



# GwE Bulletin



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## The Reform Journey - Ongoing Support Programme for Schools



GwE is seeking declarations of interest from individuals to contribute to its ongoing support programme for schools in the following areas:

1. Whole school Curriculum Design
2. Unpacking the potential of one of the AOEs
  - Language, Literacy and Communication (both Welsh and English)
  - Mathematics and Numeracy
  - Science and Technology
  - Humanities
  - Health and Wellbeing
  - Expressive Arts
3. Assessment

Individuals will work in partnership with Professor Graham Donaldson, GwE and the six North Wales LAs in developing effective AOLE practice which will help schools on the Reform Journey.

[Click here](#) to read the letter in its entirety.

For more details, watch this video: [Professional Learning opportunity](#)

To declare an interest, please complete [this form](#) by **25 June 2021** detailing which area you would like to support.

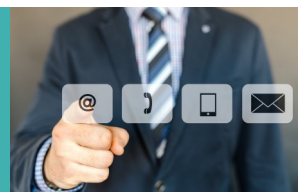
All expressions of interest will need to be supported by the Headteacher.



## Contacting GwE

We're here to help! We're online and available to support schools and governors.

Contact us at [post@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:post@gwegogledd.cymru) and we'll get back to you ASAP.



# Curriculum for Wales Professional Learning Programme

The Professional Learning for Curriculum for Wales Programme resumes this half term. These workshops will be held on a cluster basis and a timetable can be found [here](#).

- Week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Developing Shared Vision
- Week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Planning Curriculum Change Session 2
- Week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Planning Curriculum Change Session 3

The 2 hour sessions will offer regular breakout sessions for discussions and we really hope that you are able to join us and colleagues as we prepare for the new curriculum. You can register for the workshops via [G6](#) where you will receive a Zoom link and the accompanying handbook.



## Webinar: Planning for Curriculum Change - Session 1

Thanks to all who attended the webinar 'Planning for Curriculum Change - Session 1' – follow this link to view the recording: [Welsh webinar](#) | [English webinar](#)

## Webinar: 'Think Pieces' on the Reform Journey

Follow the links below to view the recording of the 'Think Pieces' on the Reform Journey webinar: [Welsh webinar](#) | [English webinar](#)

Follow this link to access the 'Think Pieces': [Welsh](#) | [English](#)



# GwE Professional Offer

Please follow this [link](#) to the GwE Professional Offer for 2020-2021.

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

**To register to attend the training listed, all school staff will need to create a personal account on G6.** This can be done by following [this link](#) and clicking on the 'Register Now' button. Please see the manuals [here](#).

**Please ensure that any bookings are made on G6 at least 48 hours prior to the start date.**

16/06/2021 - 01/07/2021	DATE			MEDIUM
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Caerdybi, Bodedern, Syr Thomas Jones)	16/06/2021	23/06/2021	30/06/2021	Welsh
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Syr Hugh Owen, D. Nantlle)	16/06/2021	23/06/2021	30/06/2021	Welsh
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Bryn Alyn, Clywedog, Rhosnesni)	16/06/2021	23/06/2021	30/06/2021	English
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Rhyl, Prestatyn, Tir Morfa)	16/06/2021	23/06/2021	30/06/2021	English
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Emrys ap Iwan, John Bright, Denbigh High, Plas Brondyffryn)	16/06/2021	23/06/2021	30/06/2021	English
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Tywyn, Bro Idris, Moelwyn, Berwyn, Ardudwy)	17/06/2021	24/06/2021	01/07/2021	Welsh
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Glan y Mor, Botwnnog, Eifionydd, Hafod Lon)	17/06/2021	24/06/2021	01/07/2021	Welsh
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Castell Alun, Connah's Quay, Elfed, Argoed)	17/06/2021	24/06/2021	01/07/2021	English
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Ruabon, Grango, Darland)	17/06/2021	24/06/2021	01/07/2021	English
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (St David's, Holywell, St Richard Gwyn)	17/06/2021	24/06/2021	01/07/2021	English
Developing a Shared Vision and Planning for Curriculum Change Sessions 2 and 3 (Brynhyfryd, Dinas Bran & Ceiriog)	17/06/2021	24/06/2021	01/07/2021	Bilingual (with translation)
The role of the Designated Person for Looked After Children (LAC) (Welsh-medium)	16/06/2021			Welsh
Google for Education	17/06/2021			Bilingual
RADY - Thinking Differently about Disadvantaged Learners	21/06/2021			English
Foundation Phase Network (English-medium)	23/06/2021			English
Foundation Phase Network (Welsh-medium)	24/06/2021			Welsh
Developing Effective Outcomes and Using the Support Sequence (Cohort 8)	01/07/2021			English



# Aspiring HLTA Development Programme

Round 3 of the Aspiring HLTA Development Programme starts in September 2021.

