



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

11th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 17 April 2012

Present:

Clare Adamson	Marco Biagi
Neil Bibby	Hanzala Malik (Committee Substitute)
Stewart Maxwell (Convener)	Joan McAlpine
Liam McArthur	Liz Smith
Jean Urquhart	

Apologies were received from Neil Findlay (Deputy Convener).

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Youth Employment:** The Committee took evidence from—

Angela Constance, Minister for Youth Employment, and Hugh McAloon, Head of Youth Employability and Skills, Scottish Government.

2. **Petition PE1409:** The Committee considered Petition PE1409 by Linda Whitmore, on behalf of ENABLE Scotland, on training for education staff on learning disabilities and autistic spectrum disorders. The Committee agreed to consider the issues raised in the petition as part of its one-off evidence session on Additional Support for Learning, to write to the General Teaching Council for Scotland and the Association of Headteachers and Deputies in Scotland and to highlight the petition to the Scottish Government's National Partnership Group.

The meeting closed at 11.37 am.

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