

EMERGENCY MOTIONS
SSTA 77th ANNUAL CONGRESS

Standing Orders Committee have agreed to accept the following Emergency Motions

Emergency Motion 1 (to be taken as first business on in Session 2, 13:30 on Friday)

The SSTA supports the Scottish Government in their response in both welcoming and supporting all refugees.

Most recent figures from UNHCR suggest that there are currently 5.4 million refugees from the war in Ukraine. Most of these displaced people are women and children. However, research from School Education Gateway Europe states that:

“Challenges facing child refugees to integrate is an issue that teachers are expected to solve.” (Cosmin Nada SEG.EU)

The European Union has made funding available across Europe to support teachers in their crucial role in supporting child refugees integrate whilst dealing with the trauma of war. In Scotland, much of the support offered to refugees will and does fall on the shoulders of extremely hard pressed ASN colleagues. Budgets have been squeezed and ASN staff numbers are under serious pressure.

The SSTA calls upon the Scottish Government to ensure that funding is made available to all local authorities that is ring fenced for the sole purpose of providing the support required for all child refugees to preserve their own individual identity in an already diverse classroom and culture.

Proposer : Stuart Hunter Seconder : Monique Dreon-Gould

Emergency Motion 2 (to be taken after Motion H)

The Scottish Government has announced that it intends to replace SQA by 2024, along with the reform of exams and national qualifications. The Cabinet Secretary for Education has stated that new qualifications will be developed to ensure learners' achievements are fairly recognised. It is expected that externally marked exams will remain part of the new assessment approach. This will be a major reform for Secondary schools in Scotland. The SSTA calls on the Scottish Government to publish a clear timeline of how the substantial changes to assessment will be achieved.”

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