



## GwE Bulletin

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## GwE PROFESSIONAL OFFER

### GwE Professional Learning Offer

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Please register via G6.



 Professional Learning Offer – Digital Learning

## NATIONAL PROGRAMMES

### GwE Regional NQT PL in North Wales [Term 2 and 3]

!! NOTE THE VENUE & DATE CHANGES !!

A Regional Programme will be delivered over the next two terms, with sessions starting in **March 2023**.

Full details available [here](#). **REGISTER VIA G6.**

You will need to sign up to the GwE G6 platform to access the regional training [**NOT the national Teams space**]. Details may be found [here](#).

### National HLTA Development Day



09/03/2023



09:15 - 15:15



Venue Cymru, Llandudno

A National HLTA Development Day will be held on 09/03/2023 for teaching assistants holding HLTA status. This is an opportunity to see examples of effective practice in schools across the GwE region.

*There is no fee for attending the event and costs will be reimbursed.*

**Key note speaker:** Nina Jackson, International Education Consultant.

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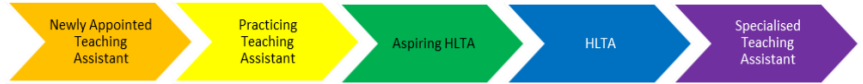
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## Teaching Assistants Learning Pathway

**'PRACTISING TEACHING ASSISTANT'** - a national training programme for teaching assistants with more than two years of experience. *Costs will be reimbursed.*

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

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## 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](#).

## Google Classroom for Teaching Assistants

A bank of resources for the professional development of TAs has been developed, including topics such as: Education Workforce Council – using your Professional Learning Passport; Professional Standards for Assisting Teaching; HLTA Status; Curriculum for Wales; Hwb resources; Learning Welsh ..... and many more.

The code for joining the page is **ghlyepw**, using your Hwb e-mail address. Instructions on how to access the page using your Hwb account can be found here: <https://cutt.ly/Google-Classroom-Instructions-for-TAs>

[Click here](#) for guidance on how to use Google Classroom and here for a [link](#) to a voiceover explaining what's included in the Google Classroom.

## Recruiting Assessors for HLTA Status (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)

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

We are looking specifically for assessors working in Secondary and Special schools, but welcome applications from all sectors.

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](#).

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 16/02/2023**

## GwE NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Drawing and Talking

 **01/03/2023 OR 09/03/2023**  **ONLINE EVENT**

A safe, easy to learn method of working with children, teenagers and young adults, to help underlying emotional difficulties that may be affecting their learning and behaviour. The course will run through the medium of English. **REGISTER VIA G6**



### The Power of Positive Play

 **06/03/2023**  **Plas Menai, Caernarfon**  **13/03/2023**  **Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold**

A full day training for education staff from all settings and working with all ages and abilities. The training focuses on setting up a LEGO® Based Therapy group for pupils with all kinds of social and communication needs. The course will run through the medium of English. **REGISTER VIA G6**



## GwE Post-16 Leadership Conference



📅 03/03/2023 📍 Conwy Business Centre

Details in the [programme](#). Registration open on G6 [closes 24/02/2023].

## GwE Reading Projects



GwE has been working with researchers at the Collaborative Institute for Education Research, Evidence and Impact (CIEREI), Bangor University, to provide support for effective reading instruction in English and Welsh. Please see the structure of this support in a [policy overview for schools](#). Schools are invited to join training for three of these projects:

### [Invitation for schools to access free training and resources for Books Together Book Sharing Programme](#)

Is your school interested in helping parents to support reading at home, using an evidence-informed parent book sharing programme? If so, you may be interested in joining Books Together, a seven-session online programme designed to help parents to share books in an engaging way with learners aged 3-5 years. Researchers at Bangor University are looking for schools to nominate Tas to attend training and participate in a small trial in the summer term. [Further information.](#)

### [Free training for schools to deliver KS2 literacy programme for struggling readers](#)

Is your school interested in an evidence-based reading programme to help struggling readers? Bangor University researchers have been working with GwE schools to design and test a reading programme built around the science of reading. RILL is an 8-week teaching programme designed to help maintain and/or improve reading and spelling skills for children with and without literacy difficulties, and targets core skills for word-level literacy (phonological awareness, vocabulary, word reading and spelling). Teaching resources are available for both Welsh and English learners, and this year we are trialling the development of Welsh-medium resources. [Further information.](#)

### [Are you looking to improve learners' reading fluency skills in English and/or Welsh?](#)

We can now provide training and support to enable schools to use Repeated Reading and High Frequency Word fluency interventions. These are evidence-based fluency-building techniques that can help learners who already have good decoding skills but need to improve their reading fluency. [Click here for more info.](#)

## New Research with GwE Schools Published



***The UK stand together trial: protocol for a multicentre cluster randomised controlled trial to evaluate the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of KiVa to reduce bullying in primary schools***

GwE schools have been working with researchers from four UK universities (Bangor, Oxford, Exeter & Warwick) to evaluate the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the KiVa anti-bullying programme in reducing child reported bullying in primary schools. This is part of GwE's ongoing work with our research partners at CIEREI, Bangor University, to promote the use of more evidence-based approaches in schools. More information on the trial can be found [here](#).

## Literacy and Numeracy Personalised Assessments

**Regional Messages Spring 2023**

[Click here](#) for the latest regional messages regarding the Spring 2023 personalised assessments.

## Resources for Parents and Guardians

### Help Your Child To Learn – PRIMARY / YEARS 7 & 8

A comprehensive course for parents of 5 - 12-year-olds, giving you everything you need to support your child's learning and to help them grow and develop.

**RESOURCES:** [ENGLISH](#) | [CYMRAEG](#)



### Help Your Teen To Learn - YEARS 9, 10 & 11

A comprehensive course for parents of 13 - 16-year-olds, giving you everything you need to support your teen's learning and to help them revise and prepare for exams.

**RESOURCES:** [ENGLISH](#) | [CYMRAEG](#)



**PLEASE ASK YOUR SCHOOL SIA FOR A VOUCHER CODE.**

## Well-being

### Education Support

Do you want to feel reinvigorated, energised and develop in your role?

[Click here](#) to view the fully funded well-being support for school leaders provided by Education Support.

### Diploma in Trauma and Mental Health-Informed Schools and Communities

#### PRACTITIONER STATUS

**GwE 13:**  **April 2023**  **TBC**  [Further information](#)

**GwE 14:**  **June 2023**  **TBC**  [Further information](#)

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## GwE Global Futures: International Languages

**GwE Support Centre - International Languages Primary and Secondary: information, guidance, opportunities and resources:** <http://cefnogaeth.gwegogledd.cymru/adnoddau-gwe/pynciau-allgradd-adnoddau-gwe/?lang=en>

### Newsletters

**English:** [Primary](#) | [Secondary](#) **Cymraeg:** [Cynradd](#) | [Uwchradd](#)

### International Languages Network Meetings – Primary Sector

Opportunity to share ideas, get a little help & training, answer questions & advice, look at the resources that can be used from Power Language. **REGISTER VIA G6.**



Gwynedd / Anglesey 03/03/2023 9:00-12:00 Neuadd Reichel, Bangor University, LL57 2TR

Conwy / Denbighshire **Due to unforeseen circumstances, this meeting has been postponed.**

Flintshire / Wrexham 08/03/2023 13:00-15:30 GwE, Linden House, Mold, CH7 1XP

### Global Futures GwE International Languages

Global Futures GwE is hoping to be able to offer primary & secondary teachers and TAs the unique opportunity to attend a funded 1-week immersion course in France and Spain in 2024.

**Contact** [stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru) **before 14/02/23 for further information**

### Professional Learning: International Languages in the Primary Sector

 **21/03/2023**  **9:00-15:30**  **Venue Cymru, Llandudno**  **Richard Tallaron, Power Language**

Planned in collaboration between our Global Futures GwE team and our partners at Power Language, this day will aim to provide primary school teachers with practical ideas to embed languages effectively in their curriculum through History, Literacy, Science, Storytelling, Expressive Arts, Numeracy and D and T. **Information and registration** [here](#) **by 10/03/23.**

## WELSH EDUCATION CONSORTIA NEWS

## Teaching & Learning to Support Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Learners Programme



The Consortia are delighted to share [the link to the Effective Teaching and Learning to Support Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Learners website](#) which launched this week. All you will need is your Hwb email to register. [Further information available here.](#)

## Well-being Programme Partnership: Well-being Support

[Click this link](#) to access the Consortia's latest Well-being Support Flyer.

## WELSH GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

### National Network Conversation Spring 2023



#### **CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT DESIGN – SUPPORTING CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT IN OUR CURRICULUM FOR WALES CLASSROOMS**

Building on the [21-22 Curriculum Design conversations](#), this National Conversation in Spring 2023 will focus on supporting practitioners and school/setting leaders to reflect on their curriculum and assessment design processes since September 2022. [Full details available here.](#)

#### **CREATING BILINGUAL CITIZENS OF THE FUTURE**

**Passionate about Cymraeg or need some help to improve Cymraeg in your school? Tell us about it.**

Cymraeg belongs to us all, whether we use it with our families, in our communities, in school or sing Yma o Hyd at the football. We want all our learners to feel that Cymraeg is in their blood, regardless of where they live or to which school they go.

To support this, we published the Framework for Welsh in English-medium Education and supporting materials in October 2022. We now need your help to understand how the framework is working day-to-day and what extra support is needed. [Full details available here.](#)

### Child Poverty Strategy Refresh: Engagement Events

Please complete the Smart Survey to express an interest in joining engagement events Spring 2023.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/5V46UJ/>



Tackling child poverty remains a priority for the Welsh Government.

We are refreshing the [Child poverty strategy for Wales: report | GOV.WALES 2015](#).

We're asking you to be part of an important conversation about national priorities for tackling poverty and how these can be delivered in partnership, with local government, public sector and with wider partners.

This is the first phase of engagement work, where we are asking professionals and organisations to provide their views and expertise.

[Written Statement: Publication of the Welsh Government's Child Poverty Progress Report 2022 \(13 December 2022\) | GOV.WALES](#)

[TacklingPovertyAndSupportingFamilies@gov.wales](mailto:TacklingPovertyAndSupportingFamilies@gov.wales)



## Information and Guidance from Others

### Time to Talk Public Health – Invitation to Young People in Schools



Public Health Wales is inviting people aged 16+ from across Wales to join a residents' panel called 'Time to Talk Public Health' which aims to shape public health policy in Wales. [Click here](#) for more information.

Amser i Siarad  
Iechyd Cyhoeddus  
Cymru

Time to Talk  
Public Health  
Wales

### Experiential Learning for Aspiring Leaders Workshop



23/03/2023



Bangor University

Bangor University invites Year 9-11 students to participate in a day of active learning to experience being a leader and managing a team. Each school may bring a maximum of 7 pupils for each workshop.

[Further information and registration details.](#)

### Dydd Miwsig Cymru – Welsh Language Music Day



10/02/2023

Friday, 10/02/2023 is the eighth Dydd Miwsig Cymru – Welsh Language Music Day, so why not join the celebrations with your school?

#### [Tara Bandito Live Session](#)

Time for a disco? Tara Bandito's live session at Ysgol y Berllan will be streamed from 10:30am – [join for FREE!](#)

And for other ways to take part an [activity pack for schools](#) is available on our website.

#### [Miwsig y Siarter Iaith](#)

An hour of Welsh contemporary music every month to support the Siarter Iaith on [BBC Sounds](#).

#### [Y Selar Bach](#)

Read a special edition of Y Selar Bach, for 5 to 9 year olds on [Issuu.com](#).

#### [Dydd Miwsig Cymru Events](#)

Find out more about the Dydd Miwsig Cymru event on the [AM website](#).



### Primary SHRN Survey



For the schools who were unable to attend the Primary SHRN information webinar on 19/01/23, you can access the recording [here](#). Bilingual copies of the slides are available [here](#) and follow [this link](#) to read the invitation letter to take part in the survey.

### National Arts & Education Network (NAEN North Wales)



The NAEN, supported by the WLGA and Arts Council of Wales, is an organisation that seeks to provide training in the expressive arts to education practitioners.

The Network has access to a range of skilled and experienced artists across Wales with a track record of delivering high quality training.

We recognise that education practitioners wish to effectively implement the expressive arts within the new curriculum, but can sometimes lack confidence in particular areas. We have put together a programme of training for 2023 to meet this demand.

[Full details available here.](#) Please contact [enlli@artsed.wales](mailto:enlli@artsed.wales) if you have any questions or queries.

## National Centre for Learning Welsh: Education Portal

The National Centre for Learning Welsh has launched [a new online portal](#) to showcase all that is available to help practitioners find a suitable course. The portal will be kept up-to-date with all the latest courses and resources, including a choice of online self-study courses; community-based courses in both virtual and face-to-face classrooms; and intensive courses, with opportunities available on all learning levels. The portal also offers prospective learners an opportunity to use a new digital resource called the 'Learning Wizard' to help find a course on a suitable level.

These Learn Welsh opportunities are suitable for:

- Qualified teachers in, or searching for, employment
- Newly qualified teachers
- Supply teachers
- Individuals currently training to be qualified teachers
- Teaching assistants currently in employment
- Leaders in education and
- Advisory teachers

[Click here to visit the portal.](#)



**Gweithio ym myd addysg? Eisiau cryfhau eich Cymraeg?**  
Mae'n hawdd dod o hyd i gwrs sy'n addas i chi.

**Mae dewis eang ar gael:**

- Cysiau dysgu dwys, sy'n cael eu darparu trwy amryw o fodelau.
- Cysiau cymunedol mewn dosbarthiadau wyneb-y-wyneb a rithiol.
- Hunan-astudio ar-lein, gan gynnwys cysiau byr a chwrs estynedig ar gyfer dechreuwyr.

Chwiliwch Gweithlu Addysg Dysgu Cymraeg am fwy o fanylion.

**Do you work in education? Interested in learning Welsh?**  
It's easy to find a course that suits you.

**You can choose from:**

- Intensive learning courses, delivered via different models.
- Community-based courses, in both virtual and face-to-face classrooms.
- Online self-study, including short courses and an extended beginners' course.

Just search Education Workforce Learn Welsh to find out more.

[dysgucymraeg.cymru](#)  
[learnwelsh.cymru](#)

[Llywodraeth Cymru](#)  
[Welsh Government](#)

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[Dysgu](#)  
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## BookTrust Cymru: Spring Term News

### Pori Drwy Stori Author and Illustrator Event - Reception Classes

📅 06/03/23 🖥️ ONLINE EVENT

An online Author and Illustrator event on 06/03/23 for Reception classes, with the Author and Illustrator of The Bear and Her Book (Yr Arth a'i Llyfr Arbennig). The author Frances Tosdevin will be reading The Bear and Her Book; the illustrator Sophia O'Connor will be doing a draw-along and they will answer some of your questions.

[Register here.](#)

**BookTrust Cymru** ★  
**Amser Rhigwm Mawr Cymru** ★  
**Big Welsh Rhyme Time** ★

## MA Education [Wales]

Bangor University has a fully funded MA in Education for teachers as part of their professional learning entitlement.

Funded places are limited, and criteria apply. You can find more details about this [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Kaydee Owen (E-mail: [kaydee.owen@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:kaydee.owen@bangor.ac.uk)).



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