

**Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:
Next steps for curriculum reform and implementation in Wales**

Timing: Morning, Friday, 26th April 2024

*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Chair to be announced
- 9.05 **Raising standards of attainment across Wales**
Lucy Crehan, International Education Consultant, Crehan & Co
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Improving literacy and numeracy in schools in Wales**
Addressing concerns around PISA results | Using PISA results to inform literacy and numeracy curriculum design | Evaluating maths and literacy improvement plan
Yana Williams, Chief Executive, Coleg Cambria
Dr Amy Hulson-Jones, Research Officer, Bangor University
Senior representative, primary school
Senior representative, secondary school
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Utilising curriculum reform to improve standards across Wales and narrow the inequality gap**
Dr Gareth Evans, Director of Education Policy, University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Chair to be announced
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
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- 10.55 **Learning from other jurisdictions in the process of curriculum reform**
Professor Alma Harris, Professor of Leadership in Education, Cardiff Metropolitan University; and Co-Director, Centre for International Research on Leadership in Education (CIRLE)
- 11.05 **The Curriculum for Wales - lessons learnt so far**
Monitoring progress | Assessing current guidance | Improving curriculum design resources | AI's potential as a teacher resource | Learning from pilot schools
Matt Smith, Managing Director, Aspire 2Be
Claire Skidmore, Headteacher, Radyr Primary School, Cardiff
Senior representative, secondary school
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Next steps for curriculum implementation**
Professional development and support for teaching staff | Creating school partnerships and collaboration | Narrowing the inequality gap in education provision | Student attainment | Aligning curriculum with Made-for-Wales GCSEs and the wider offer
Mary van den Heuvel, Senior Policy Officer, National Education Union
Bethan Jeffers, Senior Associate, Skills Builder Partnership
Rebecca Ring, School Convenor, Unison
Senior representative, advocacy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for curriculum reform moving forward**
Lloyd Hopkin, Deputy Director for Curriculum and Assessment, Welsh Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Chair to be announced
Sean Cudmore, Policy Forum for Wales