

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar

Curriculum reform in Wales: content, assessment, and the challenges for implementation

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 30th April 2015

Venue: Cardiff Marriott Hotel, Mill Lane, Cardiff CF10 1EZ



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
David Melding AM, Deputy Presiding Officer; Chair, Cross Party Group on Looked After Children and Deputy Chair, Cross Party Group on Children, National Assembly for Wales
- 9.05 - 9.55 **'A National Curriculum for Wales' - content and challenges for implementation**
Professor David Egan, Professor of Welsh Education Policy, and Director, Welsh Centre for Equity in Education, University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Owen Hathway, Policy Officer, NUT Wales Cymru
Denise Inger, Chief Executive, SNAP Cymru
Bryn Davies, Chair, Venture Wales
Neil Butler, NASUWT National Executive Committee and Head of Humanities, Welshpool High School, Powys
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 - 10.25 **Replacing the ICT curriculum with computing**
Stuart Arthur, Co-Chair, ICT Steering Group, Welsh Government, and Chief Technology Officer, Monmouthshire County Council
Lauren Hyams, Head, Code Club Pro
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 - 10.55 **Embedding 'the history and story of Wales' and improving Welsh language learning**
Nia Williams, Member, Welsh Government's Cwricwlwm Cymreig Task and Finish Group, and Head of Learning, Participation and Interpretation, National Museum Wales
Professor Sioned Davies, Chair, Welsh Second Language at Key Stage 3 and 4 Review Group, and Chair of Welsh and Head of School, Cardiff University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
David Melding AM, Deputy Presiding Officer; Chair, Cross Party Group on Looked After Children and Deputy Chair, Cross Party Group on Children, National Assembly for Wales
- 11.00 - 11.25 Coffee
- 11.25 - 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord German, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Children in Wales
- 11.30 - 11.40 **PE as a core subject**
Professor Laura McAllister, Member, Schools and Physical Activity Task and Finish Group, Welsh Government and Chair, Sport Wales
- 11.40 - 11.50 **A central role for creativity and the arts?**
Professor Dai Smith, Author, *Independent Report on the Arts in Education in the Schools of Wales*, and Chair, Arts Council of Wales
- 11.50 - 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 - 12.55 **Reforming assessment to fit a new curriculum and improve standards**
Dr Philip Dixon, Director, ATL Cymru
Professor David Reynolds, Professor of Education, University of Southampton
Andrew Thraves, Member, Strategic Committee, Expert Subject Advisory Groups
Jane Nicholas, Senior Research Manager, NFER
Gareth Pierce, Chief Executive, WJEC
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Lord German, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Children in Wales
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales