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'Ein Llais Ni' Oracy Programme Event

- 🔍 Venue: Venue Cymru, Llandudno
- 24/10/2023 | 9:15 15:30

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 an event to share the latest developments as well as have opportunities 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.

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Developing oracy skills





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Developing the Love of Reading with Neil Griffiths

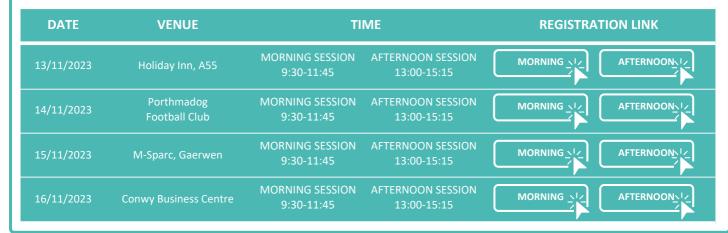
Neil Griffiths is a former Primary School Headteacher and a highly popular author of many children's picture books and educational publications. He was also the director of the National Literacy Support Project for the Basic Skills Agency.

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 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.

<u>**Click here**</u> for further information.











🚔 GwE PROFESSIONAL OFFER

EVENT	VENUE	DATE	MEDIUM	REGISTER	TICKETS AVAILABLE *	REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE
Workshop for Teachers and TAs New to 3 - 8	Oriel Hotel	28/09/2023	СҮМ	REGISTER NOW	20	27/09/2023 - 17:00
Anglesey Evaluation and SDP Workshop	Ysgol Corn Hir	29/09/2023	BILINGUAL	REGISTER NOW	8	28/09/2023 - 13:00
Cluster Support Session - Digital Facilitators	Conwy Business Centre	29/09/2023	СҮМ	REGISTER NOW	47	28/09/2023 - 12:00
Cluster Support Session - Digital Facilitators	Oriel Hotel	03/10/2023	ENG	REGISTER NOW	49	02/10/2023 - 12:00
Workshop for Teachers and TAs new to 3-8	Oriel Hotel	04/10/2023	ENG	REGISTER NOW	4	03/10/2023 - 17:00
360 Digi Cymru (ENG)	Oriel Hotel	05/10/2023	ENG	REGISTER NOW	25	04/10/2023 - 16:00
360 Safe Cymru (ENG)	Oriel Hotel	06/10/2023	ENG	REGISTER NOW	27	05/10/2023 - 16:00
Three Purposes of Assessment in the new Curriculum	Venue Cymru	10/10/2023	СҮМ	REGISTER NOW	23	09/10/2023 - 15:00
Coding - Fundamental Level	Galeri, Caernarfon	10/10/2023	СҮМ	REGISTER NOW	19	09/10/2023 - 16:00
Three Purposes of Assessment in the new Curriculum	Venue Cymru	11/10/2023	ENG	REGISTER NOW	11	10/10/2023 - 15:00
Coding - Fundamental Level	Conwy Business Centre	12/10/2023	ENG	REGISTER NOW	20	11/10/2023 - 16:00
English Literacy Leaders Forum	Conwy Business Centre	17/10/2023	ENG	REGISTER NOW	57	13/10/2023 - 16:00
GwE Secondary Schools Digital Network (Anglesey & Gwynedd)	Galeri, Caernarfon	17/10/2023	СҮМ	REGISTER NOW	21	16/10/2023 - 16:00
Trosolwg Digidol o Gam Cynnydd 1 a 2	GwE Office Penrallt	18/10/2023	СҮМ	REGISTER NOW	16	19/09/2023 - 16:00
GwE Secondary Schools Digital Network (Conwy & Denbighshire)	Conwy Business Centre	18/10/2023	BILINGUAL	REGISTER NOW	20	17/10/2023 - 16:00
GwE Secondary Schools Digital Network (Flintshire & Wrexham)	Oriel Hotel	19/10/2023	ENG	REGISTER NOW	16	18/10/2023 - 16:00
Digital Overview of Progression Steps 1 & 2	Beaufort Park Hotel	19/10/2023	ENG	REGISTER NOW	14	20/09/2023 - 16:00
Developing self-improvement culture	The Racecourse Ground	24/10/2023	ENG	REGISTER NOW	30	23/10/2023 - 06:00
'Ein Llais Ni' Oracy Programme Event	Venue Cymru	24/10/2023	СҮМ	REGISTER NOW	224	18/10/2023 - 18:00

*Numbers correct at time of publication.















