



# GwE Bulletin



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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.



## Opportunities with GwE

### 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, 16 SEPTEMBER 2021**

For an informal discussion, please contact Eleri Owen, Project Manager ([elerillewelynnowen@GwEGogledd.Cymru](mailto:elerillewelynnowen@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.

### GwE Resources Manager (Second Advertisement)

The successful applicant will lead the work of ensuring that GwE has appropriate procedures and systems to achieve effective financial management. The Resources Manager will be responsible for resource planning and management, implementing change and managing activities. The role also includes ensuring that all financial and procurement regulations are adhered to and agreed business processes are followed to ensure meaningful management information is reported within GwE.

The role will also advise the Senior Leadership Team on issues relating to finance, property, staff, health and safety, and providing a link with Human Resources.

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

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For an informal discussion about the post, please contact Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director on 03005008087 or e-mail [ArwynThomas@GwEGogledd.Cymru](mailto:ArwynThomas@GwEGogledd.Cymru)

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## Supporting Improvement Officer: Secondary English and Literacy

Opportunity for a permanent post or secondment.

Secondment on present terms and conditions – the Governing Body must agree before you apply.

The successful candidate will work as part of a team to support schools across the 3-16 continuum. They will collaborate with schools in supporting all aspects of school improvement including working in partnership with a range of stakeholders.

**CLOSING DATE: 10.00AM, Thursday, 30 September 2021**

For an informal discussion, please contact Elfyn Vaughan Jones, Senior Lead: Secondary (07557759240 / [elfynjones@GwEGogledd.Cymru](mailto:elfynjones@GwEGogledd.Cymru)).

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## National Programmes

### 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 14/09/21 of the **Middle Leadership Development Programme**.

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

If you missed the briefing session for the **Aspiring Headteachers Development Programme – preparing for NPQH**, a recording of the session can be found on the [website](#).

Middle Leadership Development Programme	
Applications open	14/09/21
Deadline for applications	by 1pm on 07/10/21
Introductory session for successful applicants	w/c 29/11/21
Programme starts	January 2022
Programme ends	December 2022

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

Aspiring Headteachers Development Programme – preparing for NPQH	
Programme launch	01/07/21
Briefing sessions for prospective applicants	13/09/21 & 14/09/21
Deadline for applications	by 1pm on 22/10/21
Programme starts	January 2022
Applications for NPQH Assessment	November 2022
NPQH Assessment Centre	February 2023



## NQT Professional Learning Dates 2021-22

Dates have been fixed in September and October for the national briefing sessions for Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs), NQT Induction Mentors and NQT External Verifiers 2021-22. Click [here](#) for further information about how to access the sessions, as well as all the dates.

## 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](#).

## GwE News and Information

### Regional Grants Planning Dashboard 2021/22

The Regional Grants Planning Dashboard for 2021/22 is now available for schools.

To access your dashboard, please follow the [attached guidance](#).

The dashboard includes the 3 main regional grants:

- Education Improvement Grant
- Pupil Development Grant
- Professional Learning Grant

The guidance section is in the process of being updated and will be available as soon as possible.

If you experience any problems, please do not hesitate to contact your Supporting Improvement Adviser or e-mail [grants@GwEGogledd.Cymru](mailto:grants@GwEGogledd.Cymru).



## 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 1 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.



## GwE's Digital Resilience Podcasts

GwE's new podcast is live! The Digital Resilience Podcasts covers topics related to digital safety and wellbeing and gives you the opportunity to learn more about the topics under discussion in an easy and accessible way. Chapters 1 and 2 are now available. Search for 'Digital Resilience' on your usual podcast platforms or [click here](#).

### Episode 1 - Misinformation

Online news, social media and digital platforms have given us easy access to information and instant connection to the world. However, it has also provided an unregulated space where false or misleading information can spread quickly and cause great harm. This is called Misinformation.

### Episode 2 - Staying true to yourself online

Many of us have embraced the rise of social media platforms and this has provided the opportunity to be more connected than ever before. Over 100 million photos are shared on Instagram every day, but given how easy it is to edit photos, sometimes we can feel under pressure to create the best impression of our lives online.



