

**Cyflwynwyd yr ymateb hwn i ymgynghoriad y [Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg](#) ar [Flaenoriaethau'r Chweched Senedd](#)**

**This response was submitted to the [Children, Young People and Education Committee](#) consultation on [Sixth Senedd Priorities](#)**

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**Ymateb gan: Ben Cottam, Pennaeth y Ffederasiwn Busnesau Bach yng Nghymru**  
**Response from: Ben Cottam, Head of Wales, Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)**

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Beth yn eich barn chi yw'r prif flaenoriaethau neu'r materion y dylai'r Pwyllgor eu hystyried yn ystod y Chweched Senedd? Os oes modd, nodwch eich barn o ran sut y gallai'r Pwyllgor fynd i'r afael â hyn.

What do you consider to be the main priorities or issues that the Committee should consider during the Sixth Senedd? Where possible, please set out your view about how the Committee could address them.

**Thema 1: Addysg oedran ysgol | Theme 1: School-age education**

A key area of work here is scrutiny and policy development around the Guarantee of Offer for Education, Employment or Training to under 25s in the Programme for Government. Currently we are not aware of greater detail. It is important for our members to understand if this is to be a meaningful offer how it relates to training and apprenticeships and how any scheme would be easily accessed and used by SMEs across the whole of Wales, in order to ensure that opportunities are available to young people and to businesses with proper support.

The role of entrepreneurship in education, how it aligns with the wider curriculum and its aims of making 'informed and critical citizens' is an ongoing interest, as well as how we understand the changing needs of the next generation of young entrepreneurs and business support mechanisms required to help provide opportunities for them. The role of work-related experiences and the practical experiential side of education, as well as the fostering of key skills is also a key concern for SMEs, and in future entrepreneurship.



FSB have upcoming work on Generation Z entrepreneurship, which we will share with the committee when available.

## **Thema 2: Addysg bellach ac addysg uwch | Theme 2: Further and higher education**

Our suggestions above advocate a dynamic and agile role in co-working and cross committee working, utilising all the backbench capacity and capabilities as much as possible, and reducing possible silos in policy scrutiny and development. The following list gives some indications of possible areas of work, although this is not exhaustive list, and priorities will be necessarily shaped by wider issues of Welsh Government priorities and external factors such as Covid-19 and Brexit. Working iteratively with other committees will also shape framing of subject areas, and we believe this would generally be positive for inquiries and scrutiny.

<b>Subject area</b>	<b>Possible partner committee(s)</b>
<i>Implications and opportunities of Guarantee of Offer for Education, Employment or Training to under 25s</i>	Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee
Entrepreneurship and Young People – including Business Support, Entrepreneurship in Education and next generation of entrepreneurs	Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

## **Thema 3: Iechyd a lles, gan gynnwys gofal cymdeithasol (i'r graddau y maent yn ymwneud â phlant a phobl ifanc) | Theme 3: Health and well-being, including social care (as they relate to children and young people)**

## **Thema 4: Plant a phobl Ifanc | Theme 4: Children and young people**

