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## GwE PROFESSIONAL OFFER

Event	Venue	Date	Medium	Register
Anglesey Evaluation and SDP Workshop	Ysgol Corn Hir, Llangefni	20/06/2023	Cymraeg	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
Science and Technology Meeting	Galeri, Caernarfon	26/06/2023	Cymraeg	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
Science and Technology Meeting	Venue Cymru, Llandudno	27/06/2023	Bilingual	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
Outdoor Learning Event for Teachers of 3-8 year old pupils	St Asaph VP Infant School, St Asaph	27/06/2023	English	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
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Science and Technology Meeting	Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold	28/06/2023	Bilingual	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
Literacy Leaders' Forum	Venue Cymru, Llandudno	29/06/2023	English	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>

## NATIONAL PROGRAMMES

### Accredited Practitioner Status for Dyslexia Training

**EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS**

Training to gain Accredited Practitioner Status for Dyslexia, in collaboration with the Miles Dyslexia Centre, Bangor University. The training will be held during the Autumn Term 2023 and Spring Term 2024. For more information and an application form, please [click here](#), or contact Wendy Williams by email [[WendyWilliams@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:WendyWilliams@gwegogledd.cymru)] or phone 07485 207166.

### 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.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Professional Development for Secondary Mathematics Teachers

[Click here for full details](#). To apply, please complete [this form](#) by **30/06/2023**. You will be informed before the end of the term if your application has been successful. If you have any queries, please get in touch with either [ffionemlynmealor@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:ffionemlynmealor@gwegogledd.cymru) or [sianelizabethcaldwell@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:sianelizabethcaldwell@gwegogledd.cymru)

### Improving Pupils' Basic Numeracy Skills With SAFMEDS

We are recruiting teachers (or teaching assistants) in North Wales to work with a group of 10 learners in Year 3 or Year 4. Initially, the SAFMEDS sessions will focus on building addition skills, during the Autumn term 2023 and the Spring term 2024.

To be eligible to take part in this project your school:

- Must be a mainstream primary school in the GwE region (your school can be a Welsh, English or bilingual setting).
- Will need to identify target learners in Year 3 or Year 4 that will benefit from the SAFMEDS strategy. These learners will need a basic understanding of single digit addition (even if they are not yet fluent). Learners must also be able to turn flashcards independently.
- Will need to identify a teacher or teaching assistant who can attend the training session in October 2023. This should be the same member of staff that will support the SAFMEDS sessions in school.

[Full details available here](#). To register your expression of interest, [follow this link](#).

### Launching the Secondary Digital Network



05/07/2023



10:00-11:00



English Medium



Online



[JOIN](#)

The first session will be held online and will include a brief introduction to the network's work programme for 2023-2024 and the support that will be available to you as schools. There will also be an opportunity in the session for you to influence and steer how best to provide the guidance and support for you. [Further information here](#).

## 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' has been issued by Welsh Government for school improvement which will become 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 exemplars 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		<a href="#">JOIN</a>
	21/06/2023		15:45-16:30		English		<a href="#">JOIN</a>
	27/06/2023		15:45-16:30		Cymraeg		<a href="#">JOIN</a>
	29/06/2023		15:45-16:30		English		<a href="#">JOIN</a>

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

## Curriculum for Wales Marketplace



22/06/2023



Venue Cymru, Llandudno



[AGENDA](#)



[WORKSHOPS](#)



We will be holding 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. If you have interest in being on the back-up register, please e-mail [cwricwlmigymru@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:cwricwlmigymru@gwegogledd.cymru)

## Sharing Successful Practice: 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 and observing classrooms and assembly.

**Audience:** Members of the senior leadership team of English-medium primary schools (spaces are limited)

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

**For further information**, contact Rhian Roberts  
[rhian.roberts@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto: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 (spaces are limited)

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

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## Personalised Assessments – Regional Messages

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

## 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](http://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](mailto:catherinemcnamara@gwegogledd.cymru).

## GwE Global Futures: International Languages

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

### Newsletters

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

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRACTITIONERS

#### [International Languages upskilling on-line courses for primary teachers in French and Spanish](#)



20/06/2023



15:45-16:45

French and Spanish Language Upskilling Courses for teachers who have limited or no knowledge of the language they have to teach- Information evening: Global Futures GwE and Power Language.

An opportunity for practitioners to get familiar and explore the French and Spanish Language upskilling on-line courses which will be available to all schools in GwE from July 2023 until 2024. Aimed at teachers who have limited or no knowledge of the language they have to teach, Richard Tallaron (Power Language) will talk through the courses structure, discuss the various possibilities to access the courses and resources at your pace and how to reinvest your learning directly with your class.

This will also be an opportunity to discuss ideas to develop links abroad and a set of activities with your partner school(s). To register, [click here](#) by **19/06/2023**.

#### [British Council Cymru - Language Trends Wales Survey 2023 - International Languages](#)

This research provides an independent picture of the teaching of international languages in primary schools, secondary schools and post-16 colleges. We are keen to hear from all schools and colleges, including those schools where uptake of international languages is not as strong as it could be.

Completing the survey should take less than 15 minutes of your time. To complete it by Tuesday 20th June 2023, please go to: [Primary](#) | [Primary \[Welsh Medium\]](#) | [State Secondary](#) | [State Secondary \[Welsh Medium\]](#)

The report will be available in early autumn 2023.

## WELSH EDUCATION CONSORTIA NEWS



Consortia Gwella Ysgolion Rhanbarthol  
Regional School Improvement Consortia

### Realising Potential – Challenge for All



The Welsh Education Consortia MAT team has changed its name to **Realising Potential**.

**Why?** - The work of the team has evolved to address the national priority of 'challenge for all learners' in order to ensure that all learners are appropriately and equitably supported to meet their full potential. All learners are entitled to be supported in their progress and enabled in realising their aspirations, regardless of their starting point.

We will support schools with a range of professional learning opportunities and resources to enable the development of a clear vision in relation to support all learners in embracing high aspirations and realising their potential, as they engage with their learning. Aspects of wellbeing support will be a key consideration, alongside national priorities such as reducing the impact that poverty and disadvantage can have on progression and attainment, with all support fully aligning with the realisation of the Curriculum for Wales and the Principles of Progression. [Full details available here.](#)

To allow the Realising Potential team to tailor the support needed on the supporting practitioners' themes above, please fill out the following questionnaire to outline your professional learning/support requirements: <https://t.co/gqVLwYJehV>

For more information contact: Mair Herbert - [mairherbert@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:mairherbert@gwegogledd.cymru) or Paul Davies – [pauldavies@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:pauldavies@gwegogledd.cymru)



## 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](#).

## WELSH GOVERNMENT NEWS

### National Network Conversation Summer 2023 – Curriculum and Assessment Design

Building on the 2021 to 2022 Curriculum Design conversations, this National Conversation in Summer 2023 will focus on supporting practitioners and school and setting leaders to reflect on their leadership of curriculum and assessment design processes since September 2022.

This National Conversation will provide you with the opportunity to:

- chat with other practitioners from across Wales about the type of curriculum conversations that are supporting effective curriculum and assessment design
- evaluate how your schools and settings are developing the culture and environment conducive to effective curriculum and assessment design
- signpost to resources that can support leading curriculum conversations in your schools and settings that enable learner progression

Through the conversation you will also have the opportunity to share your experiences and learn from others as part of this iterative process.

Here is a link to [supporting materials](#) and [previous playlist](#) which will be helpful to support your involvement in the national conversation and holding conversations within your own setting.

Please register your attendance using [this link](#).

## INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS

### Children in Wales – Tackling the Impact of Poverty on Education;



#### GOVERNORS' GUIDES

Our successful Price of Pupil Poverty Guides, designed for schools and addressing five key areas (**Understanding Poverty; School Uniform and Clothing; Food and Hunger; Participation in the life of the School; Home-School Relationship**) have been developed into a new School Governors' Guide.

Written specifically for Governors, this guide provides an insight into each of the five key areas of the Guides from a Governor perspective and also looks at school policies, Welsh Government funding and projects to tackle poverty in schools.

Join Children in Wales for an **awareness and information webinar** on the new **Governors' Guide to Tackling the Impact of Poverty on Education**, which will introduce the new guide and provide practical support and advice on removing financial barriers to pupil participation. As a governor, you can support your school to tackle the impact of poverty on the school day for all learners.

Find out more here: [Governors' Guides / Canllaw i Lywodraethwyr | Children in Wales](#) ([childreninwalesmembership.org.uk](http://childreninwalesmembership.org.uk))

## Wellbeing Workshops for School Staff – Education Support



Education Support continue to provide funded wellbeing and development sessions for school staff across Wales, at no cost to staff. Spaces are limited so sign-up now by following the links below:

### SCHOOL LEADERS AND LINE MANAGERS IN WALES:

**Managing people and HR processes with mental health and wellbeing in mind**

**28/06/2023**

A virtual masterclass for school leaders and line managers in Wales on how to manage people and HR processes with mental wellbeing in mind.



<https://bit.ly/3WpNETy>



### TEACHING AND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS IN WALES:

**Putting yourself first – regain a place of calm**

**19/06/2023**

A virtual workshop for teaching and learning support assistants in Wales offering practical strategies to maintain a healthy mind.



<https://bit.ly/45CJJqW>

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit the [Education Support website](#) for more information on these funded services for Welsh school staff. And if you have any further questions, don't hesitate to get in touch at: [staffwellbeingservice@edsupport.org.uk](mailto:staffwellbeingservice@edsupport.org.uk)

## Investment Challenge – Bangor Business School



**07/07/2023**



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.](#)

## 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/>

## 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 \(gov.wales\)](#)

# NFU Cymru and NFU Education Live Lessons

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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](https://livestream.co.uk/the-lamb-diaries)

Scan the QR code