## SAFMEDS Research Work

In the summer term you might recall we included a note about the recent publication of our collaborative SAFMEDS numeracy research. We were delighted to see that this research with schools has since been recognised by a leading university in the United States, Johns Hopkins University, in their bi-monthly roundup of education research around the world. You can read the review in 'Best Evidence in Brief' here:

<https://beibindex.wordpress.com/2021/08/31/the-secret-sauce-of-effective-interventions-ongoing-teacher-coaching/>

Say-All-Fast-Minute-Every-Day-Shuffled (SAFMEDS) is an evidence-informed flashcard strategy which enables learners to practise and assess skills until they reach fluency. With many teachers across North Wales adopting this strategy to improve pupils' numeracy skills, researchers from Bangor University have been working with GwE staff to look at models for professional development opportunities to further improve implementation quality and pupil outcomes. In this randomised controlled trial, we found that a combination of initial training and in-school coaching has a greater impact on pupils' arithmetic fluency than initial training alone. Over the pandemic we have been working to develop additional SAFMEDS resources, including new numeracy cards to support the 4-16 years continuum, online training videos and support guides for parents/carers. These resources are accessible through the GwE resources centre, and further training will be available to schools this year.

## Embedding Trauma and Mental Health- Informed Practice

**WHY YOU SHOULD WORK TOWARDS THE TRAUMA AND MENTAL HEALTH-INFORMED AWARD FOR SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS**

📅 24/09/2021 ⌚ 10:30AM 📺 ZOOM

This 1.5 hour session is aimed at informing Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Local Authority officers and other colleagues who are interested in learning about TISUK's approach to embedding Trauma and Mental Health-informed Practice across their school/organisation and/or may be considering applying for our Trauma and Mental-Healthy Schools award. The aim of the session is to offer an overview of our implementation toolkit, and talk about what it means to have an embedded culture of Trauma-Informed practice. For further information, [click here](#).

## Trauma and Mental Health-Informed Schools

**TRAINING FOR SENIOR LEADS**

📅 13/10/2021 · 14/10/2021 · 01/11/2021 · 05/11/2021 ⌚ 09:30-15:30 📺 ZOOM

This course is designed to support Senior Leads to implement trauma-informed and mentally-healthy practices in their schools and organisations. TISUK recognises the importance of the commitment and determination of Senior Leads to fully embed any approach or cultural change. The course will ensure that Senior Leads have the knowledge, skills and understanding to optimise the well-being of both adults and pupils in their school and drive this crucial cultural change.

Further information available [here](#).



## Two twilight sessions with Shirley Clarke - dates to note

We are delighted to welcome Shirley Clarke back to North Wales to update us and assist us in our work in developing and evolving formative assessment in our schools as part of our preparations for Curriculum for Wales. She will be presenting two twilight sessions before half term which are open to all the region's schools.

**28 September 2021** 3:45 - 5:15 'Formative Assessment 2021'

**12 October 2021** 3:45 - 5:15 - 'Feedback'

Please book your place by registering on G6



## 2021 Baseline Assessment

The Education Minister announced on 6 July that, this year, primary schools will need to undertake the baseline assessment with Reception class pupils within the first 6 weeks of the Autumn Term (see statement [here](#)).

A presentation by GwE's Foundation Phase team, which offers guidance on how to assess pupils against the compact profile, is available within the 'Foundation Phase' page on GwE's Support Centre. This presentation may be useful for teachers new to the Foundation Phase or those administering the assessments for the first time.

<http://cefnogaeth.gwegogledd.cymru/cyfnod-sylfaen-arsylwi-yn-erbyn-y-proffil-cryno/?lang=en>

If teachers have any questions about the assessment, they are welcome to seek advice from:

AnnaHughes@gwegogledd.cymru

GwawrEleriThomas@gwegogledd.cymru

JoanneDavies@gwegogledd.cymru

Although schools are not required to carry out the baseline assessment with Nursery pupils, GwE considers this to be good practice for identifying a child's baseline on entry to school.

## 'Ein Llais Ni'

### AN INNOVATIVE WELSH LANGUAGE ORACY PROJECT IN NORTH WALES 2021-22

We are keen to invite individual schools and clusters of schools to join a unique opportunity to develop and refine practice to promote our learners' oracy skills. It will be an opportunity to reinvigorate and embed listening and speaking skills in the process of planning for the development of Welsh within the Curriculum for Wales whilst considering international oracy teaching and learning strategies. The implementation of the strategies will be supported at every stage of the journey led by an international expert on the promotion of bilingual oracy skills and teaching strategies, Professor Enlli Thomas, Bangor University.

Further information available [here](#), or watch [this video](#).

Complete an [expression of interest form](#) by **Monday, 27 September 2021**.

Please contact [EinLlaisNi@GwEGogledd.Cymru](mailto:EinLlaisNi@GwEGogledd.Cymru) for more information or to discuss the project.



## Global Futures GwE: International Languages

GwE Support Centre - International Languages Primary and Secondary: information, guidance, opportunities and resources.

