

**SOUTH EAST WALES TRAINING AND EDUCATION
NETWORK**



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Minutes of
South East Wales Training & Education Network
Meeting on
Tuesday 2nd October 2007
at Gartholwg Community Campus, Church Village,
Pontypridd, RCT

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Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 2nd October 2007 At Gartholwg Community Campus, Church Village

Present:

Adelaide Bankole	MEWN	AB
David Brake	Coleg Gwent, Ebbw Vale Campus	DB
Jane Burdett (Speaker)	Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs	JB
Phil Burkhard	Heads of the Valleys Innovation Programme	PB
Trish Chalk	Chwarae Teg	TC
Alison Cox	Genesis, Blaenau Gwent	AC
Gillian Dentus	Coleg Gwent	GD
Wendy Edwards	Gartholwg Community Campus	WE
Jane Freeman	TRI-Solutions	JF
Rhos Griffiths	Ystrad Mynach College	RG
Peta Grimshare (Minutes)	Chwarae Teg	PG
Gail Harris	Wales Quality Centre	GH
Heather Hewitt	Bridgend County Borough Council	HH
Alison Hawkins	Genesis, Cardiff	AH
Dean Howells	Ystrad Mynach College	DH
Laura Janes	University of Glamorgan (Hands on Science)	LJ
Martin Jones	Ystrad Mynach College	MJ
Mike Keohane	Careers Wales Mid Glamorgan & Powys	MK
Janet Knapper	TRI-Solutions	JK
Jane Nyhan	Chwarae Teg	JN
Beverley Pold	Chwarae Teg	BP
Lily Power	Ethnic Business Support Programme	LP
Emma Richards (Chair)	Chwarae Teg	ER
Richard Rossington (Keynote Speaker)	Welsh Assembly Government	RR
Wendy Sadler (Speaker)	Science Made Simple / WISE in Wales	WS
Helen Sharp	National Childminding Association	HS
Ian Smith	SEMTA	IS
Jan Stephens	Cardiff University, School of Lifelong Learning	JS
Louise Trowbridge	Business in Focus	LT
Gail Williams	Disability Wales	GW
Rebekah Williams	WCVA	RW

1.0 Welcome

ER welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the South East Wales Training and Education Network.

2.0 Apologies + Minutes of Previous meeting

List attached of Apologies.

Minutes from previous meeting on 19th July 2007 were accepted as a true record

3.0 “A Science Policy for Wales”

Richard Rossington, Principal Innovation Policy Analyst, Welsh Assembly Government

Richard’s presentation is attached and copies of “A Science Policy for Wales 2006” can be obtained from Publications Centre, The National Assembly for Wales or on www.publications.wales.gov.uk

Key Points : The Government consulted on “A Science Policy for Wales” from January to March 2006. The consultation proposed three areas upon which a science policy, focussed on innovation, should concentrate :

- Health
- Low Carbon Economy
- Enabling sustained social and economic renewal – this latter area involving ICT, Design Engineering, Social Sciences.

The document was launched in November 2006 by the First Minister along with the announcement of a new Chief Scientific Advisor - Professor Christopher Pollock from November 2007. The Science agenda has been agreed by the Assembly as a priority area for joint action, with a focus on areas where action would have the greatest effect on the GDP of Wales. The policy document is designed as a cohesive document that draws current thinking and policies together and has a focus on the overarching issue of science education, making Wales a more attractive place to learn and work in STEM subjects.

(Contact : richard.rossington@wales.gsi.gov.uk , tel : 029 2036 8027)

4.0 Wendy Sadler

Science Made Simple / WISE in Wales / South Wales Science Alliance (Presentation attached)

Science Made Simple set up in business in 2002 – WS is a Physics Graduate of Cardiff University. There are now 8 staff with offices in Wales and England taking the communication of science across the UK, and abroad. Touring 9 European countries, 250 shows to schools and festivals each year, so far have reached over 100,000 people.

Their Mission is threefold:

- To inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers
- To promote STEM as part of popular culture
(Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths – need to put science everywhere – where people don’t expect to find it)
- To be a science translation service for the public
(directly involve schools and scientists and engineers)

(4.0) contd The shows are fun, interactive and thought-provoking, addressing up to 150-200 students at a time enabling cost effectiveness. To date the organisation has received 180 requests from primary schools but only have funding to reach 20.

WS is also looking for a Welsh language science presenter which is proving difficult at the moment.

PB thanked WS for the inspiring presentation and asked if they have approached NESTA for funding. WS confirmed that they had initially had NESTA funding for the theatre show. PB suggested it might be worth contacting Richie Turner.

RG asked how they explained engineering to the public?

WS said they had just appointed an engineering specialist and show would now encompass more engineering. They are also launching 'MadLab' in Science Week next year and re-launching 'Superstars' in December.

RG asked if this was confined to schools/education only, or were they going to "bring it to the public". WS replied that they would like to take their work to everyone but simply do not have funding – they have taken their shows to the Eisteddfod, festivals and airshow, and have developed an 'After dinner Science Show'. Science Made Simple is a business and WS has to balance education and their commitment to communicating science and the funding issues.

(Contact: wendy@sciencemadesimple.co.uk, tel : 029 2087 6884)

5.0 Jane Burdett, Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs (CPCKC), Team Leader for South East Wales

(Presentation attached)

JB described how CPCKC had started as the Out of School Childcare Clubs project within Chwarae Teg and, as it had been successful with funding available for future sustainability, it became an organisation in its own right in 2001. CPCKC develops and supports breakfast, after school or holiday clubs and works in partnership with WAG (core funding), Big Lottery Fund, European Social Fund, Local Authorities - some funding from LAs, schools and Communities in Wales. The aim is to develop out of school clubs in every community in Wales.

CPCKC have regional training teams in 3 offices, Cardiff, Colwyn Bay and Swansea. There is a Development Officer and Support Officer in each office. The DO helps set up and trains the club staff, the SO follows up with necessary support for sustainability. CPCKC have 60 staff nationally, over 1000 club members supporting over 16,000 childcare places in Wales.

Work in partnership and about to launch a business support Toolkit – Ready Steady Go, which has been piloted for 18 months and is about to be rolled out, part of the EQUAL project – CWLWM.

Facility on website to search for out of school clubs in your area –

www.clybiauplantcymru.org.uk The website offers users the opportunity to Access CPCKC publications, advertise vacancies within their clubs and to access the National Training Programme as well as a facility just introduced to book online for training courses. Trying to look at and encourage workforce.

Funding – Objective 1 funding ends in May 2008. Core funding continuing and organisation now looking at securing new ESF funding. (Contact: janeb@clybiauplantcymru.org , tel: 029 2074 1000)

6.0 Information Exchange

Chwarae Teg: JN Senior Business Development Officer introduced Chwarae Teg's (CT) new Commercial Director, Trish Chalk. CT are currently developing a number of new projects for potential ESF funding to encourage, support and develop more women in the Welsh economy. CT also run the Worklife Balance project for WAG in Wales (Contact: jane.nyhan@chwaraeteg.com , tel : 029 2047 8915)

Chwarae Teg : BP Business Development Manager described how we had been invited last spring to be part of the FP7 Research programme with various other European countries, eg Spain and Germany. We are investigating partnership with an academic institution to strengthen the platform for future development. (Contact: bev.pold@chwaraeteg.com, tel :07912 110 624)

Ystrad Mynach College: DH Maths and IT Lecturer, also working on e-learning and developing bespoke commercial work. (Contact: dhowells@ystrad-mynach.ac.uk , tel: 01443 810133)

Coleg Gwent, Ebbw Vale Campus: DB Head of Construction & Technology. Attending meeting to network with other organisations. Worked with Chwarae Teg on the Ready SET Go project delivering Painting & Decorating taster course for women. Courses were a tremendous success for the college, and they would like to be involved with Chwarae Teg in the future. (Contact: david.brake@coleggwent.ac.uk , tel : 01495 333054)

Coleg Gwent: GD Business Advisor based in Usk. Has been working with graduates who wish to start their own businesses, during their last college year – covers all campuses and can work outside of the Gwent area. (Contact: gill.dentus@coleggwent.ac.uk , tel: 01495 333619)

Genesis, Blaenau Gwent: AC. Genesis help to remove the barriers for parents returning to work or education. The project ends in March 2008 but are currently looking for further funding to bridge the gap. Genesis can offer assistance with childcare and transport and are aiming to offer training not funded elsewhere. (Contact: alison.cox@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk, tel : 01495 355451)

Bridgend County Borough Council: HH HR Department. Has

worked with JN on the Council's WLB policies. Attending meeting for first time to network and gather information.

(Contact : heather.hewitt@bridgend.gov.uk , tel: 01656-643228)

WCVA: RW WCVA supports community and voluntary groups in Wales. Currently have Training team with robust framework for training in the voluntary sector. Have developed an A-Z of setting up business in the voluntary sector and have a quality mark for their training work and basic skills provision.

(Contact: tel 029 2043 1715)

Cardiff University, School of Lifelong Learning: JS works to encourage adults back into education. Has developed the successful Women in Management programme with UWCC. Also works with Community First in Splott. Recognises there are many projects that can be developed for the future to provide more opportunities for women in learning.

(Contact: stephensj4@cf.ac.uk , tel:07813 796 574)

Heads of Valleys Innovation Programme: PB Merthyr Tydfil College. Funded by KEF, WAG and NESTA together with private sector, predominantly to increase the capacity for business start-ups. Recently held the first Heads of Valleys Innovation Awards to recognise and share good practice. Developing creative and pro-active workshops. Awards are an annual feature, leaflets available.

(Contact: p.burkhard@merthyr.ac.uk , tel: 01685 726000)

University of Glamorgan : LJ – Hands on Science Co-ordinator. Project is part of Reaching Wider Team which is funded by HEFCW until 2011. Project is a pan-Wales, all age service to encouraging STEM subjects and careers. They can organise interactive science workshops and careers talks on any science related subject. Currently looking for partners to work with.

www.handsonscience.org.uk – also link through Careers Wales website.

(Contact: lejaner@glam.ac.uk , tel: 01443 654487)

Ystrad Mynach College: MJ attending network for the first time to gather information. Has found the network meeting and presentations very interesting and would have more input for future.

(Contact: mjones@ystrad-mynach.ac.uk , tel : 01443 816888)

SEMTA: IS Sector Skills Co-ordinator. Funded by WAG and central government as well as European projects. Currently working on a number of projects :

- Engineering business improvement techniques in quality and processes.
- Leadership and Management Project: changing attitudes and behaviours.
- Added value project for 'blue chip' organisations
- Shared apprenticeships (about to launch) addressing problems for

- employers in recruiting apprentices
- Science Project addressing the recruitment issues in Science subjects, particularly why women are not choosing science careers
 - Further developing previously failed bid for WAG funding to research and address inequalities for women in manufacturing sector.
- (Contact: Smith@semta.org.uk , tel: 01656 653429)

TRI-Solutions: JK (Managing Director) & **JF** (Business Development Executive)– Workbased learning provider delivering Management, Childcare & Playwork NVQs. Currently looking for partners in and outside of Wales to bid for funding.
(Contact: janet@trisolutions.co.uk , jane@trisolutions.co.uk, tel : 029 2076 2322)

MEWN: AB newly appointed Director. Organisation represents BME women in Wales with focus on women into work, education and enterprise, as well as youth. AB would like to develop a project to encourage BME women into science and is looking for potential partner.
(Contact : administration@mewn-cymru.org.uk , tel 029 2046 4445)

Genesis, Cardiff: AH Co-ordinator. Cardiff split into 3 areas with local priorities, mainly lone parents, young 16-25 year olds, BME community members (many with English as second language) and low income families. 74% rate of their beneficiaries are lone parents with around £219K on childcare which is a major barrier for returning to work or learning. Currently supporting women returning to work in the construction industry.
(Contact: Alhawkins@cardiff.gov.uk)

Wales Quality Centre: GH co-ordinating best practice visit programme – Inside Welsh Industry. Looking for further business and education links to develop exchange programme.
(Contact: gail@walesqualitycentre.org.uk)

National Childminding Association: HS WAG funding organisation offering business support for childminders across Wales. First contract awarded in 2002, since supported 1700 businesses. Funding ends March 08 and now need to secure further funding. Currently working with JB on CWLWM (Equal project)
(Contact: Helen.sharp@ncma.org.uk , tel: 01792 324389)

Business in Focus: LT developing project to assisting women into self-employment and supporting enterprise growth with Chwarae Teg.
(Contact : louiset@businessinfocus.co.uk , tel : 01656 724414)

Disability Wales: GW Umbrella organisation for disabled groups working pan-Wales and pan-disability. Currently 400,000 disabled people in Wales, 1:5 of the population. Organisation promotes

inclusion and choice.

- Inclusion Project, 2500 clients created 300 businesses.
- Social Enterprise and training – involving disabled people in active citizenship to promote involvement and economic activity.

Still more work to be done to address issues.

(Contact: gail.williams@disabilitywales.org, tel: 029 2085 3175)

Ystrad Mynach College: RG involved in outreach work, taking adult education into the community. Also partner in Communities First Caerphilly (there are 16 partnerships in area, working on a collaborative approach to Health, Regeneration, etc) Caerphilly has many hard to reach areas and public engagement is vital to their work. The outreach service focuses on getting people back on the learning ladder. Currently organising Learning Festival in Caerphilly.

(Contact: rgriffiths@ystrad-mynach.ac.uk)

Gartholwg Community Campus: WE Head of Lifelong Learning Centre. The campus has now been open for one year. By September 2007 there were 973 adults registered on courses and 2602 people have participated in events. The centre works successfully in partnership with other organisations. Campus currently offers 60+ courses and work underway to increase the number of courses available. Investigating local interest for science following pilot “Alien Worlds” course where 9 people registered and 41 turned up.

Conference and performance theatre facilities available for hire.

(Contact: wendyedwards@campwsgartholwg.ag.uk, tel: 01443 219 589)

Ethnic Business Support Programme: LP Business Support Officer. EBSP are pan-Wales not for profit business support agency offering support and advice to pre-start or existing businesses. Currently delivering Potentia project with WAG funding. Finding a particular demand from people with Eastern European background to develop or convert qualifications in construction industry.

(Contact: lily@ebsp.org , tel: 029 2045 5334)

Careers Wales Mid Glamorgan & Powys: MK Post Education Manager and Chair of Careers Wales’ All Wales Equality Group. MK presented at SEWTEN meeting on 19 July 2007 and was approached by Times Educational Supplement for comment following meeting. Careers Wales are an all-age service and recognise the need for working in partnership

(Contact: mike.keohane@cwmgp.co.uk, tel: 01656 672 972)

ER thanked all members for their input and encouraged everyone to take the opportunity to network at the end of the meeting. ER also thanked RR, JB and WS for their interesting and informative presentations.

7.0 Any Other Business

ER reminded members that Chwarae Teg was committed to continuing to manage the network but requested that members

considered whether their organisations could host a future meeting. Venues would need to be suitably large (around 40 boardroom style).

8.0 Networking Opportunity after formal meeting ended

9.0 Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th January 2008 (9.30am – 12.00noon). Venue to be confirmed

Apologies received from :

Paty Wysom	Careers Wales Gwent
Helen Prosser	University of Glamorgan
Deryl Dix	Freelance Trainer
Sheila Thompson	Neighbourhood Learning, Merthyr Tydfil
Jan Connolly	Neighbourhood Learning, Merthyr Tydfil
Karen Long	Wales Local Government Association
Frank Callus	Coleg Gwent
Richard Turner	NESTA
Lynette El-Khatib	Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC
Richard Green	Community University of the Valleys
Lyn Waddington	RISE (5 Counties learning Network)
Justine Scorrer	Interlink
Rhian Connick	Federation of Women's Institutes – Wales
Ceri Willoughby	Open University
Maureen Williams	Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations
Lesley Cox	Ystrad Mynach College
Bryn Davies	Ystrad Mynach College
Lynne Hayes	WEA
Lara Hopkinson	Welsh School of Architecture
Pam Roberts	Basic Skills Agency
Victoria Walsh	ConstructionSkills
Carol Tilke	Genesis, Cardiff
Wendy Lewis	Workers Education Authority
Simon Green	Blaenau Gwent CBC