The closing date for applications is **18 June 2021**.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Programme and the application process.

For more details, watch this [video](#).

Newly Appointed  
Teaching Assistants

Practising  
Teaching  
Assistants

Aspiring  
HLTA

HLTA

Specialised  
Teaching  
Assistants

## GwE News and Information

### Remote Instruction in Language and Literacy (RILL)

#### HELP YOUR LEARNERS BECOME MORE FLUENT READERS.

Sign up here for the newly available **bespoke evidence-based supplementary reading and comprehension programme for KS2 learners**, available now for all schools across the region. Designed and delivered in collaboration between GwE and reading experts from the Collaborative Institute for Education Research, Evidence and Impact (CIEREI) and the Miles Dyslexia Centre, Bangor University. Signing up to be part of this programme will give you access to **free resources, full training and follow up support**. Allocation of training places will be based on a first come, first served basis. The first available dates for training are w/b 28 June 2021, so hurry and [click on this link](#) for more information, and/or sign up using the link below.

Help your learners  
become more fluent  
readers



Remote Instruction in  
Language and Literacy  
[www.rillresearch.org](http://www.rillresearch.org)

An evidence-based  
supplementary reading and  
comprehension programme



Targeted, evidence-  
driven package to  
support learners'  
reading development



Training videos and  
how-to guides

Guidance on how to access and use  
resources.



RILL is a complete  
instructional package  
focusing on principles  
of reading and  
comprehension, for in-  
class and/or home  
learning

To support children ages 7-10 years  
old

For more information and to reserve a place on  
our summer or autumn 2021 RILL training,  
scan the QR code or click on the link below:  
<https://sway.office.com/S18AFgMGcP5fLmFE7ref-Link>



### Improving Pupils' Reading Fluency:

#### REPEATED READING AND HIGH FREQUENCY WORD STRATEGIES

These are two evidence informed fluency-building strategies designed and delivered in collaboration between GwE and reading experts from the Collaborative Institute for Education Research, Evidence and Impact (CIEREI), Bangor University to help learners in KS2 and KS3 who already have good decoding skills but need to improve their reading fluency in order to improve their comprehension skills. This is a free resource available to all schools across the region and comes with full training and support, on a first come, first served basis, with training dates available from this term and into the autumn term 2021. Please [click here](#) for more information, and/or sign up using the link below.

Improving pupils'  
reading fluency



Repeated Reading  
and High Frequency  
Word strategies

Evidence-informed fluency  
materials now available in  
English and Welsh



These are evidence-  
informed fluency-building  
techniques to help pupils  
improve English and Welsh  
reading skills. They are  
suitable for learners who  
already have good  
decoding skills but need to  
improve their reading  
fluency



The materials are  
suitable for learners in  
key stage 2 to  
lower key stage 3 and  
have been designed by  
reading researchers and  
specialist authors



GwE will provide  
schools with training  
videos and resources,  
plus implementation  
advice

For more information and to apply, click :

<https://forms.office.com/r/yzNzpyYf6>

Or email:

Dr. Emily Roberts-Tyler

[readingfluency@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:readingfluency@bangor.ac.uk)

### Foundation Phase Network Meeting

#### WHEN?

15:45-16:45 on 23/6 (English session)

15:45-16:45 on 24/6 (Welsh session)

#### FOCUS:

Session to go through the Welsh Government 'Enabling Pathways' consultation document i.e. the period of learning leading up to Progression Step 1 (Curriculum for Wales)

REGISTER THROUGH G6



# Global Futures GwE: International Languages



## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

### CERDD IAITH: CREATIVE APPROACH TO TEACHING LANGUAGES

#### SPANISH / WELSH / ENGLISH

British Council Wales is offering a new round of its very successful training programme to help primary school teachers teach a third language in the classroom. The training will guide teachers through a new, free to use website called Cerdd iaith, which has more than 30 activities using music and drama to teach Welsh and Spanish.

Any non-specialist teacher, with no previous knowledge of Spanish can use the resource and the activities are progressive. The training is also suitable for teachers with some Spanish or music knowledge.

The next training sessions will take place on 22 or 23 June 2021 ( exact date tbc).

For costs, funding, more information and to register for a session, please contact [stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru)

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

The Global Futures GwE team is looking for primary schools aiming to develop their International Languages provision in preparation for the Curriculum for Wales.

We are offering the opportunity for a number of schools in north Wales to get a fully-funded subscription to the Power Language Schools resources.

If you are interested and would like to apply for the fully-funded subscription for one year, contact [stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru) by the 30 June 2021.

### OPEN UNIVERSITY - 2021-2022

We are very fortunate to be able to offer primary teachers the opportunity to learn an international language and be trained to teach languages in primary schools through the Open University.

The course is fully funded by Global Futures GwE.

If you, or one of your colleagues in your school, is interested in registering for this course, contact [stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru)

## Help Your Child to Learn with Mike Gershon

Help Your Child to Learn with Mike Gershon is a series of videos, how to guides and cheat sheets, that unlocks the secrets of learning, giving parents the tools, insights and strategies they need to help their children to learn, grow and flourish, no matter what.

This bilingual resource will be available, free of charge, to all parents of primary aged children across the region. An introductory video and voucher codes are available from your school SIA.

## Help Your Child to Learn with Mike Gershon



Collaborating. Learning. Succeeding.





## The New National Masters in Education

AT BANGOR UNIVERSITY

**75 fully funded places on the new National Masters in Education at Bangor University, starting September 2021; Applications open now.**

Are you interested in being part of the largest investment in teacher early career professional learning by the Welsh Government?  
Are you interested in enhancing your professional knowledge, engaging with research and improving your professional practice as a teacher at Master's level study?

The National MA Education (Wales) is a truly transformative and sector leading programme for early career teachers (years 3-6). We have 75 fully funded places at Bangor University, School of Educational Sciences, with 25 of these ring-fenced for staff in CaBan Bangor ITE / CIEREI partnership schools.

This internationally unique programme has been developed in collaboration with expertise from 7 universities across Wales, and a panel of leading international educational experts. The programme is also the first National Masters programme available fully in both Welsh and English. It is designed to enhance your leadership capabilities, encourage professional autonomy, and improve your professional judgement in all contexts and situations. This practice-focused emphasis will equip education practitioners to act ethically, engage critically with research and practice, work collaboratively and respond innovatively to challenges. Learning will be a fully blended delivery of online synchronous and asynchronous activities, and coursework assignments have been designed to complement the working contexts and schedules of full-time teachers.

For more information regarding programme content, entry requirements and possible financial incentives, please [click here](#).

## Regional School Improvement Consortia News and Information

### National Leadership Focus Week **\*Save the date**

**28 JUNE - 2 JULY 2021 - 09:30-11:30**

Keynote speakers and workshops, highlighting the importance of effective leadership for improving outcomes for learners with opportunities to see what this may look like in practice. Details to follow.



### NQT Induction in Wales is changing...

**EVERY SCHOOL SHOULD BE NQT READY BY SEPTEMBER 2021**

[Click here](#) to see the steps that each School must follow to induct an NQT from September 2021.

For further information, please contact [ieuanjones@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:ieuanjones@gwegogledd.cymru)



## Welsh Government Information and Guidance

### Curriculum and assessment reforms. Survey: preparations for 2022



The Welsh Government has commissioned Arad Research and the Open University in Wales to carry out a survey on the preparations by schools and other settings to implement the curriculum and assessment reforms. The [survey](#) is aimed at head teachers, senior leaders and practitioners in schools and non-maintained settings in Wales delivering education. Responses will be used by Welsh Government to identify the type of support required to ensure schools are ready for the planned roll-out of the Curriculum for Wales from 2022. This is a 10-15 minute survey with a closing date of **16 July 2021**. [Click here](#) to take part.



## Final Report: Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities, Contributions and Cynefin in the New Curriculum Working Group

Professor Charlotte Williams OBE has produced a video following on from the publication of her recent [final report](#).

Link to video [here](#)

## E-sgol Virtual Conference

**\*SAVE THE DATE\***

**WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY 2021**

Learn more about e-sgol, how schools are developing a blended learning approach, MIEE speakers, information about using Google Classroom and Hwb updates.

[Click here](#) for further details.

