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## CONFERENCES

### Professional Learning to Support Developing Progression Through Transition 3-16

Full day session for head teachers and members of senior leadership teams – please note these are new sessions which have been planned following feedback from last year's PontioGwE sessions.



10/11/2023 | 9:15-15:30



[Conwy Business Centre](#)



Lunch will be provided.



A full agenda will be shared before the event.



Click on the above links to register.

[Places are limited to 2 senior leaders per school.](#)

### Writing: AFL Strategies to Progress Writing [Ages 8-11]



13/11/2023 | 13:30 - 16:30



Venue Cymru, Llandudno



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For primary ages 8-11: an afternoon with Shirley Clarke, who will demonstrate how to co-construct success criteria with your learners, focusing on the meaning and impact of doing this effectively. She will also focus on how to provide feedback using on the move commentary during writing sessions in the classroom, and how this leads to improvements in the content of writing.



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## Developing a Love of Reading with Neil Griffiths

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		
14/11/2023	Porthmadog Football Club	MORNING SESSION 9:30-11:45	AFTERNOON SESSION 13:00-15:15		
15/11/2023	M-Sparc, Gaerwen	MORNING SESSION 9:30-11:45	AFTERNOON SESSION 13:00-15:15		
16/11/2023	Conwy Business Centre	MORNING SESSION 9:30-11:45	AFTERNOON SESSION 13:00-15:15		

## Conference for Secondary Humanities Teachers

 16/11/2023 | 9:15 - 15:30  Festival Church Towyn, 87 Gors Road, Towyn, Abergele, LL22 9NR

There will be an opportunity for teachers to listen to presentations and to share emerging practice. [Click here](#) for further information.

## GwE PROFESSIONAL OFFER

We are delighted to present our [Professional Learning Offer](#) for the 2023-24 educational year. Here you will find information regarding all professional learning available to school leaders and practitioners based on these underpinning principles:

- Supporting Leaders to lead improvements in the identified area;
- Supporting practitioners to provide effective classroom provision;
- Supporting the system to share successes and learn from one another.

Moreover, the principles of our Offer are based on promoting professional learning and development on three tiers:

- Specific and bespoke support for individual schools;
- Local support through clusters, alliances and networks;
- Generic Professional Learning Offer available to all across the region.

This catalogue is a live document. It includes the pre-determined or suggested dates (where possible) for courses and training. The catalogue will be updated with subsequent current versions published on a regular basis.



Keep your eye on the [GwE Professional Offer](#) page on our website. The page is often updated to include all new events that GwE offer.



## NATIONAL PROGRAMMES

### 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](mailto:ieuanjones@gwegogledd.cymru)



## TEACHING ASSISTANTS LEARNING PATHWAY [TALP]



### Aspiring HLTA Development Programme

Cylch/Round 8 of the Aspiring HLTA Development Programme starts in January 2024.

The **CLOSING DATE** for applications is **24/11/2023**.

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

For further information, please contact [Wendy Williams, TALP Co-ordinator](#).



### Network for Teaching Assistants



**07/11/2023 | 15:45-16:15**



[JOIN](#)

Informal bilingual session to share information and good practice. For more information, contact [Elin Hutchinson](#).



## RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROJECTS

### National Professional Enquiry Project [NPEP]

#### FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS

Is your school interested in developing teachers as professional enquirers?

Are you interested in using research and enquiry skills as part of your evaluation of both Curriculum for Wales work and your wider provision? [Full information available here](#).



### 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 [this link](#).

### 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 to improve the provision for spelling in Welsh and English.**

If you are a literacy leader or the person responsible for spelling provision in a primary school, please help us to build an accurate picture of current provision by completing our questionnaire using [this link](#).

## GwE NEWS AND INFORMATION

### A Network for All Expressive Arts Practitioners



28/11/2023 | 15:30-16:30


[JOIN](#)

Informal session over [MS Teams](#) to share knowledge and good practice. **English-medium.**



### Combining Digital and Literacy Skills Across the Curriculum programme

Are you looking to advance Digital skills, Oracy and/or wider literacy skills in your school? Do you have these areas in your SDP and want to develop literacy skills through using a wide range of digital platforms such as podcasts, infographics, video production, website design, animations and more?

The three day 'Combining Digital and Literacy Skills Across the Curriculum programme' is suitable for a variety of practitioners to attend. Professional learning will:

- Enrich provision in Oracy and Digital skills by improving the outcomes in both areas
- Broaden purposeful planning and application of Digital provision in every AOLE and subject area
- This is suitable for leaders and teachers who are interested in developing their provision, from all sectors

**English session** - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/combining-digital-and-literacy-skills-across-the-curriculum-english-tickets-685543879197?aff=oddtcreator>

**Day 1:**


10/11/2023



Linden House, Mold



9.30-15:30

**Day 2:**


12/01/2024

**Day 3:**


08/03/2024



### Curriculum for Wales: From Design to Reporting and back again

This workshop is designed to support secondary school senior leaders to reflect on aspects of design, planning, teaching, professional dialogues and assessment.

The audience is senior leaders within secondary schools who have responsibility for an aspect of the new curriculum such as: design, planning for progression, enabling professional dialogues to support practitioners' understanding of progression, assessment and reporting to parents. The workshop will be interactive and informative.



27/11/2023



9:00-12:30



White House Restaurant &amp; Rooms, Rhualt


[ENGLISH-MEDIUM](#)


28/11/2023



9:00-12:30



Venue Cymru, Llandudno


[WELSH-MEDIUM](#)

### Science and Technology - Primary 8-11

The aim of the programme is to share practical ideas on how to develop rich and valuable learning within Science and Technology through the integration of cross-curricular skills. This professional development programme runs over 3 days. **You must attend all days.** [Full details and registration.](#)

**Day 1:**

23/11/2023 - Linden House, Mold

**Day 2:**

22/02/2024 - Linden House, Mold

**Day 3:**

10/04/2023 - Linden House, Mold

## A Mathematics workshop for Primary & Secondary teachers

Craig Barton is returning to North Wales to lead this mathematics workshop on effective teaching and learning strategies for primary and secondary practitioners.

The workshop will look at:

- practical strategies for identifying, prioritising and assessing relevant prior knowledge for any new idea and how to respond to these assessments
- how we explain and model new ideas to our learners
- effective techniques of modelling and worked examples
- using principles of atomisation, variation and direct instruction to give our students the very best chance of understanding key ideas.

**Places are limited, and will be allocated to the first people who register.**



01/02/2024



8:45-15:30



Venue Cymru, Llandudno



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## What does progression look like for pupils in specialist settings?

**[SPECIAL SCHOOLS, PRUS & RESOURCE BASES]**

This training is aimed at teachers, ALNCOS and support staff wanting to reflect on what progression means and can look like within a specialist setting. Within this workshop practitioners will have the opportunity to learn and reflect on the principles of progression and how they can be utilised across specialist settings.



22/11/2024



9:15-15:30



Venue Cymru, Llandudno



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## How do we support independent learning for pupils with complex additional learning needs?

**[SPECIAL SCHOOLS, PRUS & RESOURCE BASES]**

This training is aimed at teachers, ALNCOS and support staff wanting to further their knowledge on promoting independence for pupils with complex needs. During the session we will focus on strategies to develop and promote independence in pupils working within Routes for Learning and Progression Step 1.



29/11/2024



9:15-15:30



Venue Cymru, Llandudno



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## Secondary Teaching and Learning

Here is our first [Secondary Teaching and Learning Newsletter](#) for October 2023. As we have just started the Network, the first Newsletter aims to share with you:

- Our hopes for the Network.
- What happened during our first meeting.
- Our intentions in moving forward as a Network.

The next Network Meeting will take place on 17/11/2023, 9:15-12:00 at the Conwy Business Centre.

Click [here](#) to register.

In moving forward, we will further enhance the content of the newsletter to ensure effective communication and to ensure that successful practice is signposted and cascaded.

We have set-up a TEAMS space for the Network, and we intend to use this platform to communicate our main messages and share ideas with each other.



## Are you looking to progress Reading for Pleasure within your school this year?



05/12/2023 | 9:15-12:30



Venue Cymru, Llandudno



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Come and join colleagues for the morning, who have been working on this in previous terms, to hear the journeys and the progress they have made in creating a culture for reading for pleasure and the strategies they have put in place to make this happen. We will hear from you and share your successes and your findings, learn more about how we can promote this vital link in the reading journey for learners to bring them closer to becoming successful readers.

This network will continue throughout the year to bring us together to explore more effective strategies and resources and will include specialist insight from academics and educationalists in the field of reading. In this meeting in December, Professor Manon Jones from Bangor University will share with us how learners develop key reading skills and how we can effectively implement strategies and policy to support our learners.

## GwE Digital Bulletin

[Click here](#) for the latest information from the Digital Team.



## 3-8 Network Meetings [for SLT, Teachers and Teaching Assistants]

Local, regional and national issues regarding the 3 to 8 age group will be discussed and successful practice will be shared.

**Focus of Network:** Digital – Ideas about how to plan progression in digital skills within provision for 3-8 year olds.

**There is no need to register for the network meetings. Practitioners can attend any venue.**

DATE	TIME	VENUE	LANGUAGE
20/11/2023	16:00-17:00	Ysgol Hiraddug, Dyserth	English
21/11/2023	16:00-17:00	Ysgol Pen y Bryn, Colwyn Bay	English
22/11/2023	16:00-17:00	Mountain Lane School, Buckley	English
23/11/2023	16:00-17:00	Ysgol Maes y Mynydd, Rhosllanerchrugog	English

## Towards 2024: Developing High Quality Teaching & Learning [8-11 Teachers]

The project seeks to work in collaboration with 8-11 age range teachers to further strengthen and support self-evaluation 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 [tracyjones@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:tracyjones@gwegogledd.cymru).

To register your interest, complete [this form](#).



## 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](#)



**Click here for the latest information**



### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

**International Languages Primary Forums**

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

**International Languages Secondary Forums**

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

### 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 [info@routesintolanguagescymru.co.uk](mailto:info@routesintolanguagescymru.co.uk) 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](#).



## Y GYMRAEG [WELSH]

### School Workforce Annual Census [SWAC]: 07/11/2023

#### PLANNING WELSH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT FOR PRACTITIONERS

This [playlist](#) will support school leaders to accurately report on practitioners' Welsh language skills against the [Welsh Language Competency Framework](#) whilst undertaking the [School Workforce Annual Census \(SWAC\)](#), and to strategically plan appropriate professional learning to develop language competence for all practitioners.

**You will need to sign into your Hwb account to gain access to this playlist.**

### 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?** Contact your Local Authority or GwE:

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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](#).

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# WELSH EDUCATION CONSORTIA NEWS



## Mark Burns: 'Teaching to maximise learning'

Mark Burns: 'Teaching to maximise learning', the first in a series of podcasts from the Consortia's Realising Potential Team. For more details and to access the podcast, please follow [this link](#).



## 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.

## ASSESSMENT 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
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"> <li>Considerations for long-term planning for progression, including how often key concepts from the Statements of What Matters can be revisited</li> <li>Exploring approaches to planning for progression and assessment in different disciplines and Areas</li> <li>Setting learning intentions to support progress in the short to medium term</li> </ul>	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](#)

## AoLE SESSIONS

Specific sessions have been designed to support you in developing teaching and learning in each of the Areas of Learning and Experience. Here is this term's offer:

SESSION	SESSION OBJECTIVES	DATE
Health and Well-being	<p>Leaders and teachers will gain knowledge and understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overarching curriculum design for the Health and Well-being AoLE</li> <li>Processes and reflections from developing the Health and Well-being AoLE, including school examples</li> <li>Opportunities to share and discuss approaches from schools and settings across Wales</li> </ul>	07/11/2023
Expressive Arts	<p>Leaders and teachers will gain knowledge and understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning for progression within disciplines in the Expressive Arts AoLE, including school examples</li> <li>Opportunities to share and discuss approaches from schools and settings across Wales</li> </ul>	16/11/2023



Languages, Literacy and Communication	Leaders and teachers will gain knowledge and understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning for progression within clusters, focusing on progression within a 3-16 curriculum, including school examples</li> <li>Opportunities to share and discuss approaches from schools and settings across Wales</li> </ul>	21/11/2023
Humanities	Leaders and teachers will gain knowledge and understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to plan for progression within the Humanities AoLE, including school examples</li> <li>Opportunities to share and discuss approaches from schools and settings across Wales</li> </ul>	21/11/2023
Mathematics and Numeracy	Leaders and teachers will gain knowledge and understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progression and assessment within the Mathematics and Numeracy AoLE, including school examples</li> <li>Opportunities to share and discuss approaches from schools and settings across Wales</li> </ul>	06/12/2023

You can join the sessions through links in [this Programme](#)

Welsh and English sessions are available. There are also sessions during school and after school hours. They will also be available to you asynchronously on [this website](#)

### 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



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

### An opportunity to be part of the NEW National Endorsement Panel in Wales

Welsh Government is seeking expressions of interest from experienced practitioners to become core members of a new National Endorsement Panel, led by Professor Ken Jones. The Panel will have a key role in ensuring the quality of professional learning provision for all educational practitioners in Wales. Further details are available via the [information pack for applicants](#).



