



Tuag at Ragoriaeth
Towards Excellence

GwE Bulletin

Peer Engagement Pilot Programme

On 22 January 2019 at Venue Cymru, Llandudno, we undertook the first steps of a consultation process with Headteacher representation around the various aspects of the National Reform Journey. This included consultation on developing a regional framework for peer-to-peer engagement and support. GwE and the six regional local authorities want to work with schools to establish a regional peer engagement model which fully reflects the principles and values that have been identified by Headteachers.

We invite expressions of interest from groups of schools to participate in a peer engagement pilot programme (see [this](#) paper for further information).

The completed [Expression of Interest Template](#) should be completed and returned to Anwen Gwilym (anwengwilym@gwegogledd.cymru) by **Tuesday, 19 March, 2019**.

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

National Tests 2019

National Test Disapplication Deadline

The deadline for requesting disapplication for any child unable to access the National Tests 2019, is **FRIDAY, 22 MARCH 2019**.

Please can you ensure that you have contacted Manon Davies / Vicky Lees via profion@gwegogledd.cymru / tests@gwegogledd.cymru in order to arrange this.

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>).

To register to attend the training listed, all school 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
2C Induction NQT [Plas Menai]	13/03/2019	Plas Menai, Caernarfon
Science – Challenging the More Able [Secondary – English – Ysgol Friars, Bangor]	13/03/2019	Ysgol Friars, Bangor
2C Induction NQT [Wrexham]	14/03/2019	Catrin Finch Centre, Wrexham
Google for Education – First Steps with G-Suite [Welsh – Plas Menai]	15/03/2019	Plas Menai, Caernarfon
Google for Education – First Steps with G-Suite [Welsh – Conwy Council Offices]	18/03/2019	Conwy Council Office, Coed Pella
Conwy and Denbighshire Numeracy Coordinators Meeting [SECONDARY] – Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan	19/03/2019	Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan, Abergele
Developing KS3 Schemes of Work to meet the statutory requirements [Welsh, Llanrwst]	20/03/2019	Glasdir, Llanrwst
Flintshire and Wrexham Numeracy Coordinators Meeting [SECONDARY] – Ysgol Maes Garmon	20/03/2019	Ysgol Maes Garmon, Mold
Learn Welsh Dysgu Cymraeg – Teaching Assistants' Learning Pathway	21/03/2019	OpTIC Centre, St Asaph
Gwynedd and Anglesey Numeracy Coordinators Meeting [Secondary] – Ysgol Eifionydd	21/03/2019	Ysgol Eifionydd, Porthmadog
Secondary Science – Developing Oracy Skills in Science	25/03/2019	Venue Cymru, Llandudno
Science – Engaging Learners [Secondary – Bilingual – Llandudno]	26/03/2019	Venue Cymru, Llandudno
Google for Education – First Steps with G-Suite [English – Conwy Council Offices]	26/03/2019	Conwy Council Office, Coed Pella
Cracking the Code – Teaching Programming with Block Based Coding [English – Mold]	27/03/2019	Linden House, Mold
Google for Education – Moving on with G-Suite [Welsh – Plas Menai]	27/03/2019	Plas Menai, Caernarfon
Cracking the Code – Teaching Programming with Block Based Coding [Bilingual – Caernarfon]	28/03/2019	Penrallt, Caernarfon
Google for Education – First Steps with G-Suite [English – Linden House]	28/03/2019	Linden House, Mold
Shirley Clarke: Conference for Headteachers	29/03/2019	Venue Cymru, Llandudno
APRIL 2019		
2U Induction NQTs [St Asaph]	02/04/2019	OpTIC Centre, St Asaph

2U Induction NQTs [Plas Menai]	03/04/2019	Plas Menai, Caernarfon
Google for Education – Moving on with G-Suite [English - Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold]	03/04/2019	Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold
2U Induction NQTs [Mold]	04/04/2019	Linden House, Mold
Focused KS4 curriculum planning [Welsh - Plas Menai]	10/04/2019	Plas Menai, Caernarfon

GwE Development Programmes

Foundation Phase Network Meetings ★NEW★

Please [click here](#) to view the full list of dates and venues.

Learn Welsh @ Work [Dysgu Cymraeg] ★NEW★

Are you a classroom assistant? Would you like to improve your Welsh language skills?

[Click here](#) for further information.

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Aspiring Headteacher Development Programme [AHLDP] – English Cohort

IMPORTANT Please note that the 'Day 4' date, for the English cohort, has been changed and will now be held on **TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2019** at the OpTIC, St Asaph.

The Welsh cohort's 'Day 4' remains the same [Thursday, 14 March 2019].

Shirley Clarke: Conference for Headteachers

FRIDAY, 29 MARCH 2019 – 8:50AM-4:00PM – VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO

An opportunity for all Headteachers in the region to receive information directly from Shirley Clarke about research and developments in the Formative Assessment area.

