

Adult Learning Conference: Building a Second Chance Nation
Thursday, 31st March 2022
Online: 1pm – 4:10pm

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13:00 – 13:05 **Welcome**
David Hagendyk, Director for Wales, Learning and Work Institute

13:05 – 13:10 **Learner journey**
Mark Church – Union Learning Rep, Dwr Cymru

13:10 – 13:55 **Keynote address**
Jeremy Miles, MS, Minister for Education and Welsh Language

Question and answer session
Chaired by Jeff Greenidge, Chair, L&W Wales Strategy Group

13:55 – 14:05 **Taith – International Learning Exchange Programme**
Susana Galvan Hernandez, Director

14:05 – 14:20 **Supporting the Welsh Lifelong Learning System Report**
Dr Sue Pember CBE, Policy Director for HOLEX

14:20 – 14:50 **How do we build a second chance nation?**
Kathryn Robson, Chief Executive, Adult Learning Wales
Kieron Rees, Universities Wales
Phil Southard, Vale of Glamorgan

Question and answer session
Chaired by Dr Sue Pember, HOLEX

14:50 – 15:00 **Closing remarks**
David Hagendyk, L&W

10 minute break

15:10 - 16:10 **Workshops**

Taith – International Learning Exchange Programme
Taith is a new programme enabling people in Wales to study, train, volunteer and work all over the world, while allowing organisations in Wales to invite international partners and learners to do the same here in Wales.

It will create opportunities to broaden horizons, experience new ways of life, and bring back lessons to share with people at home. It means that Wales and its international partners can continue to benefit from exchanges in a similar way to the opportunities that flowed from Erasmus+, both in Europe and further afield.

This first funding call - Pathway 1: Mobilities - will seek to fund outward and inward exchanges of learners, volunteers and staff, both from and to Wales. Opportunities will range in length from 3 days to 12 months. Physical, virtual, and blended options will all be eligible for funding.

There are opportunities for the adult learning sector to use Taith to enrich learner experience, provide staff development and knowledge exchange. In this session we'll be joined by the **Slovenian Institute for Adult Education and AONTAS, Ireland's National Adult Learning Organisation** who will share their priorities for adult learning and we'll discuss some ideas for potential linking.

Huw Morris & Walter Brooks, Taith Programme

Zvonka Pangerc Pahernik, Slovenian Institute for Adult Education

Katie O'Rourke, AONTAS

Kay Smith, L&W & Mark Baines AOC|ALW – Taith Sector Leads for adult learning

Educators Wales Portal

Educators Wales is a service funded by Welsh Government and developed by the Education Workforce Council to promote careers in the education profession in Wales.

The Educators Wales website will be the initial helpdesk and 'shop window' for the sector's workforce. It has three main services: a career portal, a training portal and a Wales wide jobs portal.

The Educators Wales team demonstration will showcase the website and its functionalities and demonstrate how you, your staff team and learners are able to benefit from using the website and service.

Jerena Davies-Kumar, Education Workforce Council



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