

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar: Next steps for developing the new National Curriculum for Wales - content, assessment and the Digital Competency Framework

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 3rd March 2016

Venue: Park Inn Hotel, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2JH



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Janet Haworth AM, Shadow Minister for Environment and Energy, Welsh Conservatives, National Assembly for Wales
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Priorities for the new curriculum in Wales - putting the vision into practice**
Professor Graham Donaldson, Chair, Successful Futures Independent Advisory Group and Author, *Successful Futures: Independent Review of Curriculum and Assessment Arrangements in Wales*
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.30 **Finalising the content of the new National Curriculum and challenges for implementation**
Avoiding implementation pitfalls: lessons from curriculum reform elsewhere in the UK and beyond
Dr Peter Kelly, Associate Professor in Comparative Education, Plymouth University

Building the role of Welsh in the new curriculum
Elaine Edwards, General Secretary, UCAC

What support will teachers need to deliver the new curriculum?
Dr Philip Dixon, Director, Association of Teachers and Lecturers Cymru

Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Janet Haworth AM, Shadow Minister for Environment and Energy, Welsh Conservatives, National Assembly for Wales
- 10.35 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Jenny Rathbone AM
- 11.10 - 12.00 **Cross-curricular core skills: updating the Literacy and Numeracy Frameworks and introducing Digital Competency**

Raising reading standards: developing the National Literacy Framework
Lleucu Siencyn, Chief Executive, Llenyddiaeth Cymru Literature Wales

'Raising standards of numeracy - Where do we go from here?'
Linda Thomas, Senior Challenge Adviser, Mathematics, South East Wales Consortium

Introducing the new Digital Competency and making the Welsh curriculum ready for the 21st century
Professor Faron Moller, Director, Technocamps and Professor of Computer Science, Swansea University

Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.15 **How schools can be improved, become more accountable and be better assessed: 'PISA: present and future'**
Michael Stevenson, Senior Advisor, PISA, OECD
- 12.15 - 12.55 **Next steps for curriculum reform in Wales: reforming assessment, accountability and school improvement**

Improving schools at a regional level
Dr Kevin Palmer, Assistant Director, Brokerage, Intervention and Support, Educational Achievement Service for South East Wales

Helping teachers with assessment in the new curriculum
David Evans, Wales Secretary, NUT

Questions and comments from the floor with **Michael Stevenson**, Senior Advisor, PISA, OECD
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Jenny Rathbone AM
Jonny Roberts, Associate Editor, Policy Forum for Wales