

Minutes: CPG on Further Education and Future Skills

8 December 2021, 9.30am (virtual meeting)

Topic: Race Equality and Further Education

Agenda

Welcome, introductions and housekeeping – Rachel Bowen

Opening remarks and formal start of meeting - John Griffiths MS

- The work of the Black FE Leadership Group and notable achievements to date - Robin Landman OBE, BFELG
- Addysg Oedolion Cymru | Adult Learning Wales' work on anti-racism in adult community learning - Kathryn Robson, Addysg Oedolion Cymru | Adult Learning Wales
- CAVC's approach to increasing diversity and challenging racism - Mike James, Cardiff and Vale College

Q & A Panel discussion, chaired by John Griffiths MS

Close - John Griffiths MS

Event

John Griffiths MS was re-elected as Chair of the CPG, with ColegauCymru as the Secretariat – nominations from Luke Fletcher MS and Jennifer Ramsay.

The event saw positive engagement via the Zoom 'Chat' function with a variety of comments and questions for the Q&A session. Attendees were encouraged to submit questions in Welsh. Issues that were raised included the diversity of the panel, the views and experiences of learners, language and terminology, and anti-racism in the curriculum.

Around 50 attendees joined the event, with pre-event registrations having reached around 80. From informal discussions, this appears to be in line with percentages of non-attendance experienced by other organisations for free online events. The event, along with the launch of the BFELG and ColegauCymru partnership on 1 December 2021, is also available to view on the ColegauCymru website:

<https://www.colleges.wales/en/blog/post/fe-sector-commits-to-progressing-anti-racist-wales-agenda> .

Following the event, via the official partnership, ColegauCymru and BFELG will continue to work together collaboratively to progress the anti-racist agenda in Wales.

Financial implications

None, beyond Zoom license and staff costs.