

Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar
Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) in Wales - quality, flexibility and affordability
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 18th June 2020



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Defining quality provision for both early years education and care**
Dr David Dallimore, Research Officer, Honorary Research Associate, School of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences, Bangor University
- 9.15 - 9.25 **Challenges for delivering high-quality provision and prioritising child development**
Professor Karen Graham, Emeritus Professor of Childhood and Family Studies, Wrexham Glyndwr University
- 9.25 - 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 Break
- 9.45 - 10.25 **Ensuring consistent quality in ECEC - investment, workforce and closing the attainment gap**
David Goodger, Chief Executive Officer, Early Years Wales
Hayden Llewellyn, Chief Executive, Education Workforce Council
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, nursery
Senior representative, early intervention
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 - 10.35 Break
- 10.35 - 11.10 **'Supporting quality, the role of ratings and lessons from joint inspections'**
Kevin Barker, Head of Inspection, Childcare and Play Inspection, Care Inspectorate Wales
- The potential impact of the quality framework on joint inspections for early years settings**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Estyn**
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
- 11.15 - 11.25 Break
- 11.25 - 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Councillor Emlyn Dole, Spokesperson, Employability and Skills, WLGA and Leader, Carmarthenshire County Council
- 11.30 - 11.40 **Set Up and Succeed - progress and future priorities for Welsh-medium provision**
Dr Gwenllian Lansdown Davies, Chief Executive, Mudiad Meithrin
- 11.40 - 12.20 **Improving access, flexibility and information - integration, innovative settings, and making care and education work for families**
Tracey Handley, Head of Wales, Parentkind
Bethan Webber, Chief Executive, Home-Start Cymru
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, ALN provision
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Gwenllian Lansdown Davies**, Chief Executive, Mudiad Meithrin
- 12.20 - 12.30 Break
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Developing the new Early Childhood Education and Care quality framework - lessons learnt and next steps**
Nicola Edwards, Deputy Director, Childcare, Play and Early Years, Welsh Government
Lucie Griffiths, Head, Early Childhood Education and Care, Welsh Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Councillor Emlyn Dole, Spokesperson, Employability and Skills, WLGA and Leader, Carmarthenshire County Council
Peter van Gelder, Director, Policy Forum for Wales