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**Developments following revisions to MIICE toolbox**

In May 2009 the revised MIICE toolbox was published in 2 versions: a full version which included synergies between MIICE QIs and themes and Curriculum for Excellence and *How good is our school?* and a basic version which does not.  At this time too, a range of summary, introductory, advisory and presentational materials was updated

The MIICE partners decided not to revise the bank of discussion papers which were produced between 2001 and 2005; these relate to particular documents and remain of historical interest

The next phases of MIICE activity throughout the school year 2009/10 will focus on the following lines of development

- Exploration of where MIICE materials may be helpful within the process being labelled 'Glow cook books' where Glow can be used to 'bake' good learning opportunities using an array of ingredients (Glow web parts and perhaps MIICE themes)

- A number of case studies of situations in schools, universities and local authorities where MIICE has proved itself helpful for a review process.  Any local group which is using MIICE as part of a planning or review project will be most welcome to give their work a wider circulation; please contact roddy@miice.org.uk

- Develop a further range of subject guides, showing where a (small) selection from the full MIICE framework can be helpful in making progress in learning within particular areas of the curriculum, probably for particular stages.  If you or any colleagues are interested in contributing to this work, please contact roddy@miice.org.uk

- Develop interactive versions of the MIICE toolbox (see next item)

**Interactive MIICE**

A draft interactive tool, which allows you to prepare a set of questions for a survey or other investigation, was published in July 2009.  This can be accessed from http://miice.roddystuart.net/interactive; you will need to use the user name miice and the password partner to get through the modest security to get at this first draft.  It is available as a FileMaker Pro original (version 7 file format), and also as a (large) Zip archive containing a self-running version (separately for Windows and Mac) for those who do not have FileMaker

This will be developed further and ways of mounting this interactively will be explored with Atlantic Bow, who are developing interactive online software tools, and with others.  The possibility of linking with online survey tools, such as the Glow survey tool, Pico and SurveyMonkey will also be explored.  If you are interested in trialling or helping with these developments, please contact roddy@miice.org.uk

**Conference on 14 May 2010**

The 2010 MIICE conference will be held in the Rockwell High School building in Dundee on Friday 14 May 2010.  The theme will relate to curriculum for excellence and

the roles which ICT can play in that.  Anyone who wishes to make a contribution towards the theme for the conference should contact roddy@miice.org.uk

**Financial support for MIICE**

The MIICE pot, arising from subscriptions contributed in 2008/09 and a small surplus from the 2008 MIICE conference, stands at £989.  A further round of subscriptions has been requested from partner education authorities and universities.  Partners are being asked to contribute either £50 or £100 towards the development fund.  £50 brings one free place at the May 2010 conference, while £100 brings two free places at the 2010 conference

Learning and Teaching Scotland continues to provide financial support through the provision of an honorarium for the provision of a secretariat.  Jack Whiteford, lately of Inverclyde Council, will take over the secretariat in January 2010


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