

11 December 2024

**Invitation to attend meetings relating to the Children, Young People and Education Committee's inquiry 'Routes into post-16 education and training'**

Dear Paul,

As you may know, the Children, Young People and Education Committee (CYPE) recently launched an [inquiry into routes into post-16 education and training](#).

I understand that the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee (ETRA) is undertaking an inquiry into apprenticeship pathways. Due to the crossover between our inquiries, I would like to invite members of ETRA to join CYPE under Standing Order 17.49 for the relevant parts of the following meetings:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Approx time</b>	<b>Meeting summary</b>
<b>22/01/25</b>	10.30 – 12.30	Private stakeholder event with frontline professionals
<b>29/01/25</b>	09.30 – 12.00	Oral evidence (school trade unions and organisations representing parents)
<b>06/02/25</b>	09.30 – 13.15	Oral evidence (Medr, Careers Wales, and tertiary education providers)
<b>05/03/25</b>	11.10 – 11.30	Oral evidence (Estyn)
<b>13/03/25</b>	09.30 – 10.45 *	Oral evidence (Welsh-medium provision representatives)
<b>26/03/25</b>	09.30 – 10.45	Oral evidence (local government representatives, tertiary education providers)
<b>02/04/25</b>	09.30 – 11.00	Oral evidence (Welsh Government: Cabinet Secretary for Education; Minister for Further and Higher Education; and Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership)

\* We may invite other witnesses to give evidence during this meeting at a later date.

I would be grateful if your clerks could advise our clerks at least a week before the meeting in question if members of ETRA attend on joining any of the above meetings. I have asked our clerks to liaise with yours to keep you informed of any changes to our forward work programme.

Whether or not ETRA members are able to attend CYPE meetings, I hope that the evidence that we collect during this inquiry will be useful to your work (and vice versa).

Yours sincerely,



Buffy Williams MS  
Chair

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English