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# GwE Bulletin

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## GwE CONFERENCE

### Special Schools Collaboration Day

Venue Cymru, Llandudno 25/10/2024 | 9:15-15:00

All special school leaders, teachers, and support staff across the region are invited to join us to listen to motivational and inspirational speakers and access focused CPD. We will provide dedicated time for sharing inspiring professional learning and an opportunity for invaluable networking with your colleagues. **Full details available [here](#).** If you require any further information, please contact **Susan Roberts**.

**SOLD OUT**

## GwE NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Advanced Skills BAC Wales Coordinators network

[GwE Office, Bryn Eirias](#) 28/11/2024 | 13:30-15:30 [FULL DETAILS AND REGISTRATION](#)

An opportunity to share T+L ideas regarding the new Advanced Skills BAC qualification

1. Updates from Sian Coathup (WJEC)
2. Planning for the Individual Project: Schools to share planning / T + L resources
3. Networking + date for Spring meeting + any updates to the Teams site **(Please bring your laptop + any examples of resources you are happy to share with colleagues!)**

### Developing reading in your school using effective strategies and creating a culture of reading for pleasure

SUITABLE FOR  
CLASSROOM TEACHERS  
(8-11) AND/OR LITERACY  
LEADS



**1-DAY PROGRAMME | BILINGUAL SESSIONS | 9:00-15:30 | [FULL DETAILS AVAILABLE HERE](#)**

During this one day programme, we will explore the different elements of reading necessary to create effective readers, including how the power of oracy supports and progresses the skills of a reader. We will share strategies and knowledge to support your journey towards an engaging reading ethos and inspiring your learners' love of reading.

A follow-up task will be set for all attendees, to be monitored for impact by the Link SIA.

#### DATES, VENUES AND REGISTRATION:

[26/11/2024](#) – Linden House, Mold | [27/11/2024](#) – Bryn Eirias, Colwyn Bay | [28/11/2024](#) – Penrallt, Caernarfon



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## Explore multilingualism across the LLC

DR ELIN ARFON, UCL, PREVIOUSLY CARDIFF UNIVERSITY

13/11/2024 | On-line | 15:45-17:00

Secondary practitioners of International Languages, Welsh first language, Welsh in English settings, English.

Interactive session to discuss joint working and developing pedagogical links between Welsh, English and International Languages. [Information and registration here.](#)



## TEACHING ASSISTANTS LEARNING PATHWAY [TALP]

### Aspiring HLTA Development Programme

**Cylch/Round 10** of the Aspiring HLTA Development Programme starts in January 2025.

The **CLOSING DATE** for applications is **25/11/2024**.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Programme and the application process.

For further information, please contact [Wendy Williams, TALP Co-ordinator](#).



### An exciting opportunity for new Teaching Assistants!

The **Induction Programme for New Teaching Assistants** is for individuals newly appointed to their role. This national programme will be delivered on a digital platform. Training can be completed at a time convenient to the teaching assistants and their setting. For more information and details of how to register, [click here](#).

## RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROJECTS

### Speech, Language, and Communication Needs Practitioner Survey

Are you working in an education setting and would like to share your views on speech, language, and communication needs of children aged 5-8 since the Covid-19 pandemic?

[Please click this link to take part in a short survey.](#)



### Is your school interested in developing teachers as professional enquirers?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN USING RESEARCH AND ENQUIRY SKILLS AS PART OF YOUR EVALUATION OF BOTH CURRICULUM FOR WALES WORK AND YOUR WIDER PROVISION?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions then you may be interested in joining the [National Professional Enquiry Project \(NPEP\) in 2024-2025](#).

### Is your school looking to help parents support their child's learning at home?

DO YOU THINK YOUR SCHOOL HAS PARENTS/CARERS OF PUPILS IN YEARS 3, 4, 5, AND/OR 6 WHO COULD TRIAL HOW OUR SUITE OF SAFMEDS NUMERACY FLUENCY-BUILDING RESOURCES CAN BE USED AT HOME?

If so, in the spring term 2025 we will be offering interested parents an introduction to the materials and show them how they can help their child at home. [Click here for more information.](#)

## Y GYMRAEG [WELSH]

### Welsh Language Strategic Planning: Leadership development Programme

Are you a headteacher or leader interested in strengthening your understanding of the importance of the Welsh language in your school?

There are specific courses for English-medium and Welsh-medium schools being offered cross-regionally in the Autumn and Spring terms. (**Morning sessions over Teams**)

You can register by using the links below:

[ENGLISH-MEDIUM SCHOOLS: 22/01/2025](#)

[WELSH-MEDIUM SCHOOLS: 23/01/2025](#)



### Welsh Entry Level Course

**FOR ENGLISH-MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHING ASSISTANTS**

5 week full-time course at St.Asaph Language Centre 2 June – 4 July 2025

[Click here for further information.](#)



## GLOBAL FUTURES: INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

GwE International Languages Newsletter: [PRIMARY](#) | [SECONDARY](#)



### PRIMARY SECTOR

#### Embedding International Languages in the primary curriculum

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRAINING DAY WITH RICHARD TALLARON, POWER LANGUAGE**

26/11/2024 | 9:15-15:00 | Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction.

This day will aim to give all primary teachers (language specialists or not as well as complete novices) practical ideas to embed languages effectively in their curriculum. [Information and registration here.](#)

### SECONDARY SECTOR

#### International Languages Secondary Network Meeting

15/10/2024 | 9:15-15:00 | Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction

[Information and registration here.](#)



#### Literature fires the imagination:

#### Creative Translation for MFL, Welsh and English

Professional Learning Session | [On-line](#) | 26/11/2024 | 15.30-17.00

[Full details and registration here](#)



 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

RAISING THE PROFILE OF LANGUAGES  
& LEARNING EXPERIENCES

## GCHQ National Language Competition [NLC]

YEAR 9 | FROM 18-22 NOVEMBER 2024

The competition is aimed at making languages fun, inspiring language-learning and highlighting the many transferrable skills learning a language can also develop. More information on the competition can be accessed by [clicking this link](#). Stakeholder Toolkit in English and Welsh [here](#).

## Year 9 Business Language Champions Events in Prestatyn and Aberconwy

DECEMBER 2024

An opportunity for year 9 learners to take part in an exciting and stimulating enterprising day.

[Full information and registration here](#).



## WELSH EDUCATION CONSORTIA NEWS



[Click here](#) to be directed to the Welsh Education Consortia website that provides information on a range of cross-regional professional learning opportunities available to all staff across Wales.

## Newly Qualified Teachers [NQTs]

Follow [this link](#) to view the National Briefing recordings by the National Induction Team and the 'EWC Demonstration of the Induction Profile'. You will also find a [link to register for the next event](#) along with a [link to the evaluation page](#).

[Click here for a copy of the NQT Induction Handbook](#).

## NQT Induction Mentors [IM] and Validators

STATUTORY NQT INDUCTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDUCTION MENTOR / VALIDATOR

Follow [this link](#) to view the National Briefing recordings by the National Induction Team and the EWC Presentation.

## Newly Qualified Teacher Induction Programme

- [Changes to the Newly Qualified Teachers Induction Programme: September 2024](#)
- [NQT National Professional Learning Offer: Autumn term 2024](#)
- [IM/Validator National Professional Learning Offer 2024-2025](#)

## Post-16 Leadership Development Programme

The post-16 leadership development programme is aimed at aspiring, new and existing post-16 leaders and has been designed to offer colleagues the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills as they prepare for and face the challenges of post-16 leadership. Delivery of the programme is through a blended learning approach and delivered by post-16 specialist regional colleagues and current experienced post-16 leaders.

[Dates, registration and full details available here](#).

## Curriculum for Wales National Programme: Refresher training for Teaching Assistants



11/11/2024 | 9:30-12:00



On-line Event

[REGISTER](#) [English-medium]

This session is an update on the Curriculum for Wales for all Teaching Assistants and HLTAs working in Wales. The session will explore the four purposes, progression and assessment and your role in how to support these aspects of the framework in the classroom. [Further information available here.](#)

## Cross-regional Curriculum for Wales Professional Learning Offer

At the request of schools, the workshops advertised for the Summer term 2024 have been developed as asynchronous sessions, rather than live sessions.

[Click here to view the recordings and PowerPoints from the 2023/24 cross-regional professional learning series for the Areas of Learning and Experience.](#)



## WELSH GOVERNMENT NEWS

### Professional development review guidance

The guidance brings the arrangements in line with developments in school improvement and professional learning and aims to support the profession to meet the current challenges and ensure all learners achieve their potential. Please see the following links to the [guidance](#) and accompanying [case studies](#).

### 14 to 16 Learning Guidance

On Wednesday, 18/09/2024, the Cabinet Secretary for Education published the [statutory guidance on 14 to 16 Learning](#) under Curriculum for Wales.

## MIT Global Teaching Labs (GTL) in Wales

**WELSH GOVERNMENT FULLY FUNDED, FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS ACROSS WALES**

Delivered by [Equal Education Partners](#) on behalf of Welsh Government, [MIT GTL in Wales](#) enables schools across Wales to draw on the STEM expertise of student-instructors from MIT - the world's leading STEM university - who will be based with the school for 3 weeks.

As well as hosting an MIT student to deliver workshops, interdisciplinary projects and other enrichment activities to your students, GTL in Wales offers the opportunity to work with your MIT student-instructor on curriculum design and development, in line with the new curriculum.

To view the bilingual programme video, click [here](#).

