



Gwasanaeth Effeithiolrwydd a  
Gwella Ysgolion Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru

Regional School Effectiveness &  
Improvement Service for North Wales

# GwE Bulletin

## News

### Welsh in Education – The Workforce’s Welsh Language Skills ★NEW★

The Welsh Government have set a clear vision and challenge to increase the number of Welsh speakers. The education sector is expected to play a prominent role in developing the Welsh skills of all learners at all of our schools, and subsequently, develop the workforce’s Welsh skills.

[Click here](#) to view the letter to Headteachers from your Head of Education.

### An Overview of Approaches to Second Language Acquisition and Instructional Practices

★NEW★

For your information, the above-mentioned report has been published on the Welsh Government website recently.

[Click here](#) for further information.

### Service Children ★NEW★

There are children of Armed Forces personnel living and attending school in every local authority in Wales, not just in areas close to Armed Forces bases.

[Click here](#) to continue reading.

## Workshop for New Headteachers

THURSDAY, 8 MARCH 2018 – 8:45AM-5:00PM – OpTIC, ST ASAPH

GwE Regional Workshop for New Headteachers: ‘Effective Leadership in a Fast Changing World’

For all new Headteachers in the first year of their substantive post. First-time Acting Headteachers in their first year are welcome.

Further information regarding the workshop and registration details can be found [here](#).

## Estyn Conference – Curriculum Innovation in Primary Schools

★NEW★

GLASDIR, LLANRWST – TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2018

Discover how primary and all-age schools have been preparing for the new curriculum through workshops on effective practice and hearing inspection insights.

For further information, [click here](#).

## Sixth Form Leadership Conference

THURSDAY, 22 MARCH 2018 – GLASDIR, LLANRWST

GwE will be holding a conference aimed at sixth form leaders and senior leaders who are responsible for raising standards in Years 12 and 13. The keynote speaker will be Tracey Greenaway-Jones who will focus on her experience in raising quality and standards.

For further information, [click here](#).

To register, follow [this link](#).

## Primary Training Opportunities

### Assessment for Learning: Working Smarter not Harder – Gareth Coombes

Training for all primary school headteachers or leaders of learning

One representative from each school.

## Secondary Training Opportunities

\*\*\*\*\*DIARY MARKER\*\*\*\*\*

### Secondary Conference – Leading Teaching & Learning

TUESDAY, 3 JULY 2018 – REGISTRATION DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Guidance on ensuring effective and consistent use of Assessment for Learning throughout the school. Further information available [here](#).

## Effective Use of Assessment for Learning to Reduce Workload

INTRODUCTION FOR PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS TO SUPPORT MATERIAL WHICH IS BEING SHARED NATIONALLY.

One representative from each school invited – Headteacher, Middle Leader, Assessment Leader, Teaching and Learning Leader.

[Click here](#) for further information and registration details.

## Primary Numeracy and Literacy Network Meeting

This Literacy/Numeracy Network half day meeting is designed to bring together Leaders of Literacy/Numeracy in an informal meeting to share, discuss and explore the latest thinking in the development of literacy and numeracy in our primary schools. This will be the first of two for this academic year.

[Click on the links below for further information and registration details:](#)

[Numeracy Meetings](#) | [Literacy Meetings](#)

## Talk4Writing – Non-Fiction for Foundation Phase/KS2

This is an exciting opportunity for regional schools to catch up again with official licensed Talk4Writing training.

[Click here](#) for further information.

## Guided Reading and Cross-curricular Reading in KS2

This is an exciting chance for regional schools to take part in a training workshop aimed at updating and refreshing current Guided Reading, cross-curricular and higher order reading activities in KS2.

[Continue reading...](#)

## Digital Competence

[Click here](#) to see all the new courses that have been added. It's now possible for you to register on courses being held now, up to the end of July 2018.

# Professional Development Opportunities

## NEW TEACHING STANDARDS TRAINING FOR SCHOOL BASED MENTORS (NQTs) ★NEW★

- WELSH MEDIUM – Wednesday, 11 April 2018 – 9:00am–12:30pm – Plas Menai, Caernarfon
- ENGLISH MEDIUM – Friday, 13 April 2018 – 9:00am–12:30pm – OpTIC, St Asaph

Enquiries: please contact Marian Williams on 01286 679976 or [nqt@gwenorth.wales](mailto:nqt@gwenorth.wales)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HLTAs AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS ACROSS WALES

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## KS3 Numeracy Forum Meeting ★NEW★

KS3 Numeracy Co-ordinators are invited to attend one of the following forum meetings:

- Flintshire and Wrexham - Wednesday, 14 March 2018 - 9.30 – 11.30am - GwE Office, Linden House, Mold Business Park, Wrexham Road, Mold, CH7 1XP.
- Conwy and Denbighshire - Thursday, 15 March 2018 - 9.30 – 11.30am – Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan, Abergele.
- Gwynedd and Anglesey - Friday, 16 March 2018 - 9.30 – 11.30am – Ysgol Eifionydd, Porthmadog.

