



The Association of Chartered Teachers Scotland celebrated its formal launch with a reception at the Scottish Parliament on 21st March 2009.



The event was attended by around 250 guests: Chartered Teachers and those following the programme, and representatives of interested educational bodies such as HMIE, School Leaders Scotland, the GTCS and LTS as well as Universities, the EIS and SSTA and the educational press.

Gillian Robinson, Director of the Chartered Teacher Programme at Edinburgh University introduced the event and the key speakers: Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, Matthew Maclver CBE, former Chief Executive/Registrar of the GTCS, and Professor Walter Humes, Dean of the School of Education at the University of the West of Scotland.



Each of the speakers congratulated the Association's committee on its work to establish the group and wished it well for the future, as well as reasserting their belief in the value of the Chartered Teacher Programme itself.



The Chair of the Association, Annie McSeveney, encouraged Chartered Teachers to take advantage of the opportunities for working together which the Association will facilitate. Clare Bryden, a Chartered Teacher from the Scottish Borders, spoke with passion and enthusiasm about the benefits the programme had brought to her teaching. The positive atmosphere of the event was further enhanced by some outstanding musical contributions from pupils at Strathaven Academy.

