

**UNIVERSITY OF WALES COLLEGE, NEWPORT
COLEG PRIFYSGOL CYMRU, CASNEWYDD**

**National Assembly for Wales
Education and Lifelong Learning Committee Review of Higher Education
Submission in support of the presentation by the Principal and Chief Executive of
University of Wales College, Newport, Professor Ken Overshott, on 31 January 2001**

Mission: *To achieve a high reputation among students, their families and friends, employers and key influencing agencies for the range, accessibility, relevance, quality and added value of the learning and research opportunities it provides and thereby assure the long term future of the college as an independent major provider of higher education within its own catchment area, Wales and the UK.*

Focus: *A Community University providing educational opportunities and support for economic development in Greater Gwent.*

Location

UWCN is located at two major campuses in Newport (Allt-yr-yn and Caerleon) and two annexes (Fairoak in Newport and the Community University initiative in Tredegar).

Portfolio

Polytechnic institution with students in all HEFCW Academic Subject Categories except Medicine. Courses offered from Pre-Access, Access, Bachelors, Masters to Ph.D. with many professional courses.

Student Numbers

	FT	PT
In Newport – HE	2581	2963
In Newport – FE	98	329
Franchise across Wales – HE at 19 FE campuses	32	1568
Franchise overseas - HE at 11 institutions	228	457
Short & bespoke courses (151)	0	978
Total number of students	2939	6295
Grant Total Number of Students	9234	

Fourth largest institution in Wales: 8.4% of total students (Source: Welsh Economic Review)

75.8% of students domiciled in Wales (Highest) in University of Wales.

75% of full-time HE students in Newport are mature.

1413 students pursuing Teacher Training courses (Highest number in Wales)

Highest percentage of Socially Disadvantaged Students in Wales (In Top Ten in UK)

Increase in Applications for degree courses from 1999/2000 to 2000/01 is 12.5% (December)

KEY ISSUES

- (i) Independent HE institution based in and “working for Gwent” (pop. c. 500,000).
- (ii) Cost of provision of part-time courses and extra cost of educating students from disadvantaged areas.
- (iii) Student funding and fees