ATIONAL 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.

*Link to the application form.	CO <u>Middle Leadership</u> <u>Development Programme</u>	COD Senior Leaders Development Programme
Applications open:	<u>12/09/2023</u> *	<u>19/09/2023</u> *
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]

CO IM NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OFFER: 2023-2024

EXTERNAL VALIDATOR / EXTERNAL MENTOR [EV / EM]

CO EXTERNAL VALIDATOR / EXTERNAL MENTOR [EV / EM] PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OFFER: 2023-2024

Contact leuan 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. <u>Sign up today</u> 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) – <u>Wendywilliams@gwegogledd.cymru</u>

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROJECTS

Can you help us to 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 <u>using this link</u>. 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: <u>https://forms.microsoft.com/e/GuDK9izx3x</u>

Can you help improve the evidence base around spelling instruction?

We're looking for literacy leads in primary schools to complete our questionnaire to help us improve the provision for spelling in Welsh and English.

Through our recent collaborative research with our university partners, GwE has identified the need to examine how approaches to teaching spelling have changed and how these compare against our improved understanding of spelling in the context of the Science of Reading. Over recent years, we have improved our knowledge of spelling instruction, and our research partners have developed more effective ways of teaching spelling. Researchers from Leeds Trinity University and the Collaborative Institute for Education Research, Evidence and Impact (CIEREI), Bangor University are working with GwE to evaluate current spelling provision in schools across north Wales. Our aim is to help teachers access evidence-informed spelling approaches to help improve learners' skills in both English and Welsh.

If you are a literacy leader or the person responsible for spelling provision in a primary school, please help us build an accurate picture of current provision by completing our questionnaire using <u>this link</u>.















Gwe News and Information

Personalised Assessments: Important Changes for September 2023 <u>Click here</u> for the latest information on system availability and guidance for the 2023-2024 academic year.

GwE Global Futures: International Languages



<u>GwE Support Centre</u>: International Languages - <u>Primary</u> and <u>Secondary</u> For more information about the Global Futures programme, team contacts, links to partners and

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USEFUL LINKS: Contacts and Links Newsletters: Primary | Secondary

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Wales-Brittany partnerships CfW developments: International links.

Please see <u>here</u> for more information on an exciting opportunity for a school partnership with Brittany. Deadline to register your interest: **29/09/2023**

Sessions with our Routes Cymru Language Ambassadors

Routes Cymru Student Language Ambassadors will be available to deliver talks and sessions for primary and secondary schools in Wales after October half term 2023. Schools can find more information and register for these sessions on the **Routes Cymru website** or by emailing <u>info@routesintolanguagescymru.co.uk</u> by **17/11/2023**.

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.

Secondary Humanities Teachers

GwE has planned a Humanities conference for secondary teachers for **16 November 2023**. Further information to follow. 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 to 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. A terms of the humanities network.

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 <u>here</u>.















Towards 2024...

The project is to work in collaboration with 8-11 age range teachers to further strengthen and support selfevaluation and school improvement towards realising the Curriculum for Wales, through evaluating and developing current curriculum approaches, progression and pedagogy.

Full details available here. For further information, please contact <u>tracyjones@gwegogledd.cymru</u>. To register your interest, complete <u>this form</u>.

Y GYMRAEG [WELSH]

Shwmae Su'mae Day

Shwmae Su'mae day will celebrate its 10th anniversary this year - can you do 3 things in Welsh to celebrate the ten?! As the 15th is on a Sunday this year, make sure you celebrate at school, college or the workplace during the week before! It's an opportunity to have fun and share the language - in the shop, the leisure centre, at

work, at school, on the playground and with your friends, online or face to face! The important thing is to recognize and celebrate the day in whatever way you can! For events, <u>click here</u>.

Ysgol Aberconwy School - Siarter laith Uwchradd (GwE) accreditation

BRONZE AWARD

On 15/09/2023, Ysgol Aberconwy received the Siarter laith Uwchradd (GwE) Bronze Award, the first secondary school in the region to receive this award. Luned Parry (Deputy Head of the Welsh Department) collaborated with GwE's Welsh Language Team during the past year to collate the evidence for the award, and it was overwhelming for Luned and the school to realize how much had been done over the years to promote the Welsh language and the benefits of bilingualism among their learners. Throughout their journey, the school's vision and the support of the Headteacher, Mr Ian Gerrard and the Senior Leadership Team at Ysgol Aberconwy has been truly inspiring. Teamwork has won this award and the journey continues. . . onwards to the Silver Award!



