



Gwasanaeth Effeithiolrwydd a  
Gwella Ysgolion Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru

Regional School Effectiveness &  
Improvement Service for North Wales

# GwE Bulletin

## Professional Teaching Awards Cymru – Nominations Are Now Open!

The Professional Teaching Awards Cymru are back for 2019!

If you're a teacher, student, parent, employer or colleague and know someone that would be worthy of a Professional Teaching Award you have until **midnight on 30 November 2018** to make a nomination online [here](#).

## National Reading and Numeracy [Reasoning] Test Ordering System [IMPORTANT!]

Schools can order test papers from **22 OCTOBER 2018 to 23 NOVEMBER 2018** through the [National Reading and Numeracy Tests Ordering System](#) [external link].

## Introduction of Personalised Assessments ★NEW★

Welsh Government is phasing in new online personalised assessments from this academic year, and they will replace the paper-based National Reading and Numeracy Tests over a period of three years. [Continue reading here...](#)

## Hywel Roberts – Adventures in Learning: Rich Curriculum and the Pedagogy of Poverty

**TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2018 – FAENOL FAWR HOTEL, BODELWYDDAN**

A day with Hywel Roberts, author of Adventures in Learning.

Further information available [here](#).

To book a place email [morgancordiner@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:morgancordiner@gwegogledd.cymru) before 15 November 2018

## GwE Offer on G6

As you know, the GwE Offer, which includes all the details of the professional development training that GwE offers over the next year, is now live on G6 [\[https://g6.gwegogledd.cymru\]](https://g6.gwegogledd.cymru).

**To register to attend the training listed, all of your schools' staff will need to create a personal account on the G6.**

This can be done by following [this link](#) and clicking on the 'Register Now' button. Please see the manuals [here](#).

TRAINING	DATE	VENUE
TA: Practising [Cohort A - WELSH MEDIUM - Beaufort Park]	14/11/2018	Beaufort Park, Mold
TA: Practising [Cohort A - ENGLISH MEDIUM - Beaufort Park]	14/11/2018	Beaufort Park, Mold
Foundation to Drawing and Talking Therapy Training	14/11/2018	Tŷ Menai, Bangor

TA: Aspiring HLTA Programme [Bangor]	15/11/2018	Tŷ Menai, Bangor
TA: Aspiring HLTA Programme [Mold]	15/11/2018	Linden House, Mold
Secondary Science: How We Learn	15/11/2018	Venue Cymru, Llandudno
Engaging underachieving groups of learners in mathematics using iZak9	19/11/2018	Conwy Business Centre
Digital Storytelling and Film Making [Welsh, Plas Menai]	20/11/2018	Plas Menai, Caernarfon
TA: Practising [Cohort B - ENGLISH MEDIUM - Bangor]	20/11/2018	Tŷ Menai, Bangor
TA: Practising [Cohort B - WELSH MEDIUM - Bangor]	20/11/2018	Tŷ Menai, Bangor
Trauma Informed Shools [Colwyn Bay - BILINGUAL SESSIONS]	21/11/2018	Porth Eirias, Colwyn Bay
Digital Storytelling & Film Making [Eng, St Asaph]	22/11/2018	OpTIC, St Asaph
TA: Practising [Cohort C - WELSH MEDIUM - St Asaph]	22/11/2018	OpTIC, St Asaph
TA: Practising [Cohort C - ENGLISH MEDIUM - St Asaph]	22/11/2018	OpTIC, St Asaph
Teaching GCSE Mathematics - MEI	28/11/2018	Ysgol John Bright, Llandudno
Cracking the Code – Further Adventures with Crumble [Primary – English Medium – Mold]	28/11/2018	GwE, Linden House, Mold
Unearthing Training for Schools	04/12/2018	Tŷ Menai, Bangor
Cracking the Code – Primary [ Bilingual – Caernarfon]	04/12/2018	GwE, Penrallt, Caernarfon
Cracking the Code – Further Adventures with Crumble [Primary – Bilingual – Bangor]	06/12/2018	Tŷ Menai, Bangor
Diminishing the Disadvantage in Science	06/12/2018	Venue Cymru, Llandudno
Developing a robust self-evaluation system to plan for improvement [Welsh, Llanrwst]	12/12/2018	Glasdir, Llanrwst

## GwE Development Programmes

### MLDP [Cohort 8 – Welsh] – Day 3 ★NEW★

#### DAY 3 DATE CHANGED

Day 3 will now be held on Thursday, 6 December 2018.

### Advancing Learning in Literacy & Numeracy at KS2 – CANCELLED ★NEW★

TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2018 – Tŷ MENAI, BANGOR

WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2018 – THE ORIEL HOTEL, ST ASAPH

Please note that these events have now been cancelled.

