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PRESS RELEASE

'ALL EYES ON WALES'



The recent 'All Eyes on Wales' International conference was a resounding success. During the day over 350 joined the suite of workshops live with many being viewed by groups of learners.

There were clear messages and themes running throughout the day regarding Curriculum for Wales especially the four purposes, Schools as Learning Organisations, Leadership and Learner voice.

Our international and key note speakers such as Nick Butter and Jazz Ampaw-Farr spoke highly of current activity in Welsh Education. Miguel Gonzalez from the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change, who spoke at the event, congratulated GwE and North Wales schools for leading the way on the United Nation's 100 Schools Climate Change Challenge.

GwE's Gavin Cass says:

"It was great to have so many incredibly inspiring speakers from all over the globe supporting our event. We have had so many positive messages about the engaging talks. We've already started thinking of how we can plan for the next event.

Joe Carvin, Founder of 'One World' thanked everyone for their contributions:

"It is one thing to present on global competence and quite another to demonstrate global competence. Thank you to GwE for organising the conference; I thought it was terrific. I am looking forward to working with you to re-launch our 100 school challenge in Wales, China, Mexico and the US.

As I reflect on the increased challenges facing humanity today it is really encouraging to me that, as demonstrated by today's event, we can indeed bring leaders of character together – leaders with loving hearts – to help understand and address the challenges faced by humanity."

GwE's Managing Director, Arwyn Thomas added:

"This was the first conference of its kind for us & although it was a virtual conference, the technology allowed us to engage with the audience fluidly, with viewers sending questions and comments to spark and steer discussion between the host and the presenters throughout each session.

It is important to note that the conference didn't cost anything. There were no speaker costs, travel costs or venue costs and even better the carbon footprint for the conference was extremely low.

It was certainly a success and pioneering in many ways & we look forward to building on this in the future."

NOTES:

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GwE is the school improvement service for North Wales. It is a shared service across the six North Wales Local Authorities, working closely with schools. All stakeholders are committed to improving educational opportunities and outcomes for our learners.

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The full programme for the day is available by following this link:

<https://www.gwegogledd.cymru/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/All-Eyes-on-Wales.pdf>

The workshops are available to view again via our GwE website, GwE Youtube Channel & the GwE Twitter feed. The direct links are below:

- Bore / Morning - <https://youtu.be/iKLY21jh6nU>
- Prynawn / Afternoon - <https://youtu.be/IO-RVwvQQ2E>

Key note speaker biographies

Jaz Ampaw Farr

<https://jazampawfarr.com/>

Jaz's determination drove her from appalling abuse at the hands of her own parents to running away from foster care and life as a teen on the streets, to advising governments and inspiring tens of thousands of people around the globe.

As a speaker, Jaz has a disarming ability to captivate her audience and share her story with humour and humility and without anger or bitterness. She invites people into a more authentic narrative around choice and agency, leaving individuals and organisations reporting an increase in determination and productivity.

As a consultant, Jaz and her team walk alongside clients on a transformational journey around leading themselves and others into bravery, increased impact and greater influence.

Rather than resting on past accomplishments, Jaz lives her words, especially around risk-taking and mindset as both her career as a stand-up comedian and in her addiction to appearing on reality TV shows (mercifully now under control at just one every twenty years) attest to.

It would be fair to say that working with Jaz leaves a mark. She gives you the feeling you can do the impossible so that the next time you face adversity and challenge, you'll be ready.

Nick Butter

<https://www.nickbutter.com/>

'RunningTheWorld196'. In 2019 Nick took the title as the first and only person to run a full marathon distance in every country in the world, and did so in just 23 months. 3 marathons in 3 countries, every week, for 96 weeks. Nick is a motivational speaker sharing his experiences with others inspiring them to grasp life's opportunities.

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