



**Unit 2 Business workshops
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North Wales Training & Education Network

NWTEN

Minutes of:

The initial NWTEN meeting

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Llandrillo College

Present

Ann Lewis	Sgiliaith Coleg Merion Dwyfor
Joyce Sneddon	Business Point
Edward Owen-Davies	Tourism Training Forum for Wales
Dee Rigby	NACRO
Karen Williams	Menter