15/10/2023

Are you Interested in Learning Welsh?				
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. <u>Education Workforce Learn Welsh</u>			
Need more information?	Contact your Local Authority or GwE:			
	Gwynedd	SianParryEurig@Gwynedd.llyw.cymru	Anglesey	<u>OwenDavies@ynysmon.llyw.cymru</u>
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	GwE	GwE <u>SgiliaulaithGymraeg@gwegogledd.cymru</u>		















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 | <u>Gwenan.DaviesJones@llanllechid.ysgoliongwynedd.cymru</u> 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 Language Sabbatical Courses

ADVANCED COURSE FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS [APRIL-JULY 2024]

sir ddinbych

Are you a fairly fluent Welsh speaker [first and second language]? Need more information? <u>Click here</u>.















HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

SHRN - School Health Research Network Webinars

Please find below the links to two recent SHRN webinars, which may be of interest.

Primary SHRN: Student Health and Well-being Survey 2022/23 - National Findings Dr Kelly Morgan, Dr Caitlyn Donaldson and Amy Edwards, Cardiff University, present their findings from the recent round of primary school data collection.

School-Based Interventions to Prevent Dating and Relationship Violence and Gender-Based Violence Dr GJ Melendez-Torres, Exeter University, presents findings from a recent study. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yfhey45Qlq8</u>

If you have any questions for the SHRN team, or would be interested in attending future webinars, please email them at shrm@cardiff.ac.uk



RESEARCH NETW

The School Health Research Network [SHRN] e-News for Primary Schools

Please <u>click here</u> for the newsletter.

TEDx Talks and Well-being Festivals

Please <u>click here</u> for further information.

To register interest and to organise a chat about how your school can get involved, please contact Sarah Harvey at Wrexham University on 0789 468 077 or email <u>sarah.harvey@glyndwr.ac.uk</u>.

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A: 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 **<u>Programme for 2023/24</u>** has now been published, please see the **<u>brochure</u>** 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	 Leaders and teachers will gain knowledge and understanding of: 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?	 Leaders and teachers will gain knowledge and understanding of: 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: <u>Welsh Education</u> <u>Consortia - Curriculum for Wales Professional Learning</u>

Coaching and Mentoring Programme

Places available this term on the National Coaching and Mentoring Programme. For further information and/or to register your interest, <u>click here</u>.

🖳 WELSH GOVERNMENT NEWS



Commission for Tertiary Education and Research Newsletter

Click here.















INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS

An Introduction to International Exchanges for Schools with Taith

18/10/2023 - 10:00-12:00 - Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy, Llanrwst

Attendees will learn about the programme, the types of activities that can be supported for schools, planning a project and how to apply for funding. Join us to find out what being part of an international project involves and how international collaboration can benefit schools and pupils.

<u>Click here</u> for further details and registration details.

Enterprising Creative Contributors

Professional learning for 3-16 teaching practitioners

Careers Wales, in collaboration with Regional Consortia, is pleased to be able to offer a series of free **professional learning opportunities on Enterprising Creative Contributors** for 3-16 teaching practitioners across Wales during the autumn and spring terms.

<u>Click here</u> for further information or contact <u>sean.parry@careerswales.gov.wales</u>

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**. <u>Click here</u> for further information. To register, follow <u>this link</u>.

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.

<u>Click here</u> to view the resources to be used this term.

Tackling the Impact of Poverty on Education programme

Join many other schools across Wales who are making SMALL CHANGES in day to day functions but BIG DIFFERENCES to the lives of those learners whose families are affected by lower incomes and the rising costs of living.

Sign up for FREE to the Tackling the Impact of Poverty on Education programme using the Price of Pupil Poverty Guides.

You will receive access to a Community Platform for the sharing of ideas and best practice and a comprehensive toolkit to help guide your school's planning.

For further information please contact: <u>pupilpoverty@childreninwales.org.uk</u> or sign up <u>here</u>. The guides can be found on the Welsh Government's Education website: <u>HWB</u>

Free training course dates released by Natural Resources Wales

Natural Resources Wales, working in partnership with Techniquest and STEM Learning, is offering free training sessions with a £165 bursary available towards supply cover.

Click here for further details and to register.















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