



# Active Learning in the Early Years

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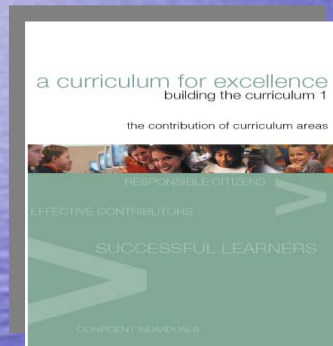
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preparing children  
and young people for  
jobs that don't yet  
exist**

**Using technologies  
that haven't been  
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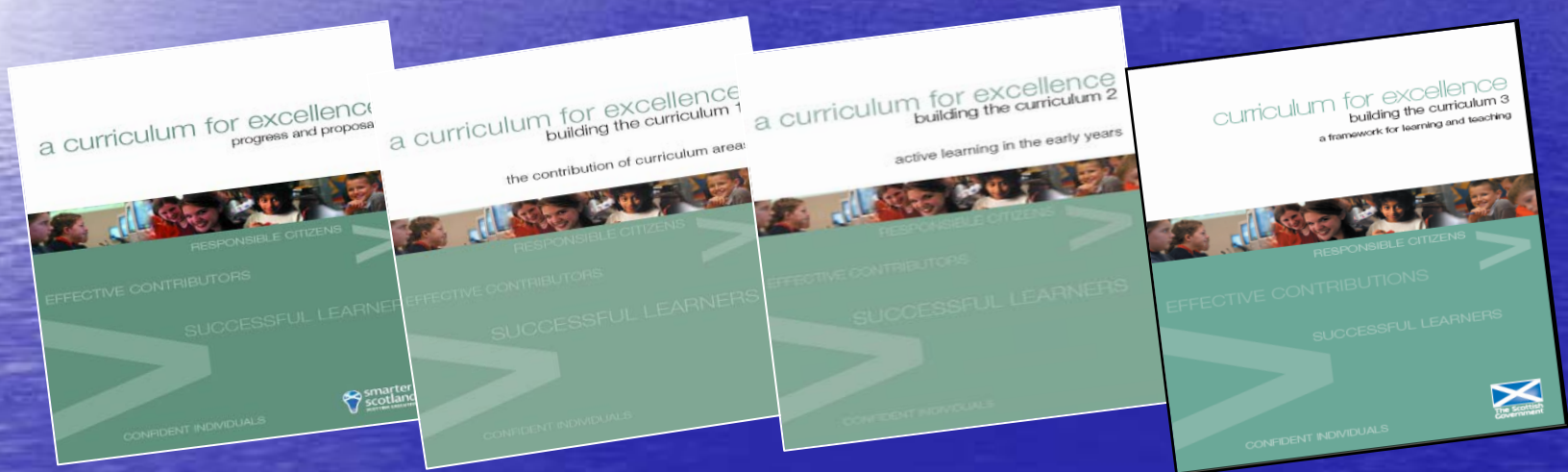
**In order to solve  
problems we don't  
even know exist**

# Curriculum Review – The National Debate

Showed that people want a curriculum that will fully prepare today's children for adult life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, be better connected, more meaningful and offer more choice, challenge and enjoyment.



# Documents produced to support curriculum change



# Building the Curriculum 2 – Active Learning in the Early Years

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# Active Learning – What is it?

“Active learning is learning which engages and challenges children’s thinking using real-life and imaginary situations. It takes full advantage of the opportunities presented by:

- Spontaneous play
- Planned, purposeful play
- Investigating and exploring
- Events and life experiences
- Focused learning and teaching

Supported when necessary through sensitive intervention to support or extend learning”

❖ (Building the Curriculum 2 – 2007)

# Why Active Learning?

Active learning allows pupils to learn in the classroom with the help of the teacher and other pupils rather than on their own.

Research has shown that active learning is an exceptionally effective teaching technique. Active learning increases the effectiveness and efficiency of the teaching and learning process.

Regardless of the subject matter, when active learning is compared to traditional teaching methods pupils learn more material, retain the information longer, and enjoy the class more.

# What does it look like?

## Spaces for learning opportunities

- Writing area
- **Maths area**
- Investigation area
- **Book corner**
- Role play and imaginative area
- **Art/creative area**
- Outdoors



