaluations of the impact we are having, and the progress being made towards meeting our outlined goals. This year, we built on the success of the online versions of the projects we ran throughout national lockdowns, and offered hybrid engagement which allowed us to reach a wider audience. The feedback gathered from the projects, as well as participation data, social media reach and media coverage, serve as a base for presenting our impact on students, teachers, schools and the education sector in Scotland.



### The Impact of Euroquiz

Euroquiz is an established and popular part of the primary school calendar which encourages the topic of Europe to be explored thoroughly in primary 6 classrooms across the country. Euroquiz has been going from strength to strength each year, regularly involving all 32 Local Authorities and working with thousands of Scotland's young people. In 2021-22, the project directly involved an impressive **2,000+** pupils from **29 Local Authorities**. We were pleased to work with **over 400 primary schools**, despite ongoing uncertainties and challenges relating to COVID-19.

#### Large-scale event

We are proud to be one of the few educational charities permitted to host events for school-aged children in the Debating Chamber of the Scottish Parliament. For many of the participants, the experience of visiting the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh and participating in the Euroquiz final while sitting in their MSP's seats in the Debating Chamber is a unique opportunity that widens their horizons, while recognising and celebrating their own achievements. After a 2-year hiatus from Euroquiz taking place in-person, this year's Euroquiz Final at the Scottish Parliament was particularly special. Pupils were cheered on by parents and peers in the public gallery, and even remotely, with many schools tuning in to watch the live broadcast of the event.



*A very meaningful experience for pupils. We prepare by studying Europe as our IDL theme and pupils are so enthusiastic they also attend an after-school Euroquiz club. Pupils are motivated to do well and their interest in European geography, culture and history is much improved. This has also had a very positive effect on pupil's interest in European languages.*

**Primary 6 class teacher**



### Skills development

In addition to knowledge about European matters, citizenship and culture, pupils gain various transferable skills while preparing for the Euroquiz heats and final.

The participants and their teachers consistently report that the pupils developed the following skills:



### Language learning

The language focus within Euroquiz involves children exploring four different languages, with a focus on the development of confidence in using modern languages for communication. We work closely with Education Scotland and Scotland's National Centre for Languages (SCILT) in developing the questions for the language round. This way we ensure questions are targeted at an appropriate level in order to keep up to date with progressions that have been made under the Scottish Government's 1+2 policy.

### Supporting teachers and schools

We work alongside local authorities and schools by providing teachers with guidance and resources to support the development of confident language learners and outward looking engaged citizens. SEET encourages Euroquiz clubs to take place in schools to allow past participants to tutor younger learners, developing a whole school approach to Euroquiz.

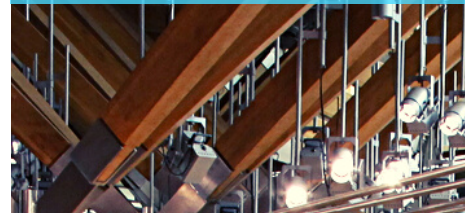
Together with local authorities, we aim to remove barriers to participation and ensure equal opportunities. SEET offers financial support to schools to cover costs associated with attending the Euroquiz final. This is particularly intended for schools from rural areas and areas experiencing higher socio-economic deprivation.

*Euroquiz is a fantastic event to promote learning and research about a wide range of subjects - geography, history, languages, arts and culture, current affairs. It helps develop team building skills and pupil confidence/self-esteem. I now have teenagers coming to me to tell me how much they still remember of the facts they learned working on Euroquiz and how it is still one of their fondest memories of primary school. A huge thank you to SEET for running the event, it is a marvellous opportunity for children and I am proud to have been involved in it for so many years.*

**Primary 6 class teacher**



## EUROQUIZ IN NUMBERS



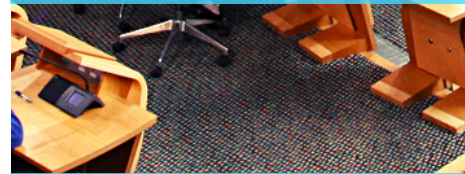
**100%** finalist schools reported that Euroquiz boosts pupils' **motivation for language learning.**



**100%** Local Authorities reported that Euroquiz helps schools to explore topics relating to **global citizenship** and Learning for Sustainability



Finalist pupils increased the following skills: teamwork (91%), language (91%), research (100%), confidence (100%), and communication (91%)



**100%** of finalist schools reported that they wish to take part again in 2022-23



## The Impact of Our World

Our World is designed to help teachers tackle the attainment challenge, implement Learning for Sustainability, and achieve the outcomes set out in the Curriculum for Excellence. The project is open to all, but specifically aims to engage those from areas which rank highly on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

SEET are proud to report a successful year for Our World, with **over 600 pupils** taking part in Our World activities in 2021-22. These pupils were from **46 schools** spanning **20 Scottish Local Authorities** - our highest participation rate yet. This is a particularly high number considering schools were only just emerging from lockdown closures.



**100%** of teachers said Our World improved pupils' teamwork skills and creativity

### Skills development

Participants of the Our World project say they have developed the following skills and knowledge this year:



*It was really good getting to see everyone else's films. It made me feel like we achieved something and that we all did it together... I feel like if I can do that I can do anything! .*

**Participant pupil, Aberdeen Grammar School**

*Thanks... for organising such a great competition and for all of your hard work. Making a film based on the SDGs was a great idea!... This competition gave our young people an opportunity to be creative, learn, talk to each other, and most importantly have some fun! Thanks again.*

**Participant teacher, Balforn High School**

### Language learning and global citizenship

The evaluation forms completed by participant pupils consistently report that Our World gives them a practical understanding of why languages matter, and how useful they can be later in life, providing them a real life reason to keep studying.

Our evaluations from 2021-22 also found that **100%** of participating teachers found their pupils to have become 'more informed' about their chosen SDG after taking part in Our World.



*The work that you do is simply essential at the moment and what I have particularly delighted with is the support received directly to our schools and learners. Very often here in Glasgow, our learners need that extra boost of confidence to engage with events outwith the classroom and what has been the biggest success for us, is our young people engaging in meaningful and relevant language work with an intercultural context.*

**Gillian Campbell-Thow, Curriculum Leader of Modern Languages and Gaelic, Glasgow City Council**



**100%** of teachers said it improved pupils' communication and presentation skills



**100%** of participant teachers said they would participate in Our World again

### Areas of Deprivation and Rural Areas

Our World helps to address the root cause of the attainment gap by focusing on increasing the confidence and skillset of the young people involved. We recognise, through our discussions with teachers and local authorities, that it is often a lack of self-confidence and opportunities which can trap young people in a pattern of low aspirations and, as a result, low levels of achievement.

29% of schools that signed up to take part in Our World in 2021-22 had catchment areas where deprivation is in the highest 20%.

SEET offer a travel bursary which allows teams from more remote and isolated parts of the country to enter without having to worry about the barrier of high travel expenses. This year, schools such as Dornoch Academy and Thurso High School benefitted from our travel bursary, allowing them to join us at our filmmaking workshop in Elgin, and our Premiere & Awards Ceremony in Glasgow.

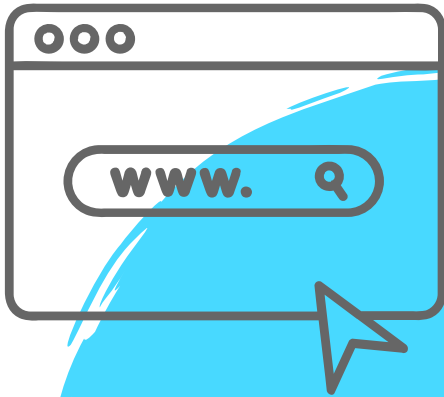




# Wider Engagement

JULY 2021 - JULY 2022

EUROQUIZ  
NUMBERS



**37k**

website visitors

**36k**

web profile views

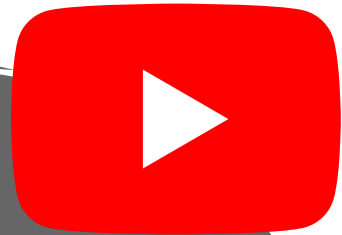


**84k**

tweet impressions

**24k**

profile visits



**687.2**

hours watchtime

**8.2k**

views

## Evaluation And Improvement

As an organisation, we aim to improve our projects by gathering feedback and evaluating our actions against set goals.



### Moving forward: Our plans for 2022 - 23

- Continue to play a key role in Covid Recovery.
- Continue to engage with all 32 local authority areas in running projects and increase school participation numbers.
- Work with local authorities to provide proactive outreach to schools within rural areas and areas of high socio-economic deprivation.
- Continue to encourage schools to adopt a whole school and community approach to Euroquiz.
- Continue to develop and enhance language content to raise enthusiasm for language learning and meet the aims set out in Scottish Government education policy, such as 1+2 language policy.
- Ensure that Learning for Sustainability and global citizenship are at the forefront of the learning opportunities that we offer.

### Our message

We believe that our projects make a lasting difference to the lives of pupils and their teachers across Scotland. Our work helps to put learning in context and promote a better understanding of global citizenship. We support teachers in the successful implementation of the 1+2 languages policy, Learning for Sustainability, and Curriculum for Excellence. We also contribute to the development of enthusiastic language learners and outward looking engaged citizens. Our projects ensure equal opportunities for all pupils and effectively improve language uptake and attainment in Scottish schools.