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Welsh Focus Week – St David's School, Saltney ★NEW★

St David's Saltney have had a very exciting week celebrating 'Welsh Focus Week'. With an array of activities taking place in each faculty from daffodil dissection in Science, designing Welsh flags, composing music in a ukulele workshop with Huw Owen, performance by actor Llion Williams presenting Taith yr Iaith as well as a session in Welsh with the pioneering beatboxer MrPhormula.

Remember to watch HENO on S4C 7pm tonight to follow St David's pupils participating in all activities for Welsh Focus Week.



EVENTS ARRANGED BY WELSH GOVERNMENT

National Headteacher Conference [PRIMARY] – WELSH GOVERNMENT

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2019 – VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO

Headteachers are reminded about the Welsh Government's Primary Schools Headteacher Conference that takes place tomorrow [Wednesday, 13 March 2019] at Venue Cymru, Llandudno. Further information available [here](#).

Evaluation and Improvement Arrangements ★NEW★

The documents below were published a couple of weeks ago and are a focus for the primary and secondary conferences held this month. Please click on the links below:

- [Draft evaluation and improvement \[accountability\] arrangements for Wales](#)
- [Draft evaluation and improvement \[accountability\] arrangements for Wales: Overview of arrangements](#)
- [Draft evaluation and improvement \[accountability\] arrangements for Wales: Key planning milestones for schools to 2022](#)

Anti-Racism Training

FOR EDUCATION PRACTITIONERS IN WALES

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2019 – CATRIN FINCH CENTRE, WREXHAM

Further information available [here](#).



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

National Headteacher Conference, Spring 2019 [SECONDARY] – WELSH

GOVERNMENT

EDUCATION IN WALES: OUR NATIONAL MISSION – THE PLACE OF THE NEW CURRICULUM IN WIDER REFORM

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 20 AND 21 MARCH 2019 – VALE HOTEL, CARDIFF

Further information available [here](#).

Welsh Sabbatical Courses

Welsh in a Year

A course for English-medium **Primary Teachers** who wish to improve their fluency and grammatical accuracy in Welsh and increase their confidence in Welsh in general, and whilst teaching and learning.

[Click here](#) for further information.

Welsh Sabbatical Course [Entry Level] – Denbighshire and Conwy ★NEW★

5 JUNE – 9 JULY 2019 – STATION COURT, STATION ROAD, COLWYN BAY

A course for Welsh Second Language TAs who have a little knowledge of the Welsh language and who want to use more Welsh at school. If you are interested in the course, [click here](#).



Conferences and Opportunities by Others

Please find below details of opportunities that you may find useful for your school. Please note that GwE does not necessarily endorse or quality assure the opportunities below. For any queries, please contact the organisations directly:

WRU Primary Head and Deputy Head Teacher Conference ★NEW★

WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH 2019 – GLYNDŴR UNIVERSITY, WREXHAM

THURSDAY, 28 MARCH 2019 – BANGOR UNIVERSITY, BANGOR

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



Your School Grounds – Techniquet

A 2 day course for primary teachers.

Follow [this link](#) for further information.



Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Event 2019 – NSPCC

MONDAY, 18 MARCH 2019 – CONFERENCE ROOM, COLEG CAMBRIA DEESIDE

Further information regarding this event can be viewed [here](#).



EDAU Events

EDAU are hosting a number of events for teachers in March.

[Click here](#) for further information.



Food Science Summer School – Cardiff Metropolitan University

Cardiff Metropolitan University is hosting a free food science summer school for Year 12 Students.

[Click here](#) for further information.



Graduate Teacher Programmes – CaBan

Further information regarding the Programme that CaBan is offering can be viewed [here](#).



Assistant Director – Policy and Research and Strategic Workforce Planning – National Academy

Further information can be found [here](#).



Miscellaneous Information and Surveys

Nursery Education for 3 and 4 Year Olds in Wales ★NEW★

Recently the Welsh Government has published a **Foundation Phase Nursery guide** for parents and carers.

The guide seeks to inform parents and carers about how and when their child can benefit from Foundation Phase Nursery provision.

The Bilingual Teaching Methods Guide

The Bilingual Teaching Methods Guide that was launched in our Bilingualism Conference last November is now available electronically. For a PDF copy [click here](#), or for an E-book version [click here](#).

Our national mission: A transformational curriculum – Proposals for a new legislative framework

[Click here](#) to read a statement clarifying the Welsh Government's intention for Welsh immersion to continue under the new curriculum arrangements.

Written Statement: Launch of the Public Consultation on the Draft Additional Learning Needs Code

The consultation on the draft ALN Code and proposed regulations is live.

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