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Curriculum for Wales Marketplace



22/06/2023



Venue Cymru, Llandudno



[REGISTER](#) by 07/06/2023

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. To register, please complete [this form](#) by 07/06/2023 in order to keep a place for up to 2 representatives from your school. [Further information available here](#).



JOBS WITH GwE

Lead Supporting Improvement Adviser – Special Schools and Pupil Referral Units

OPPORTUNITY FOR A PERMANENT POST OR SECONDMENT CLOSING DATE: 10:00 ON 25/05/2023

For an informal discussion, please contact: Alwyn Jones, Assistant Director [alwynjones@gwegogledd.cymru / 0300 500 8087].

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



Teaching Assistants' Learning Pathway (TALP) Assistant Co-ordinator

SECONDMENT OPPORTUNITY [SEPTEMBER 2023-AUGUST 2024] – PART-TIME [2 DAYS A WEEK]

CLOSING DATE: 10:00 ON 25/05/2023

For an informal discussion, please contact: Wendy Williams [TALP Co-ordinator]

07485 207166; wendywilliams@gwegogledd.cymru

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



Supporting Improvement Adviser: Secondary / Primary

OPPORTUNITY FOR A PERMANENT POST OR SECONDMENT CLOSING DATE: 10:00 ON 25/05/2023

For an informal discussion, please contact:

- **Elfy Jones, Senior Lead Secondary**
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eurosdavies@gwegogledd.cymru / 07580 706766

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GwE PROFESSIONAL OFFER

Professional Learning Offer – Digital Learning

Event	Venue	Date	Medium	Register
Sand Tray Play	GwE Office, Linden House, Mold	05/06/2023	English	REGISTER
3 Purposes of Assessment	Porthmadog Football Club	06/06/2023	Cymraeg	REGISTER
NQT Training Special School	Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction	09/06/2023	English	REGISTER
Sand Tray Play	Plas Menai, Caernarfon	12/06/2023	English	REGISTER
Heads of English Forum	Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction	13/06/2023	English	REGISTER
On-Entry Assessment	Plas Menai, Caernarfon	13/06/2023	Cymraeg	REGISTER
On-Entry Assessment	Porthmadog Football Club	14/06/2023	Cymraeg	REGISTER
Outdoor Learning Event for Teachers of Pupils 3-8 years old	Ysgol Pen Barras, Ruthin	15/06/2023	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 Hotel, Mold	20/06/2023	English	REGISTER
Anglesey Evaluation and SDP Workshop	Ysgol Corn Hir, Llangefni	20/06/2023	Cymraeg	REGISTER
On-Entry Assessment	Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold	20/06/2023	Cymraeg	REGISTER
Reform Journey Celebration Event	Venue Cymru, Llandudno	22/06/2023	Bilingual	REGISTER
Outdoor Learning Event for Teachers of Pupils 3-8 years old	St Asaph VP Infant School, St Asaph	27/06/2023	English	REGISTER
Outdoor Learning Event for Teachers of Pupils 3-8 years old	St Asaph VP Infant School, St Asaph	27/06/2023	English	REGISTER
Literacy Leaders Forum	Venue Cymru, Llandudno	29/06/2023	English	REGISTER
Mark Burns workshop 'Challenge for All!'	Venue Cymru, Llandudno	29/06/2023	English	REGISTER

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

Framework for evaluation, improvement and accountability



GUIDANCE ON THE SUMMARIES THAT SCHOOLS NEED TO PREPARE

The School improvement Guidance: framework for evaluation, improvement and accountability is guidance from Welsh Government for school improvement which will be statutory in September 2024.




The guidance states an expectation for all schools to publish a summary for parents which shares information about the school's self-evaluation conclusions, progress against previous priorities, high-level improvement priorities and the external support a school will access to achieve its priorities.

In order to prepare for this expectation, a group of schools, in collaboration with GwE, have jointly created example model documents to support schools across the Region. We will be sharing the group's work in virtual Teams meetings at the following times:

	19/06/2023		15:45-16:30		Cymraeg		JOIN
	21/06/2023		15:45-16:30		English		JOIN
	27/06/2023		15:45-16:30		Cymraeg		JOIN
	29/06/2023		15:45-16:30		English		JOIN

The sessions will be recorded and there will be an opportunity to discuss further with your Link Supporting Improvement Advisor as you consider the high-level priorities for your School Development Plan for the next academic year.

Mark Burns' Challenge for All!

	29/06/2023		9:00-15:30		Venue Cymru, Llandudno
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Audience: Primary and Secondary T & L Leads

Commissioned by GwE, Mark Burns, the author of '**Teaching Backwards**' will provide a valuable insight into how to design and deliver effective lessons that engage and inspire pupils. The workshop will focus explicitly on the careful sequencing of the curriculum to ensure progression in learning. Mark's idea of '**backwards design**' has proven to have a significant impact on student achievement and motivation over the years – a workshop not to be missed! Limited spaces - one representative from every school. [To register, click here](#).

Open Days – Welsh in Our School



AN INSIGHT INTO HOW YOU COULD DEVELOP THE WELSH LANGUAGE WITHIN YOUR CURRICULUM

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

A series of events showcasing how different schools have developed the Welsh language within their curriculum. Each school offers an insight into their vision for developing the Welsh language and exemplifies their provision, and is relevant for Welsh-medium and bilingual schools and English-medium schools.

Register your interest in visiting the school that best suits your linguistic category and journey to further develop Welsh (limited places available).

OPEN MORNING

DEVELOPING WELSH IN AN ENGLISH-MEDIUM SCHOOL

To be held at Ysgol Y Llan, Whitford, Holywell (CH8 9AN)

When: 07/07/2023 – 9:15-12:00

An opportunity to learn about the school's vision for the Welsh language and its impact on learners, including a presentation by the Senior Leadership Team, discussions with learners and teaching staff whilst visiting classrooms and to see how the Welsh language is integrated into daily service.

Audience: Members of the senior leadership team of English-medium primary schools (space for a limited number)

To register your interest in attending please fill out [this form](#).

For further information, contact Rhian Roberts
rhian.roberts@flintshire.gov.uk

Lunch is not provided.



OPEN MORNING

DEVELOPING WELSH IN AN ENGLISH-MEDIUM SCHOOL

To be held at Ysgol Gwynedd, Flint (CH6 5DL)

When: 29/06/2023 – 9:15-12:00

An opportunity to see how the school has strategically planned and upskilled staff in order to develop their provision for the Welsh language. The morning will include raising awareness of the impact of the National Sabbatical Scheme on the confidence of staff to teach and administer through the medium of Welsh and the impact on learners.

Audience: Members of the senior leadership team of English-medium primary schools (space for a limited number)

To register your interest in attending please fill out [this form](#).

For further information, contact Rhian Roberts
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Lunch is not provided.



OPEN MORNING

WELSH WITHIN THE CURRICULUM OF THE SCHOOL (for Welsh-medium and bilingual schools)

To be held at Ysgol Llanllechid, Gwynedd (LL57 3EH)

When: 12/07/2023 - 9.30-12.00

An opportunity to learn about the school's vision for the Welsh language and its impact on learners. The morning will include a presentation by the Senior Leadership Team, discussions with learners and teaching staff and observing practical sessions that promote the Welsh language and culture.

Audience: Members of the senior leadership team of Welsh-medium and bilingual primary schools (space for a limited number)

To register your interest in attending, please fill out [this form](#)

For further information, contact the headteacher:
Gwenan Davies Jones, 01248 600 600
Gwenan.DaviesJones@llanllechid.ysgoliongwynedd.cymru

Lunch is not provided.



OPEN MORNING

WELSH WITHIN THE CURRICULUM OF THE SCHOOL (for Welsh-medium and bilingual schools)

To be held at Ysgol Croes Atti, Deeside (CH5 1JD) and Flint (CH6 5DU) sites - a school on two sites and the day includes a visit to both.

When: 15/06/2023 - 9.30-14.30

An opportunity to learn about the school's vision for the Welsh language and its impact on learners, including a presentation by the Senior Leadership Team, discussions with learners and teaching staff whilst visiting classrooms and see opportunities to develop the Welsh language at breaktime.

Audience: Members of the senior leadership team of Welsh-medium and bilingual primary schools (space for a limited number)

To register your interest in attending please fill out [this form](#).

For further information, contact the school:
Prifcroesatti@Hwbymru.net

Lunch is not provided.



Personalised Assessments – Regional Messages

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

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 CIERI, 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](#)



PLEASE ASK YOUR SCHOOL SIA FOR A VOUCHER CODE.

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

Consortia Gwella Ysgolion Rhanbarthol
Regional School Improvement Consortia

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](#).

INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS

Investment Challenge – Bangor Business School



07/07/2023

Ysgol Busnes Bangor
Bangor Business School

Bangor Business School invites Year 11 and 12 pupils to compete in their investment challenge that will put their investment ability to the test by trading in a virtual stock market simulation. Each school may bring a maximum of 10 pupils [forming five teams]. [Further information available here](#).

National Education (Wales) (Welsh-medium)



If you are a lead or network school with Bangor University, Welsh Government will sponsor the full tuition fees of any member of teaching staff interested in this programme. For schools who don't host Bangor students, teaching assistants, ALNCoS, and teachers in Years 3-6 of their career may still meet the eligibility criteria for funding. For further information please email kaydee.owen@bangor.ac.uk. The programme is truly sector leading and transformative, please apply early for commencement in September 2023.

Further information is [here](#).

Unions and the World of Work Pilot



Wales TUC has partnered with Welsh Government to launch the Unions and the World of Work pilot, with a target of securing 35 sign-ups from schools across Wales by the end of the academic year.

The pilot provides schools with high-quality resources that focus on young people's rights at work, the benefits of being in a trade union, and the changing world of work. This is a timely pilot as Careers and Work-Related Experience (CWRE) is a key and cross-cutting theme for the new curriculum in Wales.

[Full information available here](#).

E-sgol Conference 2023



03/07/2023



14:30-16:30



Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd, Maesteg, CF34 9RW / Virtual

The e-sgol conference will provide you with an opportunity to hear about the different initiatives that e-sgol is working on, including *Ymlaen Gyda'r Dysgu*, *Carlam Cymru* and our Professional Learning Community.

The conference will be held at [Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd](#), however the presentations will be broadcast live for attendees from across Wales to watch. Following the live presentations, attendees at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd will have an opportunity to engage with members of the e-sgol team and visit various market place stands that will showcase what e-sgol is about.

Find out more on the e-sgol website: <https://e-sgol.cymru/e-sgol-conference-2023/>

Trauma Informed Schools – North Wales NQT Courses

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



BookTrust: Primary School Newsletter

In this issue, expert teachers and leaders in education share what they think works to help children discover a love of reading. You can also register your school for their next author event, see how one primary school has used Pyjamarama and more! [Click here to view the newsletter](#).



Education Support: Connecting with your Sense of Purpose

We're excited to share our next funded workshop for teaching assistants and learning support assistants in Wales, on building resilience and connecting with your sense of purpose. Taking place on Tuesday 6th June at 4pm.



During this virtual workshop we'll explore:

- What we mean by a sense of purpose
- What a sense of purpose means to you
- What connects and disconnects you from your purpose
- Building resilience and optimism
- Behaviours and communication
- Empathy, acceptance, and appreciation

Secure a place by signing up now or share this information with colleagues who may benefit from this session. Please note, we have limited spaces available on this workshop which has been funded thanks to Welsh government. So sign up now: <https://bit.ly/3NXvLJR>

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.

The National MA Education (Wales) Programme

PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 START ON THE NATIONAL MA EDUCATION [WALES] PROGRAMME

Wrexham Glyndŵr University is delighted to be part of the Masters in Education (Wales) programme in collaboration with colleagues from universities across Wales. The MA Education (Wales) is available for education practitioners across Wales and has fully funded places available for September 2023 start, subject to eligibility. For more information regarding programme content, entry requirements and possible financial incentives, please visit our website at [National MA Education \(Wales\)](#) Wrexham Glyndŵr University or Contact Kelly Smith Programme Leader on k.smith2@glyndwr.ac.uk or 01978 293327



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 \(gov.wales\)](#)



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.

NFU Cymru and NFU Education Live Lessons

Click on the image below to register.



Take this flyer
into your local
primary school



Wednesday 21 June 2023
11am (English) – 2pm (Welsh)

NFU Cymru and NFU Education are delighted to bring the farm to your primary school, with interactive, bilingual live lessons to celebrate Welsh Farming Week. Join us LIVE to see a lamb being born, witness live shearing, help farmer Erin round up her flock and ask your questions!



Free sign up here:

livestream.co.uk/the-lamb-diaries

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