

MEDIA RELEASE

Finalists announced for Glasgow 2014 inspired National Awards Event

*220 finalists from 149 different schools in Scotland have been announced for the Commonwealth themed **inspire>aspire** 'National Awards Event' at The University of Glasgow on the 16th June, 2014.*

Over 35,000 pupils from 289 schools in Scotland participated in this year's **inspire>aspire**: Global Citizens in the Making character and values education programme and on the 16th June more than 800 people will come together to celebrate the work of some of Scotland's most inspirational young people.

All 220 finalists are invited to attend the event along with teachers and family. The final Gold, Silver and Bronze prize winners will be announced on the evening by **Adventurer and BBC Queens Baton correspondent Mark Beaumont**.

The programme, which is part of Legacy 2014, has achieved school participation in each of the 32 Local Education Authorities for the first time in its 7 year history (previously operating as inspire>aspire – Olympic Values and Learning for Life). There are a further 10,000 participants taking part in England, Northern Ireland and Wales, and 9,000 throughout 42 International Commonwealth Nations and Territories. This brings overall participation in the programme to over 55,000 meaning more than 55,000 young people throughout the Commonwealth have been inspired by the learning outcomes of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Programme co-ordinator Julie Thompson said:

"It has been amazing to see so many young people get inspired by the programme; being the host nation for the games has been a fantastic opportunity for us to roll out our work globally and we are very excited about connecting Scottish young people to their global peers as part of our legacy phase of the work."

The 16th June event will both celebrate the achievements of some of Scotland's brightest pupils and embrace Global Citizenship. All of these young people have articulated their vision for a better world, and there will be a number of influential exhibitors presenting on the day to help them bring this vision to life. Exhibitors include UNICEF, Keep Scotland Beautiful, the Scotland Malawi Project and Ayaware Ensemble who are a West-African dance and percussion group.

All of the National Finalists posters can be viewed at www.inspire-aspire.org.uk/posters2014.

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Notes to Editors

- Please find attached a list of the National Finalists.
- Press Invitations for the event can be arranged. Please advise Alex Gregg if you wish to attend by Friday 13th June.

**Inspire>Aspire: Global Citizens in the Making is a Legacy 2014 Project which allows young people to use a unique poster format to lead them through a structured process of self-reflection and self-discovery that helps to transform their inspiration into aspiration. This activity also supports the educational offering of the British Council's 'Commonwealth Class', Education Scotland's 'Game on Scotland' and the Scottish Government's 'Support a second team' initiatives. For more information visit www.inspire-aspire.org.uk or contact Alex Gregg at 07931-906-920 or alex.gregg@inspire-aspire.org.uk*

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