



Gwasanaeth Effeithiolrwydd a  
Gwella Ysgolion Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru  
Regional School Effectiveness &  
Improvement Service for North Wales

# GwE Bulletin

## 'Academy Associate' Roles with the National Academy for Educational Leadership

The National Academy for Education Leadership (NAEL) is offering a small number of 'Academy Associate' roles to serving head teachers. Associates will work one day a week on supporting the development of the new Academy, including design of its first high-level leadership programme and scrutiny of programmes put forward for endorsement.

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

**CLOSING DATE:** PLEASE APPLY IN WRITING WITH SUPPORTING STATEMENT SHOWING HOW YOU MEET THE CRITERIA FOR THE POST BY **19 JANUARY 2018**

## GwE Professional Offer

GwE's professional offer is both comprehensive and wide-ranging, providing effective professional learning opportunities for all school staff, from teaching assistants wanting to achieve a Higher Level Teaching Assistant qualification, an Aspiring Leader Development Programme, a Middle Leadership Development Programme, to prospective head teachers through the NPQH.

[Click here](#) for further information.

## Praise for GwE

[Click here](#) to view a video clip from the Children, Young People and Education Committee meeting where Professor Donaldson praised GwE and our collaborative working.

## Welsh in Education: Action Plan 2017-2021

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and the Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning published 'Welsh in Education: Action Plan 2017-2021' outlining how Welsh-medium and Welsh language education will be developed over the next four years in line with the vision of 'Cymraeg 2050: a million Welsh speakers' and 'Education in Wales: Our national mission'.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

## Primary Training Opportunities

### Primary Action Research – Engaging underachieving groups of learners within mathematics using IZak9 ★NEW★

Applications are welcomed from individual schools/groups of schools/cluster of schools to participate in an exciting project using the commercial resource IZak9 to develop pupils' number fluency, problem solving skills and reasoning ability in an innovative and collaborative approach.

[Continue reading here...](#)

### Standardisation, Moderation and the Next Steps in the FP

## Secondary Training Opportunities

### Secondary Literacy Leaders' Network Meetings

★NEW★

Local Literacy network meetings will be held this term for Literacy Leaders to share good practice and discuss future developments.

[Click here](#) for dates and venues.

### Welsh Course

**WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2018 – GLASDIR, LLANRWST**

A course for NQTs who teach Welsh, and also teachers who teach Welsh in addition to their specialist subject.

Contributors: Excellent practitioners from the region including Llio Japheth from Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy. There will be guidance on teaching oracy, reading and writing successfully.

Contact [RhianMairJones@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:RhianMairJones@gwegogledd.cymru) for more information

[Click here](#) to register and see a list of all the English medium workshops.

[Click here](#) for the Welsh medium workshops list.

## **Digital Competence**

Registration is now live for our digital competence courses.

[Click here](#) to see all the courses up to the end of March 2018.

## **Digital Learning Event – Digimeet**

Here's an excellent opportunity for all your staff to learn more about the latest developments in digital learning in an after school event. This is a Welsh medium event. [Click here](#) to register.

## **Effectively Evaluating and Improving Teaching Quality Using the Self-Evaluation Tool for Teachers' Teaching Continua – Gareth Coombes**

TRAINING FOR ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHERS OR LEADERS OF LEARNING

The course sets out to support leaders in undertaking the role of improving teaching for learning in a structured and sustained manner. [Click here](#) to register.

## **Falling in Love with the Arts Day 2 ★NEW★**

For Key Stage 2 Teachers

Following the great success of this event in 2017, here is another opportunity for Primary School Teachers to prepare for the New Creative Learning Curriculum.

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

## **Into Film Training**

Into Film and GwE will be running a Welsh medium course on film creation for KS2 teachers. [Click here](#) to register.

Only 20 spaces, so first come, first served....

# **Professional Development Opportunities**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HLTAs AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS ACROSS WALES**

### **A. \*\*\*Higher Level Teaching Assistant**

#### **Scheme – HLTA \*\*\***

Would you like to gain HLTA status? The next round will start soon.

Come to one of the HLTA Information Sessions for Teaching Assistants and their Headteachers/Managers, due to be held across the region between 11 and 16 January 2018.

Follow [this link](#) for further information, including Information Session dates and venues.

### **B. New Development Programmes, Spring Term 2018**

## **Other Training Opportunities**

### **'Plan, Do, Review' ★NEW★**

HOW TO BUILD AN E-PORTFOLIO WORKSHOP BY THE EWC

To register and view the dates and venues, [click here](#).

### **An Introduction to Loss and Bereavement for Schools**

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2018 – VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO

1-day training event facilitated by Child Bereavement UK. The training will be an introduction to loss and bereavement with focus on evidence-based interventions, and support schools can implement with learners.

[Click here](#) to register.

### **Online Safety Events**

[Click here](#) to find a date and location of an online safety event near you.

Two new programmes will be delivered across Wales for Teaching Assistants

- Induction for new teaching assistants
- Experienced teaching assistant training

The programmes will not entail any costs, and supply cover will be paid.

For further information, including dates and venues, please visit your [regional consortium website](#)

### C. [HLTA Conference, 2 March 2018, Venue Cymru, Llandudno](#)

Conference for teaching assistants with HLTA status. An opportunity to get up-to-date information about: the National Professional Learning Pathway; professional status; TAs' roles; Curriculum for Wales and the new Standards.

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

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

## Education Comms Working Group ★NEW★

[Curriculum for Wales' busy blog](#) has recently featured:

- ['FINDING THE FRONT DOOR TO OUR NEW CURRICULUM](#)  
[Porthcawl Comprehensive School's story as Curriculum](#)  
[Pioneers this year'](#) by teacher Kath Lewis.
- ['A MILLION WELSH SPEAKERS – WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN'](#)  
by Adviser Katherine Davies.
- ['ARE GREMLINS CAUSING YOUR SCHOOL'S IT PROBLEMS'](#)  
by WG Deputy Director Ruth Meadows.

## Digital Learning

### [National Digital Learning Event 2018 – NDLC Pupil Award](#) ★NEW★

The National Digital Learning Event 2018 will once again be held in June.

[Click here to continue reading...](#)

### [Sexting: Responding to incidents and safeguarding learners. Guidance for educational settings in Wales](#) ★NEW★

GwE would like to draw your attention to new bilingual guidance for schools and other educational settings in Wales which has been recently published entitled as above.

[Click here for further information...](#)

## Adverts and News

### [BookTrust Cymru Oracy Projects](#) ★NEW★

[Click here](#) for a full update on the BookTrust Cymru projects progress.

### [The Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative – 2018](#)

The Initiative was launched in 1990, under the auspices of the Institute of Welsh Affairs. Its aim is to encourage young people in schools in Wales to take a greater interest in their heritage and the contribution made to it by their families and communities. The Initiative holds an annual competition for heritage projects in schools in Wales.

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

**REGISTRATION OF ENTRIES BY: 2 FEBRUARY 2018**

## External Opportunities

### [Temporary Project Officer](#)

For further information about this post please contact Eleri Llewelyn Owen on 01286 679671 or visit [www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru](http://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru)  
Application forms and further details available from, Support Service, Gwynedd Council, Council Offices, Caernarfon, LL55 1SH

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**CLOSING DATE: 10.00 AM, THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY 2017**

## GwE Office, Mold

As of Wednesday, 6 December 2017, the GwE Office, Mold will be situated on the Mold Business Park at Linden House.  
Please see the new office details below:



GwE Office, Linden House, Mold Business Park, Wrexham Road, Mold, CH7 1XP



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