
Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group

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Agenda Item [*for office use*]



Inspection of Oban High School Learning Community

1. Purpose

Update on the recent Education Scotland inspection visit of the learning community surrounding Oban High School.

2. Recommendations

ACPG members note the findings of the inspection team.

3. Background

Education Scotland (formerly known as Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education) undertakes regular inspections across Scotland to assess the quality of learning activities provided. The model of inspection currently used involves two teams of inspectors operating simultaneous, independent inspections – one of the formal education provision, and the other of the level of community learning activities in an area. This report relates to the inspection of the learning community surrounding Oban High School and covers youth work, adult learning and community capacity building activities. Projects and work inspected include those provided by public and third sector partners.

4. Detail

This inspection of learning and development in the learning community surrounding Oban High School found the following key strengths:

- Vibrant community with wide range of effective community organisations.
- Learning programmes and community activities which meet the needs of many people at risk of exclusion.
- Positive culture of networking.

The following recommendations cover actions which the inspectors suggested would further improve the impact of community learning

activities:

- Identify priorities for the Oban High School learning community based on shared evaluations and data analysis.
- Work together to improve progression routes and accreditation opportunities for learners.
- Jointly plan and evaluate to improve outcomes.

Education Scotland evaluates four important quality indicators to help monitor the quality of learning communities across Scotland. The following are the results for the learning community surrounding Oban High School.

Improvements in performance	Satisfactory
Impact on participants	Good
Impact on communities	Very Good
Improving services	Good

This report uses the following word scale to make clear judgments made by inspectors.

Excellent	Outstanding, sector leading
Very Good	Major strengths
Good	Important strengths with some areas for improvement
Satisfactory	Strengths just outweigh weaknesses
Weak	Important weaknesses
Unsatisfactory	Major weaknesses

5. Conclusions

The inspection report identifies that the impact of community learning activities in the Oban High School catchment area has many strengths, which can be further improved by sharing information and a partnership approach to planning and delivery of services.

6.0 SOA Outcomes

- Education, Skills and training are available to all
- People lead healthy, active lives
- Communities are safer and stronger

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