

Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar
Next steps for implementing the new curriculum in Wales
Timing: All-day, 8:30 - 16:30, Wednesday, 22nd September 2021
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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Cefin Campbell MS
- 9.05 **Key priorities for implementing the new curriculum**
Romane Viennet, Education Policy Analyst, Policy Advice and Implementation, Directorate for Education and Skills, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Transitioning into the new framework post-pandemic - what support is needed, balancing workload, and ensuring an approach dovetailed with addressing post-pandemic catch-up studies**
Professor Eithne Hughes, Cymru Director, Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)
Gareth Evans, Director of Education Policy, Yr Athrofa: Institute of Education and Humanities, University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Jonathan Keohane, Headteacher, Roath Park Primary School, Cardiff
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Cefin Campbell MS
- 10.15 Break
- 10.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Jenny Rathbone MS, Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee
- 10.25 **Adjusting to the changing pedagogical approach - the six areas of learning and experience, best practice in curriculum design and thematic and cross-subject teaching, and supporting holistic learning**
Jackie Parker, Headteacher, Crickhowell High School
Ruth Thackray, Senior Lead - Curriculum for Wales, GwE
Professor Louise Hayward, Professor of Educational Assessment and Innovation, University of Glasgow
Dr Esma Izzidien, Founder and Head of School, Cardiff Montessori School
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **What teachers need to effectively transition into the new framework**
Laura Doel, Director, NAHT Cymru
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Teaching workforce skills - assessing the need for reskilling teaching staff in light of the new framework, and impact on recruitment**
Hayden Llewellyn, Chief Executive, Education Workforce Council
Glenda Dudley, Director and Co-founder, The Learning Partnership Wales
Mary van den Heuvel, Senior Policy Officer, National Education Union Cymru
Senior representative, school
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Jenny Rathbone MS, Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee
- 12.15 Break
- 13.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Wilcox of Newport, Shadow Spokesperson (Wales)
- 13.20 **Incorporating emerging curriculum aims and improving inclusivity - tackling sexual misconduct, driving up digital skills, carbon literacy, mental health and wellbeing, and ethnic minority inclusion**

Soraya Cordle, Co-Founding Director, I'm Representing Inclusive Educational Curriculum Consultancy (IECC)
Jessica Dunrod, Co-Founding Director, I'm Representing Inclusive Educational Curriculum Consultancy (IECC)
Kojo Hazel, Head of Vocational Education, Treorchy Comprehensive School
Tracey Handley, Head of Wales, Parentkind
Sarah Stone, Executive Director for Wales, Samaritans
Senior speaker confirmed from **Teach The Future Wales**
Questions and comments from the floor

14.10 **Insights from international practice in curriculum design**

Senior representative, international
Questions and comments from the floor

14.35 **Chair's closing remarks**

Baroness Wilcox of Newport, Shadow Spokesperson (Wales)

14.40 Break

14.50 **Chair's opening remarks**

Senior Member of the Senedd

14.55 **Harnessing the curriculum to improve attainment and skills levels, help in meeting economic needs, and support the recovery from the pandemic**

Finola Wilson, Director, Impact School Improvement
Aeron Rees, Head of Curriculum and Wellbeing, Carmarthenshire County Council
Gemma Casey, Ecosystem Manager, NatWest Cymru
Senior representative, secondary school
Questions and comments from the floor

15.40 Break

15.45 **Key priorities in preparing for inspections of the new curriculum**

Alan Edwards, HM Inspector, Estyn
Questions and comments from the floor

16.10 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**

Senior Member of the Senedd
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales