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Developing the Love of Reading with Neil Griffiths

Neil Griffiths is a former Primary School Headteacher and a highly popular author of many children's picture books and educational publications. He was also the director of the National Literacy Support Project for the Basic Skills Agency.

On meeting Neil, you will soon discover his passion for children and desire to create an education system that suits the child and creates decent human beings who contribute positively to the world. He believes whole-heartedly in a child centred approach to learning that couples rigour in planning with enthusiastic teaching and original starting points.

He is known for his unique delivery, honesty, exceptional energy and pragmatic approach to teaching. His sessions are packed full of ideas for the everyday setting and a time with Neil is an experience you will never forget!!

The opportunity to listen to Neil doesn't come around often - please make every effort to attend this inspirational speaker event who will undoubtedly impact your reading provision.

Click here for further information.



DATE	VENUE	TIME		REGISTRATION LINK	
13/11/2023	Holiday Inn, A55	MORNING SESSION 9:30-11:45	AFTERNOON SESSION 13:00-15:15	MORNING	AFTERNOON
14/11/2023	Porthmadog Football Club	MORNING SESSION 9:30-11:45	AFTERNOON SESSION 13:00-15:15	MORNING	AFTERNOON
15/11/2023	M-Sparc, Gaerwen	MORNING SESSION 9:30-11:45	AFTERNOON SESSION 13:00-15:15	MORNING	AFTERNOON
16/11/2023	Conwy Business Centre	MORNING SESSION 9:30-11:45	AFTERNOON SESSION 13:00-15:15	MORNING	AFTERNOON



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



















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GwE PROFESSIONAL OFFER

EVENT	VENUE	DATE	MEDIUM	REGISTER	TICKETS AVAILABLE *	REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE
Teaching and Learning Leads Network	Conwy Business Centre	21/09/2023	BILINGUAL		26	20/09/2023 - 9:00
Workshop for Teachers and TAs New to 3 - 8	Plas Menai, Caernarfon	27/09/2023	CYM		15	26/09/2023 - 17:00
Coding - Intermediate Level (Cohort 1)	GwE Office Penrallt	27/09/2023	CYM		48	26/09/2023 - 16:00
Workshop for Teachers and TAs New to 3 - 8	Oriel Hotel	28/09/2023	CYM		28	27/09/2023 - 17:00
Coding - Intermediate Level (Cohort 1)	Conwy Business Centre	28/09/2023	ENG		25	27/09/2023 - 16:00
Anglesey Evaluation and SDP Workshop	Ysgol Corn Hir	29/09/2023	BILINGUAL		12	28/09/2023 - 13:00
Cluster Support Session - Digital Facilitators	Conwy Business Centre	29/09/2023	CYM		50	28/09/2023 - 12:00
Cluster Support Session - Digital Facilitators	Oriel Hotel	03/10/2023	ENG		50	02/10/2023 - 12:00
360 Digi Cymru (CYM)	GwE Office Penrallt	03/10/2023	CYM		29	02/10/2023 - 16:00
Workshop for Teachers and TAs new to 3-8	Oriel Hotel	04/10/2023	ENG		11	03/10/2023 - 17:00
360 Safe Cymru (CYM)	GwE Office Penrallt	04/10/2023	CYM		29	03/10/2023 - 16:00
360 Digi Cymru (ENG)	Oriel Hotel	05/10/2023	ENG		30	04/10/2023 - 16:00
360 Safe Cymru (ENG)	Oriel Hotel	06/10/2023	ENG		30	05/10/2023 - 16:00
Three Purposes of Assessment in the new Curriculum	Venue Cymru	10/10/2023	CYM		30	09/10/2023 - 15:00
Coding - Fundamental Level	Galeri, Caernarfon	10/10/2023	CYM		22	09/10/2023 - 16:00
Three Purposes of Assessment in the new Curriculum	Venue Cymru	11/10/2023	ENG		30	10/10/2023 - 15:00
Coding - Fundamental Level	Conwy Business Centre	12/10/2023	ENG		23	11/10/2023 - 16:00
English Literacy Leaders Forum	Conwy Business Centre	17/10/2023	ENG		60	13/10/2023 - 16:00
GwE Secondary Schools Digital Network (Anglesey & Gwynedd)	Galeri, Caernarfon	17/10/2023	CYM		25	16/10/2023 - 16:00
Trosolwg Digidol o Gam Cynnydd 1 a 2	GwE Office Penrallt	18/10/2023	CYM		23	19/09/2023 - 16:00
GwE Secondary Schools Digital Network (Conwy & Denbighshire)	Conwy Business Centre	18/10/2023	BILINGUAL		25	17/10/2023 - 16:00
GwE Secondary Schools Digital Network (Flintshire & Wrexham)	Oriel Hotel	19/10/2023	ENG		22	18/10/2023 - 16:00
Digital Overview of Progression Steps 1 & 2	Beaufort Park Hotel	19/10/2023	ENG		21	20/09/2023 - 16:00
'Ein Llais Ni' Oracy Programme Event	Venue Cymru	24/10/2023	CYM		272	18/10/2023 - 18:00

***Numbers correct at time of publication.**

NATIONAL PROGRAMMES

National Leadership Development Programmes

Applications will open via a link on the GwE website and GwE Bulletin on the dates below. Applications cannot be submitted prior to the 'Applications open' dates.

For the Aspiring Headteacher Development Programme – preparing for NPQH, please see information on the GwE website, with a link to a Welsh Government statement.

	 Middle Leadership Development Programme	 Senior Leaders Development Programme
*Link to the application form.		
Applications open:	<u>12/09/2023</u> *	19/09/2023
Deadline for applications:	by 1pm on 05/10/2023	by 1pm on 12/10/2023
Introductory session for successful applicants:	w/c 27/11/2023	w/c 27/11/2023
Programme starts:	January 2024	January 2024
Programme ends:	December 2024	December 2024

Newly Qualified Teachers [NQT]

 [NQT NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OFFER: AUTUMN TERM 2023](#)

Induction Mentors [IM]

 [IM NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OFFER: 2023-2024](#)

EXTERNAL VALIDATOR / EXTERNAL MENTOR [EV / EM]

 [EXTERNAL VALIDATOR / EXTERNAL MENTOR \[EV / EM\] PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OFFER: 2023-2024](#)

Contact Ieuan Jones, GwE with any queries:  ieuanjones@gwegogledd.cymru

Welsh Education Consortia Post-16 Leadership Development Programme

Calling all aspiring, new and existing post-16 leaders! Ready to level up your leadership game? Join our transformative Post-16 Leadership Programme and unlock your full potential as a leader. Gain valuable insights into post-16 education, expand your network, and make a lasting impact on students' lives.

Sign up today and become an inspiring leader!



TEACHING ASSISTANTS LEARNING PATHWAY [TALP]

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Programme

The Outstanding Teaching Assistant Programme is for teaching assistants who are, or who have the potential to be, outstanding in their roles.

It is intended to develop the potential for Teaching Assistants to have a wider impact on improving the quality of teaching and learning across the school.

For more information and an application form, please [click here](#).

Further details available from **Wendy Williams** (TALP Co-ordinator) – Wendywilliams@gwegogledc.cymru



RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROJECTS

Can you help us improve our understanding of pupil voice in schools?

We are looking for teachers in both primary and secondary schools in North Wales to share their experience and opinions on aspects of accessing pupil voice.

A Master's student (Arwyn Roberts) at the School of Educational Sciences, Bangor University, is working with GwE to evaluate pupil voice within the Curriculum for Wales. The research aims to synthesise the opinions of teachers and learners, together with Welsh Government and Estyn guidance, to describe how schools capture pupil voice. Children and young people's opinions have already been collected from two Youth Summits held in 2022-23. Arwyn would be very grateful to hear the opinions of teachers in North Wales, and invites you to complete the questionnaire [using this link](#). There is also a chance to win one of two £50 vouchers available for teachers who complete the questionnaire.



Improving Fluency in Oral Reading using the Repeated Reading Intervention [iFOR]

Schools are invited to take part in a Repeated Reading evaluation project in the spring term 2024. [Full details here](#).

This project is a partnership between GwE and CIEREI, Bangor University as part of our evidence-based reading provision that is summarised [here](#).

To learn more and to register an expression of interest, please follow the link:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/GuDK9izx3x>



GwE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Framework for Evaluation, Improvement and Accountability

Guidance on the Summaries that Schools need to Prepare

The Welsh Government framework for school improvement 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.

The virtual Teams meetings to share the group's work have now been. If you would like access to the presentation, templates/examples and recordings of the session they are available here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eI0NCuliar9CjTxOhfrQwNM7n96axZ50?usp=drive_link

Secondary Humanities Teachers

GwE has planned a Humanities conference for secondary teachers for **16 November 2023**. There will be more information in the next bulletin. It will be an opportunity to share your early efforts and good practice as you've responded to the new Curriculum for Wales.

The questionnaire gives us an opportunity to collate some preliminary information about your good practice and will enable us to organise workshops which will respond to your needs. We'd also like to establish a digital network so that we can share key messages and good practice. Please respond to the questionnaire in light of your planning for Y7 and Y8 learners. It should take 15 minutes and we would be grateful if it could be completed by the end of the Autumn term. Please pass the link on to any colleagues who might be interested in responding to the questionnaire and/or joining the Humanities network.



<https://forms.office.com/e/Y1rVHKg9ty>

GwE Global Futures: International Languages



GwE Support Centre: International Languages - **Primary** and **Secondary**.

For more information about the Global Futures programme, team contacts, links to partners and newsletters, [click here](#).

 **USEFUL LINKS:** [Contacts and Links](#) **Newsletters:** [Primary](#) | [Secondary](#)

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

'Languages connect us' day: Exploring plurilingualism and translanguaging to develop collaboration across English, Welsh and International Languages.

05/10/2023 - Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction

A great opportunity for primary and secondary teachers to develop further key reflections and key pedagogies for effective language learning. With guest speakers and researchers Elin Arfon (IL), Ellie Bristow (English), Cadi Sion (Welsh) the day will offer a balance of evidence-based research, key messages and practical examples used with school learners. **Register by 19/09/2023:** <https://forms.office.com/e/vxxP62qJH7>

Language upskilling: On-line courses for primary teachers in French and Spanish

Stimulating and engaging professional development for teachers! Professional Development at your own pace. Designed for teachers with limited or no knowledge of the language they have to teach. Reinvest your learning directly with your class! Also include podcasts or animations linked to a cultural element.

For more information and to register your interest [click here](#).

Y GYMRAEG [WELSH]

'Ein Llais Ni' Oracy Programme Event

Oracy is a powerful tool for progress in all subjects and 'Ein Llais Ni' will equip you to develop increasingly confident Welsh speakers.

The Ein Llais Ni project has evolved and we invite you to a day that shares the latest developments as well as an opportunity to obtain ideas and practical resources for developing the Welsh language. Oracy expert Richard Hull from 'Confident Communication' will join us to explore in practice how oracy can be used to inspire pupils to 'find their voice', express opinions, build their confidence and deepen their learning.

This event is for all primary, secondary and special school leaders and teachers who are interested in oracy and need to embed pedagogy within their classes. It is suitable for everyone who wants to learn more about how the Ein Llais Ni programme can support you in developing Welsh speaking and listening skills.



Venue: Venue Cymru, Llandudno



24/10/2023 | 9:15 - 15:30

REGISTER



Are you Interested in Learning Welsh?



What level are you?

Which level am I?



What's on offer?

A wide choice! Including courses tailored for the education workforce. Different learning methods including self-study, and an opportunity to join community-based courses. [Education Workforce](#) | [Learn Welsh](#)



Need more information?

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Wrexham Dwynwen.Jones@wrexham.gov.uk

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Welsh Language Sabbatical Courses

ADVANCED COURSE FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS [APRIL-JULY 2024]

Are you a fairly fluent Welsh speaker [first and second language]?

Need more information? [Click here](#).

GYMRAEG

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

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

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

When: 03/10/2023 - 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

DEVELOPING WELSH IN AN ENGLISH-MEDIUM SCHOOL

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

When: 19/10/2023 – 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 assembly.

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.





WELSH EDUCATION CONSORTIA NEWS



Cross Regional Curriculum for Wales Professional Learning Offer

To support all schools and settings across Wales in realising the Curriculum for Wales, a comprehensive professional learning programme has been developed by the cross-regional Professional Learning team

The **Programme for 2023/24** has now been published, please see the **brochure** for key dates and links to the virtual sessions. Sessions are available for both Senior Leaders and Middle Leaders/Teachers with a focus on progression and assessment. These sessions will provide a mixture of reviewing policy guidance and practical support for practitioners.

SESSION	SESSION OBJECTIVES	DATE FOR NATIONAL SESSION
Building effective assessment practices	<p>Leaders and teachers will gain knowledge and understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerations for effective assessment cycles in the context of CfW • Considerations for how often we can assess using different modes of assessment and the approaches to assessment for different purposes • The types of assessment that will allow us to make good formative and diagnostic inferences 	16/10/2023
What is our long-term plan for progression?	<p>Leaders and teachers will gain knowledge and understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerations for long-term planning for progression, including how often key concepts from the Statements of What Matters can be revisited • Exploring approaches to planning for progression and assessment in different disciplines and Areas • Setting learning intentions to support progress in the short to medium term 	23/11/2023

All sessions will be recorded and are available to watch again asynchronously on this link: [Welsh Education Consortia - Curriculum for Wales Professional Learning](#)

Coaching and Mentoring Programme

Places available this term on the National Coaching and Mentoring Programme. For further information and/or to register your interest, [click here](#).



WELSH GOVERNMENT NEWS



Commission for Tertiary Education and Research Newsletter

[Click here](#).



INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS

MA Education Studies [Part-time]: Bangor University

The MA in Education Studies programme offers a flexible way of studying for a Master's qualification. There is a wide range of modules available in 2023/24. [Click here](#) for further information.

There is a 'Meet the Tutor' session on **Sunday 24 September at 1pm**, where there will be an opportunity to meet the tutors and find out more about the programme and the modules being offered.

If you have any queries regarding the course, please contact:

Huw Phillips (Course Director): h.c.phillips@bangor.ac.uk

Is Data Analytics the Future of Business?

Bangor University invites Year 11-Sixth Form teachers to the launch night for their new Business Data Analytics course on 27 September 2023.

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



Enterprising Creative Contributors

Professional learning for 3-16 teaching practitioners

2 x half day workshops facilitated by Professor Emeritus Andy Penaluna, University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

[Click here](#) for further information or contact sean.parry@careerswales.gov.wales



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Pori Drwy Stori - BookTrust Cymru

Pori Drwy Stori: Nursery.

There are a very limited number of spaces available and limited time to register this year, **registration closes: 23/10/2023**. [Click here](#) for further information. To register, follow [this link](#).

Pori Drwy Stori Reception Class Resources: Autumn Term

All Reception classes in Wales should have received Pori Drwy Stori resources for the autumn term in July.

[Click here](#) to view the resources to be used this term.