### Cracking the Code Event ★NEW★

#### CRACKING THE CODE – FURTHER ADVENTURES WITH CRUMBLE [PRIMARY]

- Wednesday, 28 November 2018 – 9:00am-3:00pm – GwE Offices, Linden House, Mold [English Medium]
- Thursday, 6 December 2018 – 9:00am-3:00pm – Tŷ Menai, Bangor [Bilingual]

#### CRACKING THE CODE [PRIMARY]

- Tuesday, 4 December 2018 – 9:00am-3:00pm – GwE Offices, Penrallt, Caernarfon

REGISTER THROUGH G6

## Primary Action Research – Engaging Underachieving Groups of Learners in Mathematics

### Using IZak9

MONDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2018 – CONWY BUSINESS CENTRE, LLANDUDNO JUNCTION

Applications are welcomed from KS2 teachers to participate in an exciting project using the commercial resource IZak9 to develop pupil's fluency in number, problem solving skills and reasoning ability in an innovative and collaborative approach. Further information is available [here](#).

REGISTER THROUGH G6.

## Opportunities with GwE

### Supporting Improvement Adviser – STEM [Secondary] [Full Time] – Second

#### Advertisement ★NEW★

Secondment or an opportunity for an initial one year temporary contract with the possibility for an extension. There is flexibility to discuss and negotiate the length of the secondment within the project, 1 – 3 ½ years. Local Government Terms and Conditions will apply.

**JOB ADVERT – SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENT ADVISER – STEM [SECONDARY] [FULL TIME]**

**JOB DESCRIPTION – SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENT ADVISER – STEM [SECONDARY] [FULL TIME]**

Application letters including your CV are invited by 10:00AM, THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2018 to [anwengwilym@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:anwengwilym@gwegogledd.cymru)

For an informal discussion about the post please contact Alwyn Jones, Assistant Director on 0300 500 8087 or e-mail [alwynjones@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:alwynjones@gwegogledd.cymru)

#### Digital Leaders ★NEW★

Secondment [15 days over 2 terms – to start January 2019] - £4,750 to each school.

GwE is eager to receive applications from enthusiastic practitioners with a thorough understanding of digital learning techniques, and who have experience of leading digital competency developments at a school level.

The Governing Body must agree to this before you apply.

**JOB ADVERT – DIGITAL LEADERS**

**JOB DESCRIPTION – DIGITAL LEADERS**

Application letters are invited by 12:00pm, Monday, 26 November 2018 to [anwengwilym@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:anwengwilym@gwegogledd.cymru)

For an informal discussion, please contact Gwion Clarke – Strategic Digital Lead on 07929 375819 or by e-mail to [gwionclarke@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:gwionclarke@gwegogledd.cymru)

### Translator [Temporary] ★NEW★

TEMPORARY – UNTIL 31/08/2019] [FULL TIME – BUT WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS TO WORK PART TIME OR JOB SHARING]

The ability to communicate fluently in Welsh and English is essential for this post.

**JOB ADVERT – TRANSLATOR [TEMPORARY]**

**JOB DESCRIPTION – TRANSLATOR [TEMPORARY]**

**CLOSING DATE: 10:00AM, THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2018**

For an informal discussion about the post, please contact Sion Wyn Evans, GwE Business Manager [Interim] on 0300 500 8087 or by e-mail to [sionwynevens@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:sionwynevens@gwegogledd.cymru)

For further details and an application form, please go to [www.gwynedd.gov.uk](http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk) or contact 01286 679076.

### Supporting Improvement Adviser – ALN Reform – Lead – Foundation Phase [Full Time] [Second Advertisement]

FULL TIME SECONDMENT – UNTIL 31/03/2020

**JOB ADVERT – SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENT ADVISER – ALN REFORM – LEAD – FOUNDATION PHASE [SECOND ADVERTISEMENT]**

**JOB DESCRIPTION – SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENT ADVISER – ALN REFORM – LEAD FOUNDATION PHASE [SECOND ADVERTISEMENT]**

Application letters are invited by 10:00AM, MONDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2018 to [sionwynevens@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:sionwynevens@gwegogledd.cymru)

For an informal discussion, please contact Margaret Davies, Additional Learning Needs Transformation Lead North Wales Region on [01824] 708031 or by e-mail to [margaret.davies@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:margaret.davies@denbighshire.gov.uk)

# Primary Training Events

## Foundation Phase Termly Network Meetings

**FOR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAMS, TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

Local, regional and national issues regarding foundation phase will be discussed and a 'good practice' case study will be delivered.

Dates and venues of the Autumn Term Meetings are available [here](#).

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE PARKING MAP FOR [LINDEN HOUSE, MOLD](#) AND [BRYN EIRIAS, COLWYN BAY](#).**

## Developing Digital Citizenship

GwE are pleased to be able to offer free training with Dr Sangeet Bhullar from Wise Kids to primary teachers from the region. The session will focus on practical methods to develop understanding of digital citizenship and learners' well-being. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

# Secondary Events

## PISA 2018

This important study is taking place this term in schools across the UK. The Programme for International Student Assessment [PISA] is the world's largest international education study, involving over 80 countries.

[Continue reading here...](#)

## 'Digital Citizenship' Training Workshop for Secondary Pupils & Teachers

GwE and Wise Kids are inviting groups of up to five (*1 teacher and 4 pupils*) to participate in a practical workshop led by Dr Sangeet Bhullar. The workshop will have the themes of Promoting Digital Citizenship, Digital Competence and Digital Wellbeing, and aims to help schools by working with young people to develop their knowledge, understanding, and digital competence and to use online technologies effectively, kindly and responsibly. There are spaces for 8 schools to participate on a first come first served basis - click [here](#) to read more and to register.

## Welsh Government Regional Engagement Workshop on Consistent Performance Measures Post-16

All schools with Sixth Forms are requested to send a representative to the Welsh Government Regional Engagement Workshop on Consistent Performance Measures Post -16 at Glasdir on Friday 30 November. To reserve a place, please contact Eirian Harris via e-mail – [eirianharris@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:eirianharris@gwegogledd.cymru)

## Teaching GCSE Mathematics

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS OF KEY STAGE 3 AND 4 MATHEMATICS**

GwE are offering full funding to eligible participants, subject to full attendance.

Click [here](#) for further information or contact [delythellis@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:delythellis@gwegogledd.cymru).

# Conferences and Opportunities by Others

## 2 Conferences by Bangor University:

### Welsh in Education and Bilingualism

**THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2018 – ENGLISH-MEDIUM FOR ENGLISH SCHOOLS – BEAUFORT PARK HOTEL, MOLD**

Following the response of 160 headteachers or members of the senior management team to the Welsh Language Skills Survey stating that they would appreciate the "Welsh language refresher session," Bangor University is offering a conference that will set the Welsh language context to achieve the Welsh Government's vision and offer a comprehensive overview of bilingualism.

Register through G6.

## **Annual National Headteacher Conference 2018 – Launch of the National Model for Professional Learning Wales**

**THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2018 – BANGOR UNIVERSITY**

The conference will focus on the new National Professional Learning Model, and what it means for headteachers and teachers across Wales.

**Click [here](#)** for further information. To register, follow [this link](#).

## **Miscellaneous Information and Surveys**

### **Welsh Youth Parliament ★NEW★**

#### **POLLS OPEN FOR FIRST EVER WELSH YOUTH PARLIAMENT ELECTION**

Polls for the first ever Welsh Youth Parliament election and young people across Wales are now open and young people across Wales are being encouraged to cast their vote to choose their local representative.

All the candidates have posted their details on the [Welsh Youth Parliament website](#).

### **Welsh Education Consortia Endorsed by New Academy to Deliver First National School Leadership Programme ★NEW★**

The recent national day for the Newly Appointed and Acting Headteachers Leadership Development Programme, which included keynote inspirational speaker Sir John Jones, was the culmination of a term of firsts for the Welsh education consortia. This is the first national leadership development programme resulting from a collaboration of all four consortia, the first to successfully achieve programme validation through Accreditation Partners Bangor University and Yr Athrofa [University of Trinity Saint David] and the very first to be successfully endorsed by the recently established National Academy for Educational Leadership [NEAL].

**Continue reading...**



Left to right: Tom Fanning [ERW] / Marc Berw Hughes [GwE] / Jenny Hillier [CSC] / Deb Woodward [EAS] / Sir John Jones / Anna Brychan [CSC] / Rhys Howard Hughes [GwE] / Richard Carbis [CSC] / Huw Foster Evans [CEO NAEL]

### **Mantle of the Expert Open Day – Ysgol Cae'r Nant**

★NEW★

**YSGOL CAE'R NANT, CONNAH'S QUAY, FLINTSHIRE – WENESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2018**

For those considering undertaking the MOE pedagogy, this is an opportunity to see MOE in practice.

Further information available [here](#).

Places are limited and should be reserved through contacting

**[Karen.roberts@ycn.flintshire.sch.uk](mailto:Karen.roberts@ycn.flintshire.sch.uk)**

### **Parenting. Give it Time Campaign ★NEW★**

**Click [here](#)** to view the 'Parenting. Give it time' campaign advert.

You can learn more about encouraging positive behaviour and supporting your child's development, hearing from other families and their experiences – visit <http://gov.wales/giveittime>

### **National Categorisation 2018-2019**

The National Categorisation process will continue for 2018-2019. This [supplementary guidance](#) provides schools, consortia and supporting improvement advisers with advice concerning how the judgement relating to the improvement capacity and the decision relating to the support category should be applied, in cases where contextual and other factors may need to be considered.

**Click [here](#)** to view the timetable.

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