Applications to participate in this programme for January 2025 are now open until Sunday 13 October. To submit an application for your school, please click [here](#).

To register your interest or for any further information, please email Rebecca Booker (Senior Associate for International Partnerships, Equal Education Partners) on [rebecca.booker@equaleducationpartners.com](mailto:rebecca.booker@equaleducationpartners.com), schedule a call [here](#) or register for our information session on Wednesday 4 October at 4pm [here](#).

**TRANSFORMATIVE  
STEM PROGRAMME**



## Development of support for curriculum and assessment design within Curriculum for Wales



It is important to understand this is a bespoke package of support specifically written to support Curriculum for Wales. Each cohort will contain two members of staff (a senior leader and classroom practitioner) to develop collaboration within schools. The programme will then enable collaboration across schools, prioritising clusters to participate together where possible. As each cohort moves forward, groups of curriculum and assessment design coaches will be available to support ongoing school improvement priorities.

Schools can still register and will automatically be enrolled on the next available 5 sessions, taking place between 14:30 and 17:00 in January and February 2025.

Throughout this time, schools will have access to the Curriculum for Wales Institute, where they can build their curriculum within this platform to explore curriculum design and reflect on their own understanding of the Curriculum for Wales Framework.

There will be an expectation for on-line collaboration throughout the asynchronous units, as well as sharing progress and reflections during a further 5 sessions between 14:30 and 17:00 in June and July 2025.

This project is being fully funded by Welsh Government via local authority payments with participating schools receiving funding of £150 per session per person.

We will be supported by international curriculum design expert Allison Zmuda. Further information can be [found on the Allison Zmuda website](#). Being US-based means all sessions will be held between 14:30 and 17:00. Schools will also have the opportunity to test their thinking with curriculum design experts and network with other schools across Wales.

If you would like to get involved in this innovative project, [please complete a short expression of interest as soon as possible](#).



## INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS



### [Introductory Session: Careers City](#)

NEW

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

15/10/2024 | 15:30-16:00 | ON-LINE SESSION VIA TEAMS

Calling all Primary Schools!

Join us for an introductory session to make the most of Careers City, a bilingual resource to support primary schools embed CWRE across the curriculum in a fun, engaging and easy way. [Careers City | Careers Wales \(gov.wales\)](#)

Please click [here](#) to book on a session.



### [German Lessons](#)

NEW

A series of weekly German virtual sessions to start in November, suitable for learners from yrs. 3-6. [Register your class here](#).

[REGISTER YOUR CLASS BY 12PM, 04.11.2024.](#)



### [The Secret of the Winning Streak](#)

NEW

A virtual four session module for MAT learners in years 5 and 6 in mathematics and numeracy with Cardiff University. [Register here](#).

[REGISTER BY 12PM, 06.11.2024.](#)



### [Children's Rights Assemblies: Children's Commissioner for Wales](#)

NEW

Sophie Williams from the Children's Commissioner for Wales team will join e-sgol to hold special assemblies on 13 and 20 November.

[DATES, TIMES AND REGISTRATION AVAILABLE HERE](#)



### [Health, Education & Learning Newsletter: September 2024](#)

NEW





## [Children in Wales](#)

### Price of Pupil Poverty guides and resources- [Education Hwb](#)

The Price of Pupil Poverty guides have been completely updated and extra beneficial resources added including: a full toolkit to help you to implement the guides in your school or setting; Mitigating the impact of poverty in STEM education mini guide; Information and Practice guide with advice and findings from schools and settings across Wales already using the resources successfully.

For further information: [info@childreninwales.org.uk](mailto:info@childreninwales.org.uk) | [Children in Wales](#) | [Price of Pupil Poverty Resources](#)

TAKING A WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH TO IMPROVE THE WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS WITH A SUITE OF FREE RESOURCES TO HELP REMOVE POVERTY RELATED BARRIERS AND THE 'COST' OF LEARNING IN SCHOOLS AND SETTINGS.



## [Free Learn Welsh Courses for 16-18 year-olds](#)

This is an opportunity for young people in Further Education to join a series of fun, relaxed virtual sessions to develop their Welsh language skills. Please see [this flyer](#) for further details.

[REGISTER HERE >>>](#)



## [Love Reading Core Learning Programme](#)

This autumn term the Love Reading Project is offering a free online professional learning programme to support teachers to **boost reading engagement** and motivation in primary schools. Love Reading is **funded by the Welsh Government** and delivered by Cardiff University in partnership with Bangor University.

[Full details available here.](#) Please contact [LoveReading@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:LoveReading@cardiff.ac.uk) if you would like further information.

THE LEARNING PROGRAMME IS FREE FOR ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF IN WALES, INCLUDING TEACHERS, TEACHING ASSISTANTS AND SCHOOL LEADERS.