Ysbrydoli, Ysgogi, Ymgysylltu

Cynhadledd Dysgu Cyfunol

Inspire, Motivate, Engage

Blended Learning Conference

e-sgol

## Consultations on additional Curriculum for Wales guidance

Over the last year, practitioners and other stakeholders have been working to co-construct the specific additions to curriculum guidance signalled in January 2020. Welsh Government has also been preparing draft Codes in line with the requirements of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021.

They invite your feedback on these drafts by **16 July** as part of our ongoing process of co-construction. Your inputs will be used by the practitioner working groups to help refine the drafts, before the Curriculum for Wales guidance is updated online in the autumn. Links to the consultation documents and response forms are listed [here](#).

## Information and Guidance from Others

### SHRN Secondary School Survey Autumn 2021

In the autumn term 2021, your school has the chance to undertake the SHRN survey, at no cost, to get invaluable health and wellbeing data for use in the school's self-evaluation. The data will help to understand the ongoing impacts of Covid 19 and support a range of educational priorities such as the Whole School Approach to Mental Health and Curriculum for Wales.

Virtual events are being run in June to help health and wellbeing leads to prepare. Registration for the survey will be in July.

[Click here](#) for further details.

Any queries? Contact the team at [shrn@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:shrn@cardiff.ac.uk)



### Technocamps Education Conference 2021: In Touch with Digital

**THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2021 - 13:30-18:00 - LIBERTY STADIUM, SWANSEA**

Technocamps is hosting its 2021 Education Conference on Thursday 4 November.

The aim is to bring Wales's digital educators together to share best practice, inform on the newest curriculum changes and promote the available support to them.

The FREE event will be held in-person in the Liberty Stadium in Swansea and live streamed for those who are unable to attend.

Talks will be relevant to both primary and secondary school educators.

[Click here](#) for further information and to register.



## WCLD Seminar Programme Seminars 3 & 4:

### PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING DESIGN - GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND DEFINING CONCEPTS

THURSDAY, 17 JUNE 2021 - 16:00-16:30 AND 16:30-17:00

[REGISTER HERE](#)



#### Agenda / Overview 16:00-16:30

##### General principles of learning design

- Context setting
- Overview of Rosenshine's principles of instruction
- Discussion

#### Agenda / Overview 16:30-17:00

##### Defining concepts

- What is a concept?
- Illustrative examples and non-examples
- Discussion



## UEFA Euro 2020: FAW Welsh Curriculum Resource

Education resources have been produced for Key Stage 2 teachers and pupils. 24 rich learning tasks have been created in line with the six curriculum subject areas. Please follow the links to an [overview](#) and [resource guide](#).

The resources are free of charge, are available in both English and Welsh, and can be found on the HWB digital platform:

English – <https://hwb.gov.wales/playlists/view/4273eea5-d2c4-4c99-b7f8-6c9f91cb7da2/en/1>

Welsh – <https://hwb.gov.wales/playlists/view/4273eea5-d2c4-4c99-b7f8-6c9f91cb7da2/cy/1>



## Free Online Courses for Parents: Final Dates for this Term

### HELP YOUR CHILD WITH READING

Short, online course for parents and carers of Foundation Phase children or children about to start school.

This online course will help parents and carers of early years children become confident in basic techniques and fun activities to encourage their child in learning to read.

Dates and links to register are available [here](#).

Any questions or for a flyer to send to parents e-mail [jane.watkins@adultlearning.wales](mailto:jane.watkins@adultlearning.wales)



# RECOVERY GAMES

A series of workshops that uses creative games as dynamic metaphors to help give an embodied understanding of the Four Pillars of Wellbeing.

These are neuronal circuits in the brain that are the foundation of mental health, and can be strengthened with exercises, just like our physical health.

Learners will be equipped with techniques that can help them develop healthy and creative habits of mind.



THEATR CYNEFIN

- 1 day a week
- for 4 weeks
- Years 9 & 10
- Groups of 15
- Self-Selecting
- Safe Space
- Summer Term 2021
- Funding Available

<https://arts.wales/creative-learning-recovery-fund>

**Deadline: 17th June 2021**

**Contact: [iwan@cynefin.org](mailto:iwan@cynefin.org)**

**Phone: 07961 733708**

Day 1: **Outlook** – Have the Courage to be Happy

Day 2: **Attention** – Keep Your Eye on the Ball

Day 3: **Resilience** – Stand Your Ground

Day 4: **Generosity** – Vulnerability is Your Superpower



## CWRE Consultation

Welsh Government has issued a consultation asking for stakeholders' views on guidance to support schools in designing careers and work related experiences (CWRE) in their curriculum for all learners aged 3 to 16.

### CWRE Consultation

The consultation ends on 16 July, 2021.

To express your views, please follow the link below:

<https://gov.wales/curriculum-wales-guidance-careers-and-work-related-experiences-cwre>

### CWRE Feedback workshops (TEAMS)

Welsh Government is seeking stakeholders to participate in workshops to discuss their views on CWRE. To participate in the workshops, please send an e-mail to: [nick.morgan@miller-research.co.uk](mailto:nick.morgan@miller-research.co.uk)

WORKSHOP	DATE	TARGET GROUP
1	<b>Wednesday</b> 16.06.2021 16:00-17:30	Mainstream and special schools – focus on primary
2	<b>Thursday</b> 17.06.2021 14:00-15:30	Employers, voluntary organisations, community representatives
3	<b>Wednesday</b> 23.06.2021 10:00-11:30	Career specialised practitioners, Local Authority representatives, Regional consortia and others
4	<b>Thursday</b> 01.07.2021 16:00-17:30	Mainstream and special schools – focus on secondary
5	<b>Tuesday</b> 06.07.2021 14:00-15:30	Mainstream and special schools - focus on PRUs and other EOTAS providers
6	<b>Thursday</b> 08.07.2021 16:00-17:30	All target groups – CATCH ALL session

## Bacc / SCC - New Resources

The first of our #ProfessionalLearning resources to support the teaching of citizenship and politics education. [Click here.](#)

Interactive activities, videos, animations and lots more new Global Citizenship and Politics resources to support the teaching and learning of the National/Foundation Skills Challenge Certificate. Further information available [here](#).

## 'Y Silff Lyfrau' Launch

'Y Silff Lyfrau' is about to be launched! A website filled with original, current and interactive resources to promote reading skills at KS3 (First Language) – an endless bookshelf of new ideas! Join us at 9:30am Wednesday, 30 June – please register [HERE](#).



## Leadership Unlocked

**FRIDAY, 18 JUNE - 09:30-11:30 | FRIDAY, 25 JUNE - 09:30-11:30 | FRIDAY, 2 JULY - 09:30-11:30**

Join us for the National Academy for Educational Leadership Wales' next Leadership Unlocked webinar series. This professional learning programme will explore leadership in Wales and its educational context. Each webinar will be guided by a notable guest speaker including: Cerys Furlong (Chief Executive of Chwarae Teg), Professor Damian Hughes (Professor of Organisational Psychology and Change for Manchester Metropolitan University) and Dai Rees (Performance & Strategic Leader).

Free, registration essential - <https://nael.cymru/events/>





# Transforming Relationships and Sexuality Education

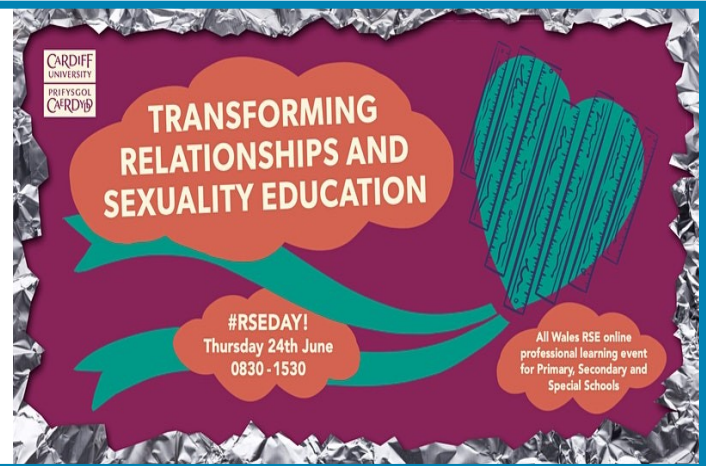
ALL WALES ONLINE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EVENT FOR PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS

📅 THURSDAY, 24 JUNE 2021 🕒 08:30-15:30

RSE in Wales is changing. Rights, Equity, Inclusion and Empowerment will be central to statutory curriculum design and provision. To find out more and learn how to build high quality RSE, join us at this one day conference for primary, secondary and special schools.

[Click here](#) for further information.

To register, follow [this link](#).



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