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‘LfS Connect’: Scotland’s online Community of Practice in Learning for Sustainability

Participant Reflections

November 2026

Our ‘LfS Connect’ session on 03 November 2026 focused on **‘Learning for Sustainability and the Centre for Teaching Excellence’**; exploring the work of the Centre and hearing from some of the Teacher Associates who have been seconded to its Learning for Sustainability and Rural Education Hub.

This document contains an overview of the reflections shared by participants during the session.

Reflection 1:

What word or phrase do you associate with the term ‘educational research’ ?



Reflection 2:

Group discussion insights:

Three questions were asked:

1. What **opportunities** do you have within working hours to **engage with educational research** (in relation to LfS or other topics)?

2. **What support would you find valuable** to help you engage with educational research (LfS specifically)?

3. How can **educational research and professional learning complement** each other?

All responses can be found here:

'LfS Connect': LfS and the Centre for Teaching Excellence

Reflection 3:

What did you enjoy most about today's session?

Anonymous
Meeting others doing different jobs

Anonymous
A chance to hear from others and work of the centre for teaching excellence.

Anonymous
All very interesting. Learning how LfS is becoming more known in schools but hearing about the constraints to actually taking consistent LfS action was really useful.

Anonymous
Hearing what the TAs and CFTE does.

Anonymous
Hearing about others work on LfS

Anonymous
I love the collaboration of the breakout rooms and hearing what other people are doing and what they think.

Anonymous
Listening to the teacher associates talk about their roles.

Anonymous
Chance to hear from the TAs

Anonymous
Hearing what centre does

Anonymous
Sharing ideas and hearing about what others are doing.

Anonymous
Connecting with colleagues

Anonymous
Getting to network

Reflection 4:

How can we further support you in the future?

Sharing what is happening in schools across Scotland.
Gather case studies and share these to exemplify LfS.
Recommended reading.
Get involved in a PL group. Creating a bank of ideas.
Update us on events.
Recommended reading, podcasts, 'bite size' research.
Interested in hearing more about how we can overcome obstacles to systemic integration of LfS in schools, and how third sector sustainable education orgs can help.
Examples of practitioner enquiry in relation to LfS.
It has been great to be part of this Community of Practice and to share ideas. Ways to share LfS with senior leaders at school would be fab.
Keep helping get the message out that LfS is important and needs time. Communication between different parts of the wider learning community such as formal connections between CLD and schools. Making noise about making LfS as critical part of CLD, through the CLD standards council, and service improvements in Councils to make managers responsible for taking on Sustainability.