



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



GwE Bulletin

❄️ *Best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you all* ❄️

GwE Professional Offer ★NEW★

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 way of collaborative working.

Welsh in Education: Action Plan 2017-2021 ★NEW★

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

Standardisation, Moderation and the Next Steps in the FP

[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-

Secondary Training Opportunities

Welsh Course ★NEW★

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 for more information

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

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.

Into Film Training

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

Professional Development Opportunities

GwE Primary and Secondary NQT Training Programme

GwE training dates for spring and summer term 2018 have been published on the GwE website.

[Click here.](#)

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, 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

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

There will be no cost attached to the conference for attendance.

Other Training Opportunities

An Introduction to Loss and Bereavement for Schools ★NEW★

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.

News

[Last Chance to Provide Feedback on ICT Qualifications](#)

Please visit the Qualifications Wales [website](#) for further information.

[Changes to Performance Measures at Key Stage 4 Affecting Early Entry](#)

On 16 October the Cabinet Secretary for Education announced [changes to Key Stage 4 performance measures](#) as a consequence of notable increases in GCSE early entry by schools in Wales. [Continue reading...](#)

[National Academy for Educational Leadership](#)

ASSOCIATES PROGRAMME

Details of the pilot of the Associates Programme has been launched on the [Learning Wales website](#).

[Click here](#) for further information.

[Sharing Excellence Across Wales](#)

In 2016-2017, Estyn judged 34 providers as 'Excellent'. Discover their strategies to success by [watching our film](#) and [reading their case studies](#).

[Be inspired!](#)

[Curriculum for Wales](#)

A new school curriculum needs a new learning culture. It starts here.

A thriving learning culture in schools across Wales is essential if our new curriculum is to be successfully implemented.

[Read further...](#)

[The Education \(Amendments Relating to Teacher Assessment Information\) Regulations 2018](#)

The Welsh Government consultation requests comments on the proposed changes to the use of teacher assessment data is now available. [Click here](#).

[Key Stages 2 - 3 Science Exemplification Materials Have Been Published](#)

This publication is the first in a series designed to provide assistance when assessing science at the end of Key Stages 2 and 3. The [exemplification materials](#), which GwE staff helped to create, are intended to assist schools and teachers when conducting assessments for science at the end of Key Stages 2 and 3.

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

Announcements by Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Secretary for Education

GwE wishes to draw schools' attention to [the](#) announcements made by Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Secretary for Education. See below.

[The National Network for Excellence in Science and Technology \[NNEST\]](#)

We are pleased to announce that the Cabinet Secretary for Education has launched the latest zone on Hwb, The National Network for Excellence in Science and Technology.

The aim of the new zone is to provide a central point for information, content and research that is useful for all science and technology practitioners. The network for excellence will target the improvement of teachers' skills in science and technology and improve pupils' experience of the subjects while they are at school.

The zone can be accessed [here](#).

[An Update on the Learning in Digital Wales Programme](#)

[Click here](#) to find out more about the latest information regarding Learning in Digital Wales and the Welsh Government programme of action for improving the use of digital technology for teaching and learning.

Google for Education to be Rolled Out in Welsh Schools Next Year

Teachers will soon have more choice about the digital tools they use thanks to the roll-out of Google for Education. [Continue reading...](#)

Events

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

'Academy Associate' Roles with the National Academy for Educational Leadership ★NEW★

The National Academy for Educational 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**

Temporary Project Officer

For further information about this post please contact Eleri Llewelyn Owen on 01286 679671 or visit 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

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLOSING DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED

Opportunity for Health & Social Care and Children's Care Experts

Qualifications Wales is seeking to appoint experts from a range of backgrounds in Health & Social Care and Children's Care to work on a new series of Level 1/2 to Level 5 qualifications.

You can find further information about the role of subject experts on the [Qualifications Wales website](#).

To apply, please [click here](#) and type 'OCT219156' into the contracts search field.

DEADLINE: 8 JANUARY 2018



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:



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