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CONFERENCES

ASD Resources Launch with Mike Gershon

SUPPORTING AUTISTIC LEARNERS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MAINSTREAM CLASSROOMS

We have international educational consultant, Mike Gershon, joining us at three different venues across the region in January, to launch an innovative new suite of resources to help mainstream classroom teachers better understand autism and what they and their school can do to best support autistic learners within their classes. The resources have been designed to support mainstream primary and secondary classroom teachers who teach one or more autistic learners within universal provision.

[Click here for further information.](#)



16/01/2024 | 9:15-13:15



Galeri, Caernarfon



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17/01/2024 | 9:15-13:15



Venue Cymru



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18/01/2024 | 9:15-13:15



Wrexham University



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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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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 updated regularly to include all new events that GwE offer.



NQT REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OFFER: TERMS 2 & 3 [2024]

Please see below the Professional Learning Offer for Newly Qualified Teachers within the GwE region.

[Full details available on our website.](#) Click on the links below to register.

	TRAINING	DATE	VENUE
1	Challenging Behaviour	14/12/2023	St Davids Park Hotel, Saltney
2	NQT Primary Literacy	23/01/2024	Oriel Hotel, St Asaph
3	NQT Primary Numeracy	24/01/2024	Business Centre, Conwy
4	Llythrennedd Cynradd ANG	25/01/2024	Galeri, Caernarfon
5	Rhifedd Cynradd ANG	26/01/2024	Venue, Llandudno
6	Ymddygiad Heriol	22/02/2024	Plas Menai, Caernarfon
7	Well-being NQT	23/02/2024	Oriel Hotel, St Asaph
8	Cymhwyster Digidol	21/03/2024	Plas Menai
9	Digital Competence	22/03/2024	Oriel Hotel, St Asaph
10	Asesu Ffurfiannol	16/04/2024	Plas Menai
11	Formative Assessment	17/04/2024	Oriel Hotel, St Asaph



NATIONAL PROGRAMMES



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](#).



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

Personal Assessments

[Key messages](#) for the Autumn Term 2023.



Realising Potential School-based Project

Applications are invited from schools across sectors and the region to take part in a school-based development project focussed on realising the potential of all learners through effective teaching and learning practices. [Further information here](#). **CLOSING DATE: 27 NOVEMBER 2023**



Developing Assessment for Curriculum for Wales in Secondary Schools: School-based Project

Applications are invited from secondary schools across the region to take part in a school-based development project focussed on realising the three purposes of assessment within the new Curriculum for Wales.

[Further details available here](#). **CLOSING DATE: 27 NOVEMBER 2023**



Save the Date: DARPL Conference

The DARPL (Diversity and Anti-Racist Professional Learning) conference will be held in Venue Cymru, Llandudno – 20 June 2024.



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.**



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



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.



29/11/2023



9:15-15:30



Venue Cymru, Llandudno



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Secondary Teaching and Learning Newsletter

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.

In moving forward, we will further enhance the content of the newsletter to ensure effective communication and 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 about their 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.



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@gwegogled.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](#)

At a glance, some of the major opportunities to develop languages in school.

All events and full information in the newsletters:

- **Secondary Network meetings:** November 2023 - register by 17/11/2023
- **Developing International Languages Primary Forums:** November 2023 - register by 20/11/2023

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS:

- **Cerdd Iaith (Primary):** 16/01/2024 (online)
- **Developing pedagogy and methodology for IL (Primary & Secondary):** 26/01/2024 (face to face)

EVENTS FOR PUPILS:

- **Environmental awareness through language learning and creativity (Primary & Secondary):** April-May 2024
- **Year 10 BLC Event:** 06/02/2024

Y GYMRAEG [WELSH]

Welsh Language Strategic Planning: Leadership Development Programme

Are you a headteacher or leader in an English-medium primary school who is keen to strengthen your understanding of the importance of the Welsh language in your school? [Full details available here.](#)

This course is offered cross-regionally, 24 January 2024.