To register, please contact [neryswynj@aol.com](mailto:neryswynj@aol.com).

# Other Training Opportunities

## Mantle of the Expert with Luke Abbott

★NEW★

FRIDAY, 13 APRIL 2018 – GLASDIR, LLANRWST

Following on from the successful training in November, GwE are pleased to announce our next training event on Friday April 13th at Glasdir Llanrwst.

There will be a range of workshop sessions available throughout the day, and opportunities to hear both from experts in the field and local schools.

To register, please e-mail [cerisiankenrick@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:cerisiankenrick@gwegogledd.cymru)

## Cracking the Code – Digimeet

Here's an exciting opportunity to see what the schools involved in the 'Cracking the Code' programme have been doing with their pupils to develop their coding skills.

[Click here](#) for further information.

## Events arranged by EDAU:

- What is Creativity? with Frân Wen ★NEW★  
[Click here](#) for further information.
- Identifying and Supporting More Able and Talented Art Pupils ★NEW★  
[Click here](#) for further information.
- Mantle of the Expert  
Tuesday, 13 March 2018 – 4:00pm-6:00pm – Erddig Meeting Room, Glyndŵr University, Wrexham
- From STEM to STEAM  
Thursday, 22 March 2018 – 4:00pm-6:00pm – Storiell, Bangor

Further information regarding the events above can be viewed on our website by [clicking here](#).

## An Introduction to Explorify

TUESDAY, 13 MARCH 2018 – Tŷ MENAI, PARC MENAI

WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018 – TECHNIQUEST GLYNDŴR, WREXHAM

## A. “Communication, Teamwork and Leading Others,”

**15 and 20 March 2018**

New 1-day programme for teaching assistants and HLTAs who support and lead on school projects and/or manage others in the school.

There'll be no cost attached to attending the programme and supply costs will be paid.

For further details and to register, [click here](#).

## B. **\*\*HLTA Conference postponed until 9 March 2018\*\***

Other arrangements and timings remain the same. Contact us on [hlta@gwenorth.wales](mailto:hlta@gwenorth.wales) if you have any questions.

For further details, [click here](#).

## **NATIONAL NETWORK FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS (NNEM) LEADERSHIP PEER COACHING PROGRAMME:**

Opportunities for leaders of mathematics from all settings to participate in a peer coaching programme. Click here for further information on how to apply – [National Network for Excellence in Mathematics \(NNEM\) Leadership Peer Coaching Programme](#). Please note the deadline is **12pm on the 7 March, 2018**. If you have any further questions please email [literacyandnumeracy@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:literacyandnumeracy@gwegogledd.cymru)

An opportunity to attend a teacher familiarisation session at Technquest on how to use the amazing FREE resources available to you.

Further information can be found [here](#).

## **Assessing Learning and Development in the Outdoors**

FRIDAY, 9 MARCH 2018 – GLYNDŴR UNIVERSITY, NORTHOP CAMPUS

Training arranged by Technquest and STEM

[Click here](#) for further details.

To register, [click here](#).

## **Your School Grounds – A Teaching and Learning Opportunity**

DAY 1: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 – Treborth Botanic Gardens, Bangor

DAY 2: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 – Treborth Botanic Gardens, Bangor

Training arranged by Technquest and STEM

[Click here](#) for further information.

To register, [click here](#).

## GwE Opportunities

### **Supporting Improvement Adviser – Wellbeing**

The ability to communicate fluently in Welsh is essential for this post.

**CLOSING DATE: 10:00a.m., THURSDAY, 8 MARCH 2018**

For an informal discussion about the post please contact Rhys Howard Hughes Assistant Director on **07557 759762** or email [rhyshowardhughes@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:rhyshowardhughes@gwegogledd.cymru).

For further details, [click here](#). For an application form, [click here](#), or contact 01286 679076.

### **Support Officer – Temporary (Maternity Cover)**

**Location:** GwE Offices, Colwyn Bay

The ability to communicate fluently in Welsh is essential for this post.

**CLOSING DATE: 10:00a.m., THURSDAY, 8 MARCH 2018**

For an informal discussion about the post please contact Bethan Eleri Roberts / Susan Owen Jones on 0300 500 8087 or e-mail [bethaneleriroberts@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:bethaneleriroberts@gwegogledd.cymru) / [susanowenjones@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:susanowenjones@gwegogledd.cymru)

For further details, [click here](#). For an application form, [click here](#), or contact 01286 679076.

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