

Cofnodion cyfarfod Grwp TGAU Addysg Grefyddol

RE GCSE Group Minutes

Ysgolion:	Yn bresennol/present: Mefys Jones-Edwards, Angharad Lloyd Derham, Lucy Ashford		
	Ymddiheuriadau/Apologies: Ian Evans		
Lleoliad	GwE, Bryn Eirias, Ffordd Abergele, Bae Colwyn, Conwy, LL29 8BY		
Ymgynghorydd Her	Bethan James (CYSAGau Gwynedd a Mon), Phil Lord (CYSAGau Fflint, Dinbych, Conwy), Libby Jones (CYSAG Wrecsam)		
Adroddiad gan	Bethan James		
Dyddiad	27.09.2016		

Pwrpas a natur y cyfarfod Purpose/nature of meeting		
Discuss the work of the lead practioners for RS in 6 local authorities of GwE		
Prif faterion trafod	Action points	
Main discussion points		
When will the final version of the GCSE RS specification be ready?		
 See Lynda Maddock's recent email, awaiting SAMs approval. 		
What training will teachers be able to access?	LJ will:	
 WJEC training courses will be held in February 15th in Bangor and 16th in Mold . Anglesey headteachers have recently decided to send two representatives (Mefys and Angharad) and then send RS teachers to support the GwE RS Support Group. CAMU (Anglesey) – member from each school attends to discuss. Anglesey INSETs will focus on GCSE courses. GCSE meeting in the morning and teachers will work in the afternoon. Mefys will attend morning meeting in Anglesey and join the Gwynedd teachers in the afternoon. October 31st. 6 October – Fflint meeting for RS teachers. Hope to arrange for Wrecsam and Denbigh. Lead Practioners will fund their attendance on WJEC courses form their GwE allocation. 	 contact Lynda Maddocks regarding likely content of WJEC training courses (February). contact TT regarding his independent training courses. MJ will: contact Chris Owens (Barry Comprehensive) 	
What will be the focus of the RS GCSE GwE Group meetings?	Mefys will:	
 Meeting once a term. PM has stressed that it's not the Lead Practioners' responsibility to train but to co-ordinate and support. Meeting 1 (0.5 day) in each Hub. Likely that first meeting will be update, end of October (Gwynedd and Anglesey), November (Wrecsam and Fflint). Collating and sharing. Teachers will be asked to bring draft specification with them and their current GCSE file (access previous recources). Would like to circulate questionnaire, e.g. most likely religion (Islam and Judaism in G and A), share findings. Opportunity for teachers to 'pair up' to work together within their Hub. Schools likely to offer Catholic Christianity, e.g. one school in Wrecsam, Syr Richard Gwyn. Meeting 2 (1 day for 3 Hubs – early January), e.g. Glasdir/Venue Cymru/Conwy Business Centre. Meeting early next term – ask someone for an INSET? Before or after February WJEC training course. When we change specification – how will teachers assess, samples of questions. Possibly invite, Chris Owens (Barry Comprehensive) – has led on Judaism and Islam, present Spec B, co-author ' Human Experience and Life Issues'. Also teachers will welcome opportunity to liaise, share good practice, network. Workshops, e.g.guidance on planning, assessment, teaching strategies. Key note speeches? Facebook page – for RS Teachers North Wales Meeting 3 (1 day in each Hub – June 2017 – after A Level RS examination after 27th June) – an opportunity to share samples, materials, early efforts. All schools to share 'something' for the first hour, e.g. starter, revision sheet, lesson plan. Rest of the day to work together to develop an idea. Last hour to share their work, and raise further questions, agree on next steps. Would Welsh medium schools in NE want to join Welsh medium schools in NW? (Glan Clwyd, Duffane Cowns Brightful Mostan Llwed Mostan Llwed Mostan Country Country Island 	 prepare a presentation to outline main thrust of new specification. share 'time line' with all RS teachers. give 'planning sheet' to PM, e.g. plan, resources, translation, funding for venue (60 teachers? break out room), lunch. confirm dates for Meeting 1 Gwynedd and Anglesey – Oct 31 lan will: confirm dates for Meeting 1 Conwy and Dinbych. Lucy will: confirm dates for Meeting 1 Fflint and Wrecsam 	
Dyffryn Conwy, Brynhyfryd, Morgan Llwyd, Maes Garmon, Creuddyn).		
 How can RS teachers of GwE share their resources and teaching materials? How have teachers shared resources? e.g. Hub or Dropbox, Hub+, Dysg. Would Welsh Government create an area for Lead Practioners? Could GwE host the resources? Who will translate the resources? 	Phil will: ask Pete Maddocks about a suitable platform for sharing resources amongst	



Quality control? Do we need a 'gatekeeper' to ensure that the resources exemplify good	RS teachers in N
practice?	Wales.
Dropbox? Google Docs? Facebook page?	
 Teachers are more likelty to use social media/Twitter/Facebook. However teachers can't access Facebook in Anglesey (+Gwynedd?) 	
Could use a Facebook page to notify teachers that new resources have recently been	
uploaded.	
What questions should we ask in an RS Questionnaire?	Mefys and Angharad
School name, contact name, email address, Hub region	will:
 Which specification are you currently teaching? A? B? Both? 	 draft a
 Which religions are you likely to choose? (must teach Christianity and one other throught Unit 1, Unit 2 Y 11 can teach another religion? Are you likely to do Catholic Christianity? Welsh? English? Bilingual? 	questionnaire on Google Forms.
 Areas of special interest/most confident? Will you attend the WJEC INSET? 	Mefys and Angharad will:
 Are you particularly interested in a specific aspect of new specification? 	 set up a Facebook
Which aspects are you likely to need support for?	page.
Who would you like to work with?	
How would you like to share resources? Hub Facebook Dropbox	
Any other comments – support this region?	
How can we report to SACREs and WASACRE? (Summer meeting in Wrecsam).	BJ, LJ, PL will:
Libby, Phil and Bethan will update their SACREs each term.	 update their
• Could one of the lead practioners give a presentation to the WASACRE meeting at Wrecsam?	SACREs.
	One of the lead
	practioners:
	to present to the WASACRE meeting Wasacana late
	in Wrecsam – late June 2016.
What's happening in other consortias?	Mefys will:
GwE is the only consortia that has details of lead practioners on their website.	forward email (from
WG states that all consortias have received money to support roll out of GCSE.	PM) regarding othe
ERW – have picked up on this and have recently sent an enquiry to Mefys Jones.	lead practioners in other consortia.
Meeting ended at 11.15am	
	7.09. 2016

Arwyddwyd	Bethan James	Dyddiad	27.09. 2016
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