



PRESS RELEASE

Making mainstreaming work

Immediate release

Enquire, the Scottish advice service for additional support for learning, will hold its annual conference *Making mainstreaming work* on Wednesday, February 2, at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

This national conference is intended to be practical and informative for everyone involved in the education of children with additional support needs in mainstream settings.

Mainstreaming is based on a philosophy of inclusion, and stems from principles set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. These principles informed the report 'Moving to mainstream' (May 2003) by HM Inspectorate of Education and Audit Scotland.

Keynote speaker, Sheila Riddell, professor of inclusion and diversity at the Moray House School of Education, will give an overview of inclusive education as it stands in 2005. Other speakers include Margery Browning, HM Inspector of Education, Jim Dalziel, principal of the Eastbank New Learning Community in Glasgow and Richard Rieser, director of Disability Equality in Education.

Notes:

1. Enquire, the Scottish advice service for additional support for learning, provides independent advice and information to families of children who need extra help at school, to children and young people themselves and to those who work on their behalf. The service is managed by Children in Scotland and funded by the Scottish Executive. Helpline: 0845 123 23 03 or visit the Enquire website at www.enquire.org.uk.
2. The Additional Support for Learning Act is expected to come into effect in autumn 2005. At this point, references in law to 'special educational needs' will cease. The new concept of 'additional support needs' will apply to any

child or young person who, for whatever reason, requires additional support, long term or short term, in order to learn and to work to their full potential.

3. If you would like further details, or would like to attend this conference, please contact Nicola Pay, Children in Scotland, on 0131 2222419 or email npay@childreninscotland.org.uk