



# GwE Bulletin

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## NETWORKS

### Network Meetings for SLT, Teachers and Teaching Assistants who teach 3-8 year old pupils

#### FOCUS OF NETWORK:

Developing cross curricular skills through the Science and Technology AoLE.

- Sharing ideas on effective strategies, provision, and purposeful learning experiences to support knowledge and understanding of the 'Play, Ask, Observe' approach.
- Sharing effective practice through examples of case studies from schools across the region

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

- 14/05/2024 GwE Office, Bryn Eirias, Colwyn Bay
- 15/05/2024 Ysgol y Parc, Denbigh
- 20/05/2024 GwE Office, Linden House, Mold
- 21/05/2024 Ysgol Hafod y Wern, Caia Park, Wrexham

4-5pm



## 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.



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



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## RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROJECTS

### Can you improve our understanding of how schools have implemented Curriculum for Wales?

We're looking for curriculum leaders in schools to help us understand how teachers have developed a shared understanding of pedagogy, and how this has influenced learning experiences in schools.

[Click here](#) for more information.



## TEACHING ASSISTANTS LEARNING PATHWAY [TALP]



### Network for Teaching Assistants

Informal session over TEAMS, on Friday 17/5/24 to share information and effective practice around behaviour within the classroom. Session 2.00pm-2.45pm

Link to meeting - <https://tinyurl.com/uxvj4d2b>

For further information contact Elin Hutchinson - [elinvaughanhutchinson@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:elinvaughanhutchinson@gwegogledd.cymru)

### Aspiring HLTA Development Programme

Cylch/Round 9 of the Aspiring HLTA Development Programme starts in September 2024.

The **CLOSING DATE** for applications is **13/06/2024**.

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

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



### An exciting opportunity for new Teaching Assistants!

The **Induction Programme for New Teaching Assistants** is for individuals newly appointed to their role. This national programme will be delivered on a digital platform. Training can be completed at a time convenient to the teaching assistants and their setting. For more information and details of how to register, [click here](#).

## GwE NEWS AND INFORMATION



## Y GYMRAEG [WELSH]

### 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](#).

## GLOBAL FUTURES: INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

GwE International Languages Newsletter: [PRIMARY](#) | [SECONDARY](#)



### Professional Learning Offer for primary schools: Supporting learners' progression in International Languages- May 2024, for free!

Tuesday 21 May 2024, 3:45 - 5:00

[Link to register](#)

An excellent opportunity for primary school practitioners to develop relevant and practical ideas for a purposeful and manageable International Languages curriculum within their setting.

The Institut français is organising a free upskilling session for primary school practitioners in Wales.

The session will explore how to support learners' progression in International Languages, what progress looks like and how to measure it. The session will focus on practical examples and resources in French but teachers of all languages can take part. The session is also open to practitioners of all levels of French and whether you are already teaching French or at planning stages. The session will be interactive, with plenty of opportunities to share ideas, ask questions and build confidence.

## HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### GwE's Health and Well-being Professional Offer

#### 'Play to Learn' Workshop:

The aim of this Professional Learning workshop is to support teachers and practitioners to utilise existing and free to access resources e.g. Play to Learn and Creative Movement, to deliver inclusive, child centred and physical literacy informed sessions & lessons. It aims to develop practitioners' confidence, skills, and competence in the delivery of the 'physical' element of the Health and Wellbeing AoLE.



Porthmadog Football Club    [16/05/2024](#)    8:45-15:15

## WELSH EDUCATION CONSORTIA NEWS



[Click here](#) to be directed to the Welsh Education Consortia website that provides information on a range of cross-regional professional learning opportunities that are available to all staff across Wales.

### Neurodiversity for Education

A growing number of learners within our classrooms are being diagnosed as neurodivergent. Even though knowledge and understanding of neurodiversity is improving for children, there is still a gap in support available for colleagues and staff working within education in Wales who are also neurodivergent. This session from Ceri Reed (Founder of Parents Voices in Wales) will explore what it means to be neurodiverse, the impact on day-to-day life and how we can support those who identify as neurodivergent.



29/04/2024 | 10:00-12:00




Online Event



[REGISTER](#)

### New Facebook group to support Teaching Assistants

The Welsh Education Consortia's new [Facebook](#) group to support Teaching Assistants in Wales is now open!  We'd love for you to join us and let us know what you'd like to see.



### 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.

[This](#) pamphlet includes key dates, links to the virtual sessions and links to the recordings.



### Equity in Education - Professional Learning

**TEACHING AND LEARNING TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE AND DISADVANTAGED LEARNERS**

[Click this link](#) to find out more about the resources and how you can use them in your classroom.

### Coaching and Mentoring Opportunity

The regional education consortia have been developing a Coaching & Mentoring culture via a national training programme for several years now. This virtual professional learning programme consists of 6 x 3½-hour sessions, held over a period of 6 weeks. A new cohort is being organised for the spring term 2024.

[Please follow this link to additional information and a registration form.](#)



### Professional development review guidance

The guidance brings the arrangements in line with developments in school improvement and professional learning and aims to support the profession to meet the current challenges and to ensure that all learners achieve their potential.

Please see the following links to the [guidance](#) and accompanying [case studies](#).



### Want to Share Your Passion for STEM with the Next Generation?

A great teacher brings the textbook to life and teaches science in their own unique way. Can you inspire the next generation of learners?

Follow: <https://educators.wales/stem> to kick-off your journey.



### Consultation on draft statutory guidance on 14-16 Learning in the Curriculum for Wales

The Minister for Education and Welsh Language has launched a consultation on draft statutory guidance on [14 to 16 Learning in the Curriculum for Wales](#). Consultation window will be open until 8 May 2024.

#### Written statement

[Written Statement: 14 to 16 learning in the Curriculum for Wales – statutory guidance consultation \(28 February 2024\) | GOV.WALES](#)

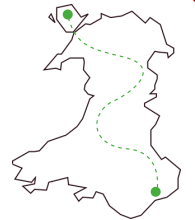
#### Press notice

[Welsh Government wants your views on 14 to 16 learning under the Curriculum for Wales | GOV.WALES](#)

### Curriculum for Wales: Continuing the Journey

We wish to draw your attention to the updated guidance for schools from Welsh Government on planning, implementing and reviewing their curriculum which is now on Hwb:

- Link to guidance : [Curriculum for Wales: continuing the journey - Hwb \[gov.wales\]](#)
- Link to video explaining the key messages: [Repository - Hwb \[gov.wales\]](#)



## INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM OTHERS

### ACADEMIC SESSIONS FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Want to delve a little deeper into a specific subject area? Want to give your pupils a taste of a subject you may not offer in your school? Maybe you want your pupils to have a taste of University life. We offer FREE subject-specific sessions delivered by our Bangor University lecturers and regional recruitment officers.

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- Choose from Welsh or English medium sessions across a range of subject areas.



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