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GwE Bulletin

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GwE CONFERENCES

National HLTA Development Day

**22/01/2025 | 9:15–15:15****VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO****[REGISTER](#)**

A National HLTA Development Day will be held on 22/01/2025 for teaching assistants who have gained HLTA status. This is an opportunity to see examples of effective practice in schools across the GwE region.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: HYWEL ROBERTS**REGISTRATION DATE EXTENDED: 10/01/2025**

GwE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Disciplinary Skills – AoLE Focus - Secondary Schools

SECONDARY COLLEAGUES: Need support to recognise rich cross-curricular opportunities in your AoLE?**Description/ Outcomes:**

- Support AOLES to authentically support the progression of literacy, numeracy and digital skills within their discipline.
- Equip middle leaders and classroom practitioners with a clear understanding of how cross-curricular skills are integral to the success of pupils in making progress in their discipline.
- Provide an opportunity for practitioners to work with subject and skills SSIAs and network with similar subject specialists.

[Full details and registration available here.](#)

Computational thinking and coding – Intermediate programme

This programme is suitable for practitioners working with learners between 8 and 11 years old who have a good understanding of basic elements of computational thinking and coding. The sessions will focus on developing some of the more complex concepts around computational thinking and coding in progression step 3, such as:

- Using conditional statements to expand the work and create more sophisticated algorithms.
- Using sensors to detect and respond to data.
- Creating and managing variables for purpose (progression step 3 and 4).

[Click here for more information and to book your place.](#)**Bryn Eirias, Abergale Road,
Colwyn Bay, LL29 8BY****0300 500 8087****[GwE Support Centre](#)****[@GwEGogleddCymru](#)****post@gwegogledd.cymru****www.gwegogledd.cymru****[GwE Professional Offer](#)****[GwE Bulletin](#)**

Financial Education

SUITABLE FOR MATHEMATICS/NUMERACY LEADERS & HEALTH AND WELLBEING LEADERS [8 – 14 TEACHERS]



Outcomes:

- Gain an understanding of how Financial Education can be integrated in the context of the primary or secondary school curriculum, sharing ideas and resources for effective practice.
- Develop an understanding of financial capability and the continuum of financial education to help children build foundations for future financial wellbeing and resilience, helping them to develop the skills needed to progress towards realising the four purposes of the curriculum.
- Utilise resources and messages from this workshop to improve the quality of teaching and learning of Financial Education in their setting.

ENGLISH-MEDIUM:

[20/01/2025 – Linden House – 09:00 – 11:30](#)

[21/01/2025 – Bryn Eirias – 13:00 – 15:30](#)

WELSH-MEDIUM:

[20/01/2025 – Linden House – 13:00 – 15:30](#)

[21/01/2025 – Bryn Eirias – 09:00 – 11:30](#)

[22/01/2025 – Penrallt – 09:00 – 11:30](#)

[22/01/2025 – Porthmadog FC – 13:00 – 15:30](#)

Workshops for Nursery/Reception Practitioners and Year 1, 2 and 3 Practitioners



PLANNING AND SHARING PURPOSEFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUPILS TO DEVELOP THEIR LITERACY SKILLS IN AUTHENTIC CONTEXTS, INCORPORATING EFFECTIVE USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE LEARNING

Suitable for: Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Language and Literacy Coordinators

Description/ Outcomes:

- Develop further understanding of effective planning to ensure progression in the development of early language, literacy and digital skills.
- Develop further understanding of effective practice through sharing examples of learning experiences that can be delivered within schools.

1 FULL DAY WORKSHOP: 9:15 -15:30

**** LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED ****



NEWLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS [NQTs]

NQT Regional Professional Learning Offer: Term 2 [2025]

The following live sessions can be accessed by booking a space on [Eventbrite](#)

SESSION	TRAINING	DATE	VENUE	PROVIDER	MEDIUM
1	Asesu Ffurfiannol	16/01/2025	Clwb Rygbi, Caernarfon	Gwenno Jones	CYMRAEG
2	Formative Assessment	17/01/2025	Business Centre, Conwy	Gwenno Jones	ENGLISH
3	Challenging Behaviour	11/02/2025	Prifysgol Wrexham	Gavin Cass	ENGLISH
4	Ymddygiad Heriol	13/02/2025	Clwb Rygbi, Caernarfon	Gwyn Owen / Ieuan Jones	CYMRAEG
5	Digital Competence	11/03/2025	Business Centre, Conwy	Hywel Roberts	ENGLISH
6	Cymhwysedd Digidol	12/03/2025	Clwb Rygbi, Caernarfon	Gwion Clarke	CYMRAEG



RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROJECTS

Is your cluster looking for ways to improve learners' reading and spelling skills?

WE'RE KEEN TO HEAR FROM CLUSTERS AND/OR SCHOOLS INTERESTED IN PILOTING AN EVIDENCE-INFORMED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TEACHING LITERACY WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK, BANGOR UNIVERSITY, AND GWE

The DEMSRI project is an extension of an earlier successful project, DEMSRI, which found 4-days of teacher CPD led to educationally significant gains of between 9 – 13% across classes in spelling and reading. In this project, we are seeking to support teachers in developing and implementing their evidence-based knowledge of teaching reading and spelling to children in Years 2 and 3. We wish to work with up to 40 schools between January and March 2025 to evaluate a three-day CPD course for classroom teachers. We are especially interested to hear from schools in a cluster that might be interested in working with us. [More information on the DEMSRI project here.](#)

Please contact richardwatkins@gwegogledd.cymru with your expression of interest.

New GwE collaborative publication with Bangor University:

"Where Are the Costs? Using an Economic Analysis of Educational Interventions Approach to Improve the Evaluation of a Regional School Improvement Programme"

GwE is delighted to see the long-term evaluation of the Shirley Clarke formative assessment project recently published in Education Sciences journal. This work was carried out by Dr Emma Tiesteel from Bangor University as part of GwE's ongoing work to improve the use of research to inform policy and practice.

[Click here for full details.](#)



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: 06/02/2025](#)



CHANGE OF DATE



A new Welsh language On-line Self-study course

TAILORED SPECIFICALLY FOR FOUNDATION LEARNING TEACHING ASSISTANTS

[Full details and QR registration code available here.](#)



 **GLOBAL FUTURES: INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES** **PRIMARY SECTOR****Embedding International Languages in the primary curriculum****PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRAINING DAY WITH RICHARD TALLARON, POWER LANGUAGE**

27/01/2025 | 9:15-15:30 | Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction.

Another day planned in collaboration between our Global Futures GwE team and our partners at Power Language, this day will aim to provide all primary teachers (language specialists or not as well as complete novices) with more practical ideas to embed languages effectively in their curriculum.

There is no condition or pre-requisite needed to attend the session. Everyone is welcome! Register [here](#).

 **RAISING THE PROFILE OF LANGUAGES & LEARNING EXPERIENCES****French Pop Video Competition 2025 Institut français**

Playful and creative playground for your students (aged 7 to 18) to display their knowledge of French language.

Learn more about the competition [here](#). Register [here](#) by 16/03/2025

 **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.

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.

Cross-regional Curriculum for Wales Professional Learning Offer

[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****Personalised Assessments – Autumn term 2024 update**

[Follow this link](#) to see what's new from September 2024.

Education Support – Masterclasses

Just a reminder that we have a range of [exciting interactive wellbeing masterclasses](#) coming up. The places are funded by Welsh Government, at no cost to staff. [Full details available here](#).



INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS

[🔗 Royal Academy of Engineering - STEM Projects, Resources & online CPD](#) 

The Royal Academy of Engineering, through its Welsh Valleys Engineering Project [WVEP], has developed a set of 10 STEM challenge resources for use in primary and secondary schools. [Full details.](#)

[🔗 Big Welsh Rhyme Time 2025](#) 

Big Welsh Rhyme Time is Back for 2025 – [Register for FREE resources now!](#) Closing date: 10/01/2025 [FULL DETAILS HERE.](#)

[🔗 e-sgol Primary Summary](#)

Here is the latest from the e-sgol Primary sector, all free of charge, [with further information here.](#)

[🔗 Practical Learning Event for Teachers](#)

 17/02/2025 | 9:30–15:15  WALES UNIVERSITY, BANGOR  [REGISTER](#)

Practical learning event for teachers - emerging technologies, including interactive 360° experiences, AI-driven tools, and innovative green screen techniques. Contribution of £200.00 (inclusive of VAT) per attendee towards supply cover ([see advert for details](#)).

[🔗 AI Online Learning Lab Series](#)

Discover the transformative potential of artificial intelligence in education with three upcoming online twilight events from the WCLD, hosted in collaboration with the Curriculum and Pedagogy Collaborative Research Network (CRN). Starting with the fundamentals of AI, the series aims to guide educators through some of its practical applications to enhance classroom engagement and personalise learning. More information about each event can be found via [this link](#).

[🔗 Welcome to Your Vote Week 2025](#)

Welcome to Your Vote Week will be taking place from 10/03/2025 to 16/03/2025.

[Sign up now to take part in Welcome to Your Vote Week 2025](#) and receive free resources ahead of the week to help you get involved.

[🔗 Enterprise Troopers Primary School Competition](#)

The Enterprise Troopers Competition aims to inspire children's creativity, problem-solving, and team-working skills in a fun environment.

This year, entrants can also win cash prizes for their school! [Full details available here.](#)