

Cross-Party Group Annual Report.

18/11/19

Cross Party Group on FE and Future Skills

1. Group membership and office holders.

Chair

John Griffiths AM

Members

Bethan Sayed AM

Suzy Davies AM

Mohammad Asghar AM

Vikki Howells AM

Secretary

Amy Evans, ColegauCymru

2. Previous Group Meetings since the last AGM.

Meeting 1. Fair Funding for FE

Meeting date: 09/10/18

Attendees:

Alex Rollason	NUS Wales
Anna Rolewska	Comisiynydd y Gymraeg
Andrew Clark	Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government
Andy Johns	Coleg y Cymoedd
Barry Walters	Coleg Sir Benfro / Pembrokeshire College
Cerith Rhys-Jones	NUS Cymru
David Blaney	CCAUC / HEFCW
Debbie Field	Coleg Gwent
Fran Green	Grŵp Colegau NPTC Group of Colleges

Guy Lacey	Coleg Gwent
Huw Morris	Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government
Jackie Gapper	Estyn
Jassa Scott	Estyn
John Nash	TSW
John Graystone	Agored
Judith Evans	Coleg y Cymoedd
Judith Williams	Grŵp Colegau NPTC Group of Colleges
Kate Crabtree	Cymwysterau Cymru / Qualifications Wales
Kathryn Robson	Addysg Oedolion Cymru / Adult Learning Wales
Kevern Kerswell	Agored
Margaret Phelan	UCU
Mark Breslin	Coleg Catholig Dewi Sant / St David's Catholic College
Mark Jones	Coleg Gŵyr Abertawe / Gower College Swansea
Nigel Downes	Royal College of Nursing
Paul Kift	Coleg Gŵyr Abertawe / Gower College Swansea
Rachel Heath-Davies	Cymwysterau Cymru / Qualifications Wales
Sarah John	ALS Training
Sharon James	Coleg Caerdydd a'r Fro / Cardiff and Vale College
Simon Pirotte	Coleg Penybont / Bridgend College
Trish D'Souza	Capital Law

Summary of issues discussed:

- Explored current and future funding methodologies for FE
- Sustainability
- Ensure FE funding continues to support the learner and learner achievement

Meeting 2. Mental Health in FE

Meeting date: 19/02/19

Attendees:

Alyson Nicholson	Jisc
Andrew Cornish	Coleg Sir Gâr
Chris Deacy	Prifysgol Metropolitan Caerdydd / Cardiff Met
Chris Duffy	Coleg Caerdydd a'r Fro / Cardiff and Vale College
Claire Leakey	Coleg Penybont / Bridgend College

Claire O'Shea	Campaign to end loneliness
David Brookes	Coleg y Cymoedd
David Jones	Coleg Cambria
David Hagendyk	LWI
Emil Evans	Coleg Caerdydd a'r Fro / Cardiff and Vale College
Helen Morgan	Coleg Gwent
Hilary Aldridge	Coleg Gwent
Iwan Williams	Gofal Cymdeithasol Cymru / Social Care Wales
Jackie Gapper	Estyn
Jackie Mathias	Coleg Sir Benfro / Pembrokeshire College
James Donaldson	Coleg Caerdydd a'r Fro / Cardiff and Vale College
Jassa Scott	Estyn
Jayne Lyons	HEFCW
Judith Mulry	Y Coleg Merthyr Tudful / The College Merthyr Tydfil
Julie Dyer	Do It Profiler
Karen Roberts	Amser i Newid Cymru / Time to Change Wales
Karen Philipps	Coleg y Cymoedd
Kathryn Robson	Addysg Oedolion Cymru / Adult Learning Wales
Kieron Rees	Prifysgolion Cymru / Universities Wales
Leanne Waring	Coleg Caerdydd a'r Fro / Cardiff and Vale College
Liz Hargest	GIG Cymru / NHS Wales
Maria Johnson	Coleg Gwent
Marian Jebb	Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government
Phil Boshier	Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru / National Assembly for Wales
Ryan Stokes	CCAUC / HEFCW
Samantha Gunnarsson	Coleg Penybont / Bridgend College
Sian Hughes	Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government
Sian Jones	Grŵp Colegau NPTC Group of College
Simon Pirotte	Coleg Penybont / Bridgend College
Steve Kelshaw	Coleg Sir Gar
Trish D'Souza	Capital Law
Nia Brodrick	ColegauCymru
Iestyn Davies	ColegauCymru
Claire Roberts	ColegauCymru
Rachel Bowen	ColegauCymru
Amy Evans	ColegauCymru

Summary of issues discussed:

- How can FE link with health services?
- Strategy needs to have a holistic approach.

- Staff have a very full workload already – they need more time with learners.
- Generational changes and increased access to technology effecting mental health and young people
- Curriculum advancements – challenges
- Learner and staff wellbeing at the core of a successful college
- FE Funding

Meeting 3.

Meeting date: 21/05/19

Attendees:

Al Lewis	Coleg y Cymoedd
Amy Evans	ColegauCymru
Bethan Winter	UCU
Chris Denham	ColegauCymru
Darren Jones	Prifysgol Agored / Open University
Debbie Thomas	National Deaf Children's Society
Diane Powles	RCN
Fran Green	Grwp NPTC Group
Iestyn Davies	ColegauCymru
Iwan Williams	Gofal Cymdeithasol Cymru / Social Care Wales
Jeremy Harvey	NUS Cymru
Joe Atkinson	NUS Cymru
Joe Baldwin	Coleg Penybont / Bridgend College
Judith Archer	Agored Cymru
Julia Green	Coleg Sir Gar
Karen Phillips	Coleg y Cymoedd
Lynne Lloyd	Y Coleg Merthyr Tudful / The College Merthyr Tydfil
Mark Dacey	Grwp NPTC Group
Mark Harding	Coleg Gwent
Mark Jones	Coleg Gwyr Abertawe / Gower College Swansea
Mike Butcher	Coleg Sir Benfro / Pembrokeshire College
Rachel Bowen	ColegauCymru
Simon Pirotte	Coleg Penybont / Bridgend College
Victoria Davies	Coleg Gwent
Vicky Thomas	ColegauCymru

Summary of issues discussed:

- Will there be future competition between colleges for “good” ALNCos?
- How does the Act cover academic study versus vocational?
- Learner numbers - how might schools and LAs interpret the code? Will this interpretation transfer appropriately to a college?
- Consistency between FEIs or there is a risk of a postcode lottery for learners
- Both the Act, Code and Transformation process encourages collaboration and partnership between Local Authorities and FEIs which in turn, promises a better deal for children and young people
- Cost

3. Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities with whom the Group has met during the preceding year.

[Include name of lobbyist/organisation/charities as follows. e.g.]

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Annual Financial Statement.

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Group's Expenses.	None.	£0.00
Costs of all goods.	No goods purchased.	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies.	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any secretariat or other support.	No financial support received.	£0.00
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality.		
All refreshments paid for by ColegauCymru/Fforwm Services		
Date	Description and name of provider	Cost
09/10/18	CH & Co Catering Ltd	£316.66
19/02/19	CH & Co Catering Ltd	£322.30
21/05/19	CH & Co Catering Ltd	£251.46
Total cost		£890.42