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National Assembly for Wales
Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

Lynne Neagle AM
Chair of Children, Young People and Education Committee
National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Lynne,

Teaching of Welsh history and culture in schools

The Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee is undertaking some work scrutinising the teaching of Welsh history, culture and heritage in schools.

During the summer of 2018 we ran a public poll inviting members of the public to select the topic of our next inquiry. Nearly 2,500 people participated in the poll and 44% of them voted for this topic.

In February, we held an event to hear from practitioners and others interested in this issue. There were many comments on the importance of teaching Welsh history to give children a sense of identity. Whilst we are clear that there are requirements to teach aspects of Welsh history in the curriculum and within exam syllabuses, it was clear that there is a perception from professionals that the reality on the ground is quite different. This is obviously of great concern and an issue that we feel must be resolved at a time when the new curriculum is being developed and implemented.

Following this, the Committee resolved to assess the draft new curriculum due to be published by the Welsh Government in April. I understand that your Committee is also scrutinising curriculum reform.

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I will keep you informed of our work on this topic. If there are any common areas of work between our Committees, I will endeavour to ensure we work together to make efficient use of Committee time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bethan Sayed." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bethan Sayed

Chair of the Committee