English: <http://cefnogaeth.gwegogledd.cymru/adnoddau-gwe/pynciau-allgraidd-adnoddau-gwe/?lang=en>

Cymraeg: <http://cefnogaeth.gwegogledd.cymru/adnoddau-gwe/pynciau-allgraidd-adnoddau-gwe/>



### 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 to **get a subscription to the Power Language Schools resources**.

If you are interested and would like to apply for the subscription for one year, contact [stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto: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**.

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)

# Regional School Improvement Consortia News and Information



## Post-16 Leadership Development Programme 2021-2022

Our Post – 16 Learning Development Programme offers the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills to face the challenges of post-16 leadership. For further details and to register [click here](#).

## 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.

### Mind - Managing Mental Health at work and supporting staff

This is a 3-hour facilitated session.

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

## Welsh Government Information and Guidance

### New Masters in Education Programme

[Click here](#) for the latest information on the new Masters in Education programme starting in September 2021.

### Teacher Recruitment Campaign

The 'Discover Teaching' website has been re-branded as 'Educators Wales'. The Welsh Government is running a campaign to promote teaching as a career to teaching assistants, career changers, graduates, students and stay at home parents. Please see [www.educators.wales](http://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](mailto:tamasinecroston@gwegogledd.cymru) or [ceriwilliams3@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:ceriwilliams3@gwegogledd.cymru)

## Information and Guidance from Others

### Children's Festival of Welsh History Programme - September/October 2021

A new website and programme for the 2021 Children's Festival of Welsh History has recently been launched. This year, the festival will offer a wide range of new short films, talks and online workshops over a six-week period in the autumn term.

On the website, you can browse to see all that's on offer, as well as register interest in different sessions - [www.gwylhanes.cymru](http://www.gwylhanes.cymru)



## The Fostering Well-being Programme

Fostering Well-being is a programme that encourages professionals to work together, with a focus on improving well-being outcomes for children and young people.

We are pleased to offer 5 key masterclasses which will be delivered virtually across your region.

[Click here to see what are the main masterclass themes.](#)

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fostering-wellbeingmasterclasses-north-wales-r4-registration-158579225733>

Aimed at: Foster Carers, Social care, Education and Health staff

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Masterclass 1	Masterclass 2	Masterclass 3	Masterclass 4	Masterclass 5
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## Sbarduno Workshops

The [online workshops](#) on offer are suitable for pupils from the Foundation Stage or Key Stage 2 and allow them to participate in an hour-long session of fun and simple experiments and develop skills such as teamwork, working independently and problem solving, as well as learning about day-to-day simple Science.

The cost for an hour-long session is £150 and it's suitable for up to 30 pupils. The workshops take place every Friday, via Microsoft Teams or Google Meet, and you can choose from 3 time slots: 09:30am; 11:00am or 01:15pm.

A list of required resources will be shared with you beforehand, and all the listed items are easily found. With regards to the Colours Workshop, you will receive the filter paper and pipettes in the post.

The [face-to-face workshop](#) is a whole day activity from 09:30-2:30pm for Key Stage 2, and is a half day workshop, 09:30-12:00pm for the Foundation Stage, and suitable for up to 30 pupils. The cost for the face-to-face workshop is £400.

Travelling costs and accommodation (if required) will be extra. All resources required for the experiments will be supplied by Inspire by Sbarduno. Pupils will be allowed to wear laboratory coats to assist with enhancing the Science experiences.

If you would like to book a session for your class or school, all you need to do is send an email:

[claire@sbarduno.com](mailto:claire@sbarduno.com).



## An Opportunity to be Involved: Whole School Equity Project (Wales)

Through a series of free, online CPD sessions in the autumn and spring terms 2021/2022 for primary and secondary school teachers, the WSE (Wales) project will help teachers to identify the barriers that may be limiting their pupils' aspirations and will show how these barriers can be addressed in the classroom and across the whole school.

All sessions will run for 90 minutes after school and there will be some work to do between sessions. It is recommended that two teachers participate from each school so that learning can be shared. Sessions will be presented in English.

Further information available [here](#).

If you are interested in participating, please email Anita Shaw: [anita.shaw@iop.org](mailto:anita.shaw@iop.org)

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## MA Education Studies [Part Time] Bangor University

A wide range of modules are available 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 19/09/2021 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 session please contact the course director, Huw Phillips:

[h.c.phillips@bangor.ac.uk](mailto: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 schools, colleges and youth groups to help promote the recent Senedd elections and the 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](mailto:contact@senedd.cymru) for all booking enquiries.

For all further information, please email [hello@youthparliament.wales](mailto:hello@youthparliament.wales) or you can visit the youth parliament website [www.youthparliament.wales](http://www.youthparliament.wales).

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