

**CANOLFAN CYMRAEG I OEDOLION GOGLEDD CYMRU
WELSH FOR ADULTS CENTRE NORTH WALES**

Grŵp Strategol / Strategy Group

A meeting of the Group was held on Thursday, 12 July at 3.00pm in Yale College, Wrexham.

Present: Steve Smith (Yale College - Chair); Haydn Hughes (Welsh for Adults Centre); Jina Gwyrfai (Welsh for Adults Centre); Pam Evans-Hughes (Welsh for Adults Centre); Andrew Parry (NEWI); Janice Lewis (Coleg Menai); Myfi Brier (Llysfasi College); Fred Cunningham (Llysfasi College); Dr Ian Rees (Coleg Meirion Dwyfor); Huw Evans (Coleg Llandrillo Cymru); Paul Croke (Yale College); Verona Pritchard Jones (Popeth Cymraeg); Ioan Talfryn (Popeth Cymraeg); Richard Lewis (Welsh College of Horticulture); Ifor Gruffydd (Welsh for Adults Centre); Iwan Davies (Secretary)

Apologies: Meri Huws (University of Wales, Bangor); Elwyn Hughes (University of Wales, Bangor); David Jones (Deeside College); Trefor Fôn Owen (Coleg Harlech/WEA); Jim O'Rourke (Nant Gwrtheyrn)

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<p>1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</p> <p>Steve Smith, Yale College Wrexham, was in the Chair in the absence of Meri Huws and he welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. CONFIRM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 25 MAY 2007</p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting held on 25 May 2007 were accepted as an accurate record.</p>	
<p>3. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>IG reported on the ESOL pilot scheme – the way ahead is uncertain but we will continue with the Welsh ESOL course.</p>	
<p>4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Director's report stated that there would be under expenditure for 2006/07, each provider's allocation has now been confirmed, there is a 10% increase on 2005/06,	

and the Centre will monitor expenditure. Meri Huws has written to Steve Marshall regarding this significant shortfall.

- The Centre has now received legal advice and contracts will be sent to providers on 16 July 2007 and **providers must return them by 31 July 2007.**
- Research Working Group – the emphasis is on designing a national strategy and the Working Group will tender for a £20k contract with DCELLS to carry out research into assimilating learners.
- The Intensive Curriculum Working Group's paper was approved by the National Steering Group; DCELLS will invite tenders for designing a new national course for all level.

Providers

5. QUALITY ASSURANCE

HH reported that the Centre will pilot a scheme in the east of the region with a view to extending it to the rest of the region in 2008/09. A constructive meeting was held with Coleg Menai and Coleg Meirion Dwyfor to discuss quality. We will be collaborating with the Mid Wales Centre on the observation project so that the systems match.

6. TRAINING

- Concern was expressed by the providers regarding the payments made to tutors as there is a significant difference in tutor payments from one centre to another. It was agreed that we will pay £50.00 per day for attending a training session and £30.00 for ½ a day.
- Cardiff University is collaborating with LLUK on a qualification that will be equivalent to a PGCE, but because of the nature of changing the PGCE, this will delay the start of the qualification until January 2008.

7. PROVISION 2007/08

- JG reported that this is an exciting time for providers and that it will be necessary to collaborate with providers, to market and promote the courses and to network with other organizations in the region. The Centre will develop and test new ideas. There are a number of gaps in the provision with fewer students but foundation courses are increasing in number. Estyn is demanding a well-balanced programme, planning will be required for a comprehensive programme.
- Sessions were held for migrants and nursery classes for parents.
- New projects are being planned – Welsh for the Family and the Workplace, a pilot project for latecomers to

- secondary schools, collaboration with TWF and MYM.
- Support from providers will be needed in the future to teach foundation courses as some areas have shown interest in the Wrexham area.
 - The Centre is collaborating with the OCN to ensure that credits can be gained on these courses.

8. A.O.B.

It was decided to appoint a Deputy Chair, if the Chair is absent.

It was decided to ask the Head of the College in which the meeting is held to act as Chair and everyone was in agreement.

9. DATES OF MEETINGS 2007/08

Wednesday, 24 October 2007 at 10.30am, Llysfasi College,
Ruthin

Wednesday, 16 January 2008 at 10.30am, Deeside College,
Connah's Quay

Wednesday, 9 April 2008 at 10.30am, Bangor University, Bangor

Wednesday, 9 July 2008 at 10.30am, Coleg Menai, Bangor