



GwE GwE Bulletin



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TEDx GwE



We are excited to invite you to be part of our TEDxGWE event for TED COUNTDOWN in partnership with Wrexham Glyndwr University, Natural Resources Wales, RENEW Wales and other strategic partners.

A TEDx is a showcase event for speakers presenting great, well-informed ideas. The difference for our event is that the speakers will be our young people. Our goal is to bring pupils of all ages together to talk about the Climate Crisis and generate ideas that will make a huge difference.

We are hoping to showcase young people's ideas and issues from across the region talking about new and innovative projects that they have thought about to help combat the climate crisis. We hope this platform will help them to be heard and make leaders from across public, private and third sectors and communities sit up and take notice. We believe that our young people have the potential to inspire others and provoke conversations that matter. Wales is the first country in the world to legislate for sustainable development with the ground breaking Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. We want to build on this and the opportunity to make a long lasting, positive change to current and future generations with young people at the heart of driving these changes.

If you would like to be involved, here are two things you need to do:

1. [Follow the link](#) to register an interest. We will then send you a link to a resource pack of ideas
2. Send a 60 second video from pupils on Flipgrid (link will be available in the resource pack) with your idea, issues or focus and what your ask is of decision makers, leaders and the communities of North Wales. This can be groups and individuals of any age.

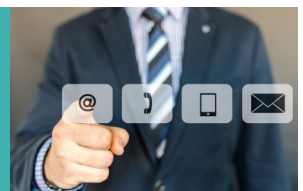
All the videos will be collected for leaders across North Wales to view.

We will host a filmed TEDx event on 1st November at Theatre Clwyd for a number of young people to have a live audience and stage to share their views. We will give support to develop the TED talk with some coaching and public speaking support. We will share the next stage in the process in September.

Contacting GwE

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

Contact us at post@gwegogledd.cymru and we'll get back to you ASAP.



GwE Professional Offer

Coaching Opportunity for NQT Induction Mentors (IM)

We are offering an exciting opportunity for Induction Mentors to engage in coaching training to help them in their role supporting newly qualified teachers.

Experienced IMs with school leadership responsibilities are invited to apply for a **funded place on the National Coaching Programme for Induction Mentors (IM), endorsed by NAEL.**

[Click here](#) for more information about the Programme and how to apply.



National Leadership Development Programmes

We are pleased to share the dates with you for the next cohorts of the National Leadership Development Programmes.

Please note, in particular, the launch on **01/07/2021** of the **Aspiring Headteachers Development Programme – preparing for NPQH.**

This will provide the opportunity for prospective applicants to start on their preparation work. [Click here](#) for more information about the application process. Briefing sessions for prospective applicants will be organised at the beginning of the autumn term and you are strongly advised to attend one of these sessions before applying.

Middle Leadership Development Programme

Applications open	14/09/2021
Deadline for applications	By 1pm on 07/10/2021
Introductory session for successful applicants	w/c 29/11/2021
Programme starts	January 2022
Programme ends	December 2022

Senior Leaders Development Programme

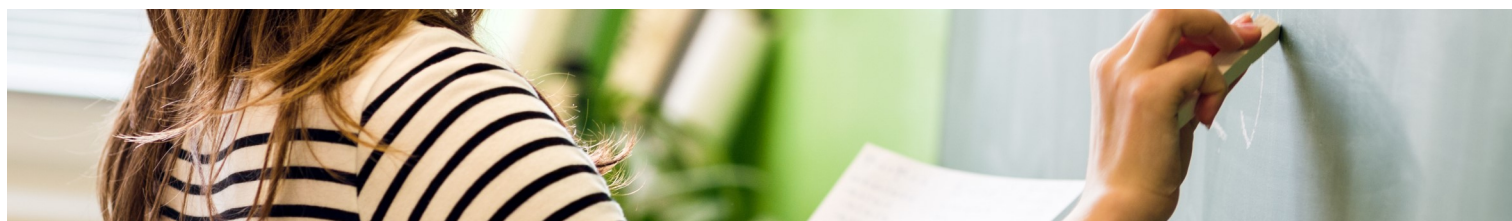
Applications open	21/09/2021
Deadline for applications	by 1pm on 14/10/2021
Introductory session for successful applicants	w/c 29/11/2021
Programme starts	January 2022
Programme ends	December 2022

Aspiring Headteachers Development Programme - Preparing for NPQH

Programme launch	01/07/2021
Briefing sessions for prospective applicants	September 2021
Deadline for applications	by 1pm on 22/10/2021
Programme starts	January 2022
Applications for NPQH Assessment	November 2022
NPQH Assessment Centre	February 2023

An exciting opportunity for new Teaching Assistants!

The **Induction Programme for New Teaching Assistants** is for individuals newly appointed to their role. This national programme will be delivered on a digital platform. Training can be completed at a time convenient to the teaching assistants and their setting. For more information and details of how to register, [click here](#).



Project Officer - Ein Llais Ni

TEMPORARY POST UNTIL OCTOBER 2022

We are keen to appoint an enthusiastic person to join a totally unique scheme to promote our learners' oracy skills in North Wales. The scheme will be an opportunity to reignite and embed speaking and listening skills while designing the curriculum for Curriculum for Wales, taking into account international strategies for teaching and learning oracy. The scheme gives schools an opportunity to work together as an active research team in collaboration with Bangor University and GwE; the work is funded by Welsh Government.

CLOSING DATE: 10.00AM, THURSDAY, 15 JULY 2021

For an informal discussion, please contact Eleri Owen, Project Manager (elerillewelyn@GwEGogledd.Cymru).

For further details and an application form please go to www.gwynedd.gov.uk or contact 01286 679076.



GwE News and Information

Global Futures GwE: International Languages

Global Futures GwE Newsletter:

Welsh: <https://www.gwegogledd.cymru/cefnogaeth-cwricwlwm/ieithoedd-tramor-modern/>

English: <https://www.gwegogledd.cymru/curriculum-support/ieithoedd-tramor-modern/?lang=en>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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

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



Numeracy Work with GwE Schools Published in US Journal

We were delighted to see the outcomes of one of our collaborative school improvement projects published recently. Over recent years, GwE has been working with the Collaborative Institute for Education Research, Evidence and Impact (CIEREI), Bangor University, to help large numbers of GwE schools use a fluency-based mathematics strategy called Say-All-Fast-Minute-Every-Day-Shuffled (SAFMEDS). Dr Kaydee Owen has pioneered this work for GwE over recent years and has provided valuable training and support for many GwE schools - the SAFMEDS strategy now forms a core part of our Accelerating Skills and mathematics support for schools. We were pleased to hear that Kaydee's SAFMEDS research was published last week in the leading US education journal, the *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness*. We'd also like to acknowledge the 63 schools in North Wales that participated in this trial and helped us to identify how we can enhance the quality of ongoing implementation support to improve the outcomes pupils achieve. If you're interested in reading about the work, you can follow [this link](#) to the paper.

Recruiting Assessors from the secondary and special sectors for HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistants)

GwE is seeking secondary and special school practitioners to join the team involved in the Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTA) Assessment Programme.

As an assessor, you will be responsible for undertaking assessments of candidates who have completed the Aspiring HLTA programme and who are going forward for HLTA status assessment.

For more information and details of how to apply, [click here](#).

Join the Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Expert Programme 2021/2022

Are you a teacher striving to find new ways to engage your learners with technology? If you'd like to connect with a global, professional learning community of other educators just like yourself who are constantly pushing the boundaries of what a classroom looks and feels like, Microsoft would love to have you as a part of their Microsoft Innovative Expert community! They are looking for self-driven educators who are passionate about teaching and learning, who inspire learners with creative thinking, and work in a truly collaborative spirit to share their learning with the world.

The closing date for applications for this year's cohort of MIE Experts is on the 15th of July. For more information contact Kellie Goodall at goodallk10@hwbcmru.net or [click here](#) for more 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 with access to asynchronous digital training, followed up by live Q and A sessions, with available dates provided by clicking on [the link to the application forms](#).

<p>Help your learners become more fluent readers</p>	<p>Remote Instruction in Language and Literacy www.rillresearch.org An evidence-based supplementary reading and comprehension programme</p>	<p>Targeted, evidence-driven package to support learners' reading development</p>	<p>Training videos and how-to guides Guidance on how to access and use resources</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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/518AFgMGcPSfLmFE7ref=Link</p>
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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 access to asynchronous digital training, followed up by live Q and A sessions, with available dates provided by clicking on [the link to the application forms](#).

<p>Improving pupils' reading fluency</p>	<p>Repeated Reading and High Frequency Word strategies Evidence-informed fluency materials now available in English and Welsh</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>GwE will provide schools with training videos and resources, plus implementation advice Guidance on how to access and use resources</p>	<p>For more information and to apply, click : https://forms.office.com/r/yzNzpyYf6 Or email: Dr. Emily Roberts-Tyler readingfluency@bangor.ac.uk</p>
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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 is 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.

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Regional School Improvement Consortia News and Information

CONSORTIA GWELLA YSGOLION RHANBARTHOL
REGIONAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT CONSORTIA



Mind Cymru Mental Health & Well-being Partnership Programme

The 4 Regional Education Consortia in collaboration with Mind Cymru are offering a facilitated (both in English and Welsh) virtual professional learning opportunity from September 2021 onwards:

Mental Health Awareness Session – For all clusters across the region

This is a 3-hour session to raise awareness of mental health that will also include a take-away pack delivered in groups of 16 delegates. We are targeting 1 or 2 individuals from every cluster across the region. The session is suitable for all staff within the cluster. However the delegates would become the Well-being Programme Partnership Champions, meeting with the Well-being Team bi-annually and providing a channel for programme developments, communications, resources and sources of support for dissemination to own cluster.

Mind - Managing Mental Health at work and supporting staff

This is a 3-hour facilitated session, plus a learner take-away pack, delivered to groups of 16 delegates in both Welsh & English. This virtual session is targeted at School/Settings Senior Leadership Team Members/GwE and LA. This programme would be subject to evaluation and further cohorts dependent upon initial feedback.

[Click here](#) for further information regarding both sessions.

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



Welsh Government Information and Guidance

Teacher Recruitment Campaign

The 'Discover Teaching' website has been re-branded as 'Educators Wales'. The Welsh Government will run a campaign this summer to promote teaching as a career to teaching assistants, career changers, graduates, students and stay at home parents. This will include television and radio adverts, and social media. Please see www.educators.wales for further information. If you have an inspirational story of how you came in to teaching which you think might be worth sharing through the website then please contact tamasinecroston@gwegogledd.cymru or ceriwilliams3@gwegogledd.cymru



Stay True to Yourself Online

We can all fall in to the trap of comparing our lives to others. Don't be fooled by the filter!

Visit the [Stay true to yourself online page](#) for practitioners, families and young people about self-esteem and social media on 'Keeping safe online'.

It includes:

- information about the benefits and risks of using social media
- the role of social media influencers
- the pressure to fit in online
- top tips for keeping your social media experience positive
- links to resources for further support.

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SECONDMENT: Professional Advisor - Schools and LAs (PISA 2022 National Coordinator)

The Welsh Government wish to make you aware of a new secondment opportunity : Professional Advisor – Schools and LAs (PISA 2022 National Coordinator). The details of the secondment are available [here](#).

They intend to commence the secondment as soon as possible, and for it to run for two years from the date of commencement.

Any colleagues who wish to express an interest in this opportunity should email Huw.Owen@gov.wales, attaching a letter which indicates their interest and sets out their experience and qualification to undertake the role. The letter should be **no more than 500 words**.

The closing date for applications is **5pm on Thursday 15 July 2021**.

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.

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

MA Education Studies (Part Time) Bangor University

A wide range of modules are available for this flexible way of studying for your Masters qualification, including Bilingualism, Counselling, Digital Competence, Teaching Dyslexic Learners, Education Leadership, Behaviour Management, Dyslexia Theory and Mentoring skills, which are studied over five weekends in the academic year.

There is a 'Meet the Tutor' information sharing session on Sunday 19th September at 1pm for anyone interested in attending the course or wanting just to find out more – you are very welcome to attend.

For further information or to register a place on the 'Meet the Tutor' session please contact the course director, Huw Phillips: h.c.phillips@bangor.ac.uk



Welsh Youth Parliament

The second Welsh Youth Parliament election campaign has launched, with voter registration now open for the November elections. The key dates are outlined [here](#).

Over recent months staff from the Senedd's Education and Youth Engagement Team have delivered online engagement sessions to school, colleges and youth groups to help promote the recent Senedd elections, work of the Senedd and Welsh Youth Parliament (WYP). These sessions will continue online but if you wish to discuss the possibility of face to face sessions we would be happy to discuss these with you. Please contact 0300 200 6565 or e mail contact@senedd.cymru for all booking enquiries.

For all further information, please email hello@youthparliament.wales or you can visit the youth parliament website www.youthparliament.wales.



SSCE Cymru Newsletter

The latest SSCE Cymru newsletter is available [here](#).



Acorn Antics

THURSDAY, 08 JULY 2021

Acorn Antics is back and will be open for registrations in September. Natural Resources Wales' (NRW) 'Acorn Antics Masterclass' webinar provides a step by step guide of what you need to do to take part in the 2021 campaign.

Growing native trees from local seed stock helps ensure that planted trees are best suited to local conditions and provide the greatest benefit to local wildlife and woodlands. To make sure Wales has plentiful stocks of these native, local trees, NRW are asking education and learning groups to collect acorns in their local area.

By giving you early warning of what's involved, NRW hopes you'll be able to weave some Acorn Antics into your planning, raise funds for your setting, help preserve this iconic tree species and get your learners learning in, learning about and learning for the natural environment.

Education groups based in Wales or anyone fundraising for their local Wales based education group are welcome to take part in this year's campaign. The webinar will be led by Education, Learning & Skills staff from Natural Resources Wales. Book your place via Tocyn Cymru: [Natural Resources Wales | tocyn.cymru \(beta\)](https://www.naturalresources.wales/tocyn)



Schools Survey - Music Education

The Welsh Government is seeking to develop proposals for music provision, that will build on the findings and recommendations from the 'Arts in Education Review' (2013) 'Hitting the Right Note' report (June 2018), and the 'Music Services Feasibility Study: Final Report' (January 2020). We would value feedback as to how future provision and delivery of music education could best support and impact on learners to access high quality musical experiences and gain the skills to achieve their full potential in the new curriculum. The information collected will be held confidentially by Welsh Government and used to inform proposals for music in education within schools and settings, including option post 16.

Follow [this link](#) to access the survey. The closing date is **16 July 2021**.



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Y Cliciadur / Clic-It Cymru

The latest issue of the bilingual e-Newspaper Y Cliciadur / Clic-It Cymru is available on the HWB website. Please [click here](#).
To help develop Clic-It Cymru, please fill [this questionnaire](#).

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



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](#).

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



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