

Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:

The new Curriculum for Wales in early years education - opportunities and issues for implementation, the Areas of Learning and Experience, building responsive environments, staff support and leadership, and raising standards

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 16th June 2022

Taking Place Online



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Laura Anne Jones MS, Shadow Minister for Education, and Member, Children, Young People, and Education Committee
- 9.05 **Next steps for early years education, and preparing for the implementation of the new curriculum**
Dr Gisselle Tur Porres, Programme Director, BA Early Childhood Studies, and Lecturer, Early Childhood Studies, Swansea University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **The Areas of Learning and Experience in early learning - utilising play, sharing best practice, approaches in varying settings, and issues for implementation**
Natalie Macdonald, Senior Lecturer; and Programme Lead for Early Years, University of Wales Trinity St David (UWTSD)
Michele Gregson, General Secretary, The National Society for Education in Art and Design (NSEAD)
Hannah Jones, Manager, Rachael's Playhouse, Aberdare
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Laura Anne Jones MS, Shadow Minister for Education, and Member, Children, Young People, and Education Committee
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Natalie Macdonald, Senior Lecturer; and Programme Lead for Early Years, University of Wales Trinity St David (UWTSD)
- 10.40 **Building a responsive environment - opportunities and challenges for adopting child-centred approaches, meeting needs of learners with ALN, transition to primary school and utilising observation, assessment and self-review**
Dr Amanda Thomas, Senior Lecturer in Early Years Education, University of South Wales
Pavla Boulton, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Life Sciences and Education, University of South Wales
Dafydd Hughes, Head Teacher, Ysgol Caer Elen
Bethan Moore, Head Teacher, Crownbridge Special Day School, Cwmbran
Julie Addis, Education Consultant, Think Learn Challenge
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Implementing religion, values and ethics in the new curriculum - revised legislation and best practice in implementation**
Gill Vaisey, Religion and Worldviews Education Consultant, Books at Press
- 11.50 **Support for staff to implement the new curriculum - leadership and change management, managing workload pressures, and developing professional collaboration and learning**
Jonathan Broadbery, Director of Policy and Communications, National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA)
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for implementing the new curriculum in the early years**
Hannah Chivers, Senior Policy Lead, Foundation Phase, Welsh Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Natalie Macdonald, Senior Lecturer; and Programme Lead for Early Years, University of Wales Trinity St David (UWTSD)
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales