

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

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 9.05 **Next steps for early years education, and preparing for the implementation of the new curriculum**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **The Areas of Learning and Experience in early learning - utilising play, sharing best practice, approaches in varying settings, best practice, and issues for implementation**
Natalie Macdonald, Senior Lecturer; and Programme Lead for Early Years, University of Wales Trinity St David (UWTSD)
Ben Webb, Founder, Create Play's Outdoor Nursery
Jenine Gill, Founder and Company Director, Little Inspirations Day Nursery
Rachel Morgan, Site Manager, Penywaun branch and Education coordinator, Little Inspirations Day Nursery
Senior Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 10.25 Break
- 10.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 10.35 **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
Senior representative, assessment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 **Raising the standards of provision in early years education - adopting a holistic approach to teaching and learning, and assessing the priorities for best practice**
Senior commentator
- 11.30 **Support for staff to implement the new curriculum - leadership and change management, managing workload pressures, and developing professional collaboration and learning**
Kerina Hanson, President, NAHT Cymru
Jonathan Broadbery, Director of Policy and Communications, National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA)
Senior representative, local authority
Senior academic
- 11.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for implementing the new curriculum in the early years**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Welsh Government**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales