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SAVE THE DATE: Curriculum for Wales Marketplace



22/06/2023



Venue Cymru, Llandudno

A brief memo to inform you that we will be organising a ‘Curriculum for Wales Marketplace’ for regional school leaders on **22/06/2023 at Venue Cymru, Llandudno**. This will be an opportunity to share and celebrate Curriculum for Wales developments, with the aim to share emerging practice across the AoLEs. Agenda and registration details will be forwarded as soon as possible.



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Professional Learning Offer – Digital Learning

Event	Venue	Date	Medium	Register
Mike Gershon Teaching and Learning (E)	Reichel Main Hall, Bangor University	03/05/2023	English	Register
Mike Gershon Teaching and Learning (E)	White House, Rhualt	04/05/2023	English	Register
Mike Gershon Teaching and Learning (E)	Beaufort Park, Mold	05/05/2023	English	Register
NQT: Formative Assessment in the Classroom	Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction	18/05/2023	English	G6
NQT: Formative Assessment in the Classroom	Plas Menai, Caernarfon	19/05/2023	Cymraeg	G6
Gwynedd Evaluation and SDP Workshop	Porthmadog Football Club	23/05/2023	Cymraeg	Register
NQT Training Special Schools	Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction	09/06/2023	English	Register
On-Entry Assessment	Plas Menai, Caernarfon	13/06/2023	Cymraeg	Register
On-Entry Assessment	Porthmadog Football Club	14/06/2023	Cymraeg	Register
On-Entry Assessment	Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction	19/06/2023	Cymraeg	Register
On-Entry Assessment	Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction	19/06/2023	English	Register
On-Entry Assessment	Beaufort Park, Mold	20/06/2023	English	Register
On-Entry Assessment	Beaufort Park, Mold	20/06/2023	Cymraeg	Register



EVENTS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

EVENT	VENUE	DATE	MEDIUM
3 Purposes of Assessment	Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction	27/04/2023	Cymraeg
Expressive Arts 3-8: Teachers [First Session]	Plas Menai, Caernarfon	27/04/2023	Cymraeg
3 Purposes of Assessment	Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction	28/04/2023	English
Expressive Arts 3-8: Teachers [First Session]	Dolgellau Rugby Club	03/05/2023	Cymraeg
Mike Gershon Teaching and Learning (E)	Neuadd Reichel, Bangor University	03/05/2023	English
Mike Gershon Teaching and Learning (E)	White House, Rhualt	04/05/2023	English
Mike Gershon Teaching and Learning (E)	Gwesty'r Beaufort, Mold	05/05/2023	English

NATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Aspiring HLTA Development Programme

Cylch 7 of the Aspiring HLTA Development Programme starts in September 2023.

The closing date for applications is **19/06/2023**.

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



Teaching Assistants Learning Pathway



'**PRACTISING TEACHING ASSISTANTS**' - a national training programme for teaching assistants with more than two years of experience. *Costs will be reimbursed.* For further information, [click here](#).

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, including: Professional Learning Passport; Professional Standards for Assisting Teaching; HLTA Status; Curriculum for Wales; Hwb resources; Learning Welsh.

The code for joining the page is **ghlyepw**, using your Hwb e-mail address. Follow this link for instructions on how to access the page : <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.

GwE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Mike Gershon – Teaching and Learning to Support Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Learners









Commissioned by the Consortia, for the exclusive use of all schools and settings in Wales, Supporting Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Learners Through Effective Teaching Learning is a bespoke, comprehensive professional support programme, drawing together evidence based strategies that will help you enhance and embed effective classroom practice. [Click here](#) for further information, dates and registration details.

Personalised Assessments – Regional Messages

[Click here](#) for the latest information and case studies.

'Religion, Values and Ethics':

MAKING SENSE OF AN AGREED SYLLABUS, THE WELSH GOVERNMENT'S GUIDANCE FOR RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS AND THE HUMANITIES AoL.

	Welsh-medium		18/05/2023		9:30-12:00		Virtual Meeting
	English-medium		18/05/2023		13:00-15:30		Virtual Meeting

Audience:

Teachers responsible for designing the RVE aspect of the curriculum. Primary, Secondary, Special and PRUs.

Purpose:

Religion, Values and Ethics is a mandatory element of the Curriculum for Wales. Schools, no matter their religious character, must have regard to an Agreed Syllabus and the Religion, Values and Ethics Guidance. This training will support teachers to develop their understanding of the main aspects of an Agreed Syllabus and the Guidance.

Please register for the course using [this link](#).



Summer Term Network for Practitioners of the 3-8 age range



The network focus will be on:

- Developing pre-reading skills, early reading skills, as well as higher order reading skills.
- Sharing ideas on developing reading skills within provision areas, both indoors and outdoors, and across all areas of learning and experiences.
- Case study on one school's journey to developing reading skills within their setting

[Dates and venues available here.](#)

Do you want to Register: Sabbatical Courses



Welsh in a Year course – September 2023-July 2024 – aimed at English-medium primary school teachers.

Develops teachers' personal language skills as well as enabling them to raise Welsh standards throughout the school.

[Click here for further information.](#)

New research with GwE schools published – Assessing the range and evidence base of interventions in a cluster of schools

GwE is delighted to see the outputs of one of our collaborative research projects recently published in a peer reviewed journal, 'Review of Education' and in the British Educational Research Association (BERA) blog. This work was carried out with researchers from the Collaborative Institute for Education Research, Evidence and Impact (CIEREI), Bangor University as part of GwE's ongoing initiatives to focus policy and practice on more evidence-informed approaches. [Click here for further information.](#)

GwE Reading Projects

GwE has been working with researchers at the 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:

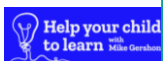
[Free training for schools to deliver KS2 literacy programme for struggling readers](#)

[Click here for more information.](#)

Resources for Parents and Guardians

[Help Your Child To Learn – PRIMARY / YEARS 7 & 8](#)

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



[Help Your Teen To Learn - YEARS 9, 10 & 11](#)

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



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RADY – Raising the Attainment of Disadvantaged Youngsters

RADY is an approach to closing the gap which directly targets a school's 'central nervous system' – its target setting, tracking and monitoring systems. Unlike most other strategies to close the gap, RADY is aimed at school senior managers and teachers. RADY was developed on the Wirral in 2013 as a direct response to a hitherto unspotted flaw in school systems, which, if left unchecked, helps to maintain the gap and thwart efforts to reduce it. Please take a look at challengingeducation.co.uk if you would like to learn more.

GwE is looking for clusters of schools who would like to express an interest in taking part in a RADY pilot project. The project is a long-term commitment by all schools in the cluster. The pilot will be available through the medium of Welsh and English. The pilot project is available free to participating schools. For more information and an expression of interest form, please email catherinemcnamara@gwegogledd.cymru.

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](#)

DO YOU...

- ... WANT TO IMPROVE **LANGUAGE VISIBILITY** IN YOUR SCHOOL?
- ... WANT TO INCREASE **GCSE CLASS SIZES**?
- ... WANT TO HELP YOUR LEARNERS DEVELOP **ESSENTIAL SKILLS**?
- ... WANT TO **ENTHUSE** YOUR LEARNERS ABOUT **LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**?

MFL MENTORING CAN HELP!

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY](#)



'Mother Tongue Other Tongue' Competition

The popular [Mother Tongue Other Tongue](#) competition is coming back to Wales. Routes Cymru is inviting entries from Year 4 to Year 13 pupils!



WELSH EDUCATION CONSORTIA NEWS



MIND E-Learning Mental Health Awareness Programme

The Consortia have collaborated with Mind Cymru to provide professionals working within education across Wales with access to a free 45-minute interactive mental health awareness e-learning package. To access the programme, please complete [this form](#).



Teaching and Learning to Support Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Learners Programme

Following the launch of the Programme with Mike Gershon on 06/02/2023, [a copy of the presentation can be downloaded here](#). The link to the website is: www.supportingvulnerablelearners.cymru. You can access all the resources on the website by registering using your Hwb login details.

Well-being Programme Partnership: Well-being Support

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

WELSH GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Performance Management in Schools – Changing the Culture

The Welsh Government is developing revised performance management guidance to bring arrangements in line with other changes in education.

We want to engage with a range of practitioners (teachers, leaders, and support staff) from all phases, via online Teams meetings in May.

If you would like to join in, please complete this form <https://forms.office.com/e/UuLRNsNrsZ>

New Research - Mixed Attainment Teaching Practice

The Welsh Government has commissioned new research to identify the extent of mixed attainment teaching and learning and where it is taking place in Wales. We want to understand the advantages and the challenges of different approaches, and what professional learning in this area would be useful.

While a great deal of research has been conducted in this area in other countries, very little has yet been done to offer a Wales-specific insight into mixed attainment teaching. We all recognise the importance of context in all aspects of education and would very much value your contribution to a study which will allow us to draw out conclusions and recommendations that will be useful for the education system and for practitioners in Wales.

Practitioners are invited to contribute to this research by taking part in this [primary school survey](#) or this [secondary school survey](#), that have been devised and are administered by a team of researchers from [University of Wales Trinity St David](#) in conjunction with University College, London. The deadline for completion is 21 May 2023

Welsh-medium Education Workforce Capacity Building Grant 2023 to 2024

Information about the Welsh-medium education workforce capacity building grant 2023 to 2024 is now on Hwb.

[Welsh-medium education workforce capacity building grant 2023 to 2024 - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](#)

Period Dignity Grant Survey

Welsh Government is independently evaluating its Period Dignity Grant. We want to assess the efficacy of the funding and period product dissemination process and to evidence the impact the grant is having on schools.

We'd appreciate if you could provide some feedback on your experience of the grant. [Please click here to take part.](#)

INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS

Estyn: Inspecting for the Future (2024-2030)

ESTYN IS REVISING HOW IT WILL INSPECT EDUCATION AND TRAINING FROM 2024 AND BEYOND

They're building on the changes already made – removing summative gradings for most areas they inspect and focusing more on strengths and areas for development – and will be consulting widely to hear everyone's ideas.

Find out more about Estyn's approach: [Inspecting for the future \(2024–2030\)](#) | [Estyn \(gov.wales\)](#)





Education Support Mental Health and Wellbeing Masterclasses



Have you taken advantage of *Education Support's* fully funded development and well-being support services for school staff in Wales?

We are delighted to share details of how to register for our next fully funded masterclasses and wellbeing development and support workshops for school staff in Wales. [Click here](#) for further details.

Love Reading Mentoring: Registration by 12/05/2023



Love Reading Mentoring is a new Welsh Government-funded project that aims to raise enthusiasm and love of reading amongst primary school learners.

[Click here for full details.](#)



Outdoor Learning Training – Natural Resources Wales



Natural Resources Wales are in the process of developing 2 new free, face to face training sessions in partnership with *STEM Learning UK*. [Click here](#) for further information.



DARPL Professional Learning Diversity and Anti-Racism National Leadership Conference



08/06/2023



10:00 – 15:30



All Nations Centre, Cardiff, CF14 3NY

Hosted in partnership with Welsh Government, EWC, NAEL, the Black Leadership Group and regional consortia, this is the first national conference of its kind in Wales.

[Click here](#) for further information and registration details.

Fully funded Wellbeing Support for School Staff in Wales

Do you want to transform how you or your school approach staff mental health and wellbeing?



[Click here](#) for further information.

Trauma Informed Schools – Information Briefings

[Click here](#) for further information, dates and booking information for the upcoming information briefings.



Can you help us to improve the evidence base around educational apps? ***IN NEED OF WELSH SCHOOLS DATA***

Researchers from the Collaborative Institute for Education Research, Evidence and Impact (CIEREI), Bangor University are working with a research team at the University of Salford to evaluate the educational potential of touchscreen apps to support children's learning across the UK. Please complete our questionnaire.

English: <https://t.co/pSxcaNrovK> | Cymraeg: <https://t.co/wBYxwKqv00>

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).