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.](#)

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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HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

GwE's Health and Well-being Professional Offer

Click on the dates below to book your place [link to Eventbrite]

BASED ON 'PLAY TO LEARN' PRINCIPLES [AGES 3-8]

VENUE	DATE	TIME
Eirias Events Centre	01/12/2023	8:45-15:15
Anglesey Business Centre, Llangefni [BILINGUAL]	08/12/2023	8:45-15:15
Alyn Waters Country Park	15/12/2023	8:45-15:15
Welsh Language Centre, St Asaph	12/01/2024	8:45-15:15
GwE Offices, Mold	19/01/2024	8:45-15:15



Citbag Platform [Sport Wales]

Sport Wales are very excited to let you know of some significant changes they have made to their platform [Citbag](#).

[Click here for further information.](#)

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WELSH EDUCATION CONSORTIA NEWS



Teaching Assistant Induction Programme

The [Teaching Assistant Induction Programme](#) is open for [registration](#).



Avoiding Digital Burnout and Digital Stress

The digital revolution has changed the way we live and work, but at a cost. The Education Consortia team has developed this guidance to support ALL Education Employees' well-being and reduce the stress caused by the use of technology and digital devices. [Click here](#).



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"> 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](#)

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

Mathematics and Numeracy	<p>Leaders and teachers will gain knowledge and understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression and assessment within the Mathematics and Numeracy AoLE, including school examples • Opportunities to share and discuss approaches from schools and settings across Wales 	06/12/2023
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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](#)

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](#).



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

Curriculum for Wales: Equity and Inclusion event series

You are invited to the Curriculum for Wales Equity and Inclusion event series that will be taking place.

The day will provide an opportunity to hear from early years, primary, secondary, pupil referral unit (PRU) and special education practitioners. [Full details and registration information available here](#).



United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Professional Learning

[This resource](#) is designed to help you to develop an understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, how they are linked to Curriculum for Wales and how to incorporate children's human rights in your work with children and young people.



Enterprise Troopers: Encouraging Enterprise

CURRICULUM LINKED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOP

[Read more here](#)



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](#)

SECONDARY HEADTEACHER CONFERENCE:

Belonging, engaging, participating: Learning in Wales after Covid

Click on the link to register for the [Belonging, engaging, participating: Learning in Wales after Covid](#) conference on 20 November at the All Nations Centre in Cardiff.

If you have any enquiries please contact dysg@gov.wales



INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS

Agile Leadership Essentials Wales with Dr Simon Breakspear

[Live Digital Workshop Programme](#) for high-performing school leadership teams who want to level up and lead meaningful change.

[Further details available here.](#)

Cost: £350

Register here: [Agile School Leadership Program \(Wales\) | Humanitix](#)

Or Contact: team@simonbreakspear.com

Trauma Informed Schools UK: Information Briefing Session



28/11/2023 | 15:30-17:00



Online Event



[REGISTER VIA ZOOM](#)

This 1.5hour information briefing is aimed at informing professionals in all contexts who work with children and young people of the various training offers of Trauma Informed Schools UK. [Full details.](#)

National Leadership Conference: Leadership Matters



29/11/2023 | 10:00 -15:30



Parkgate Hotel, Cardiff



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The National Academy for Educational Leadership would like to share that our Leadership Matters conference will be taking place on Wednesday, 29 November at the Parkgate Hotel in Cardiff.

The conference is designed for headteachers, college principals and senior leaders from schools, youth work and the post-compulsory education and training sectors. It will provide the opportunity for educational leaders from all educational settings to explore the importance of leadership. [Full details and registration information.](#)

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

News from the Education Workforce Council

[Click here](#) for the latest news from the Education Workforce Council.

Natural Resources Wales Newsletter

Natural Resources Wales' Education, Learning and Health November newsletter has been published.

[Click here to read.](#)

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 or 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.



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>
- Go and See (Ongoing grant): <https://arts.wales/funding/creative-learning/go-and-see>