### Community Focused Schools: Community Engagement



21/11/2023 | 14:00-15:00

[This event](#) will focus on Community Engagement policy and practice in the context of Community Focused Schools. The event will provide an overview of the Welsh Government [Developing community engagement in Community Focused Schools](#) guidance, with input from key stakeholders.

To access the 'Policy Insight Events' live, please complete the [online registration form](#)



### Consultation



[Curriculum for Wales: continuing the journey](#)

### Vaping guidance for secondary schools



[Guidance](#)



[Press Notice](#)

## GEM Cymru Research into Heritage Learning & the New Curriculum

As part of the **Welsh Government's Culture Division funded work** for 2023-24, the Group for Education in Museums (GEM Cymru) is commencing evaluation and analysis of the outcomes/impact of the projects it has undertaken in Wales since 2021. This includes reviewing how successfully heritage learning has engaged with the Curriculum for Wales (CfW), how schools are engaging with museums, archives and local studies libraries, identifying gaps in provision and exploring the support needs for local heritage venues moving forward.

Would it be possible for you to give your opinion on these three key areas:

- Since the introduction of the new curriculum do you think that schools are engaging more with their local heritage? If so, how?
- What do you think the priorities should be for heritage learning services moving forward (related to the CfW)?
- How do you see the relationship between schools and local heritage venues changing over the next few years? Has it already changed?

If you would like to discuss your thoughts further, contact [Robin Johnson](#).



## INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS

### National Leadership Survey

The National Academy for Educational Leadership is asking leaders from across the education system in Wales, including schools, the youth work sector and the Post Compulsory Education & Training (PCET) sector to share their views, opinions and experiences in their first National Leadership Survey.

The results of the survey will contribute to the evidence base the National Academy for Educational Leadership is assembling to inform - and challenge - policy and practice across the education system. The survey will also provide insights on how leaders currently engage with the National Academy for Educational Leadership so it may improve the way it supports and develops educational leadership across Wales.

The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. Have your say and complete [this survey](#).



### Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative 2022-2023

#### [THE COMPETITION | WHSI](#)

The Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative organises an annual competition for heritage projects in schools in Wales with numerous and generous monetary prizes. This is a wonderful opportunity for your pupils to share their enquires about their cynefin with a wider audience, and use their cross-curricular and integral skills!

Please get in touch if you'd like to discuss your ideas further. ([bethanjames@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:bethanjames@gwegogledd.cymru) or [jamesb143@hwbcymru.net](mailto:jamesb143@hwbcymru.net))



### Business Data Analytics: What is it and who should study it?

In this event we will be looking at the new course being offered here in Bangor University, Business Data Analytics. Business Data Analytics is a growing area within the business world with great career prospects for graduates. In this session we will dive deeper into what students will learn on the course, what skills students can expect to learn and who should think about studying this course.

This session will be through the medium of English. If you wish to discuss the course through the medium of Welsh please contact [rhian.thomas@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:rhian.thomas@bangor.ac.uk).



21/11/2023



18:00-19:00



Online Event



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## Opportunities for schools to participate in the Creative Learning Wales programme

The Arts Council of Wales in partnership with Welsh Government are delighted to be able to launch further opportunities for GwE schools to take part in their Creative Learning and Expressive Arts programmes. See below details of all available grants and how to apply:

- Lead Creative Schools (Closing date: 11 January 2024): <https://arts.wales/funding/creative-learning/lead-creative-schools-scheme>
- Cynefin: culturally and ethnically diverse Wales (Closing date: 14 November 2023): <https://arts.wales/cynefin-culturally-and-ethnic-diverse-wales>
- Creative Leadership Programme (Closing date: 26 October 2023): <https://arts.wales/news-jobs-opportunities/fully-funded-opportunity-join-creative-leadership-programme>
- Go and See (Ongoing grant): <https://arts.wales/funding/creative-learning/go-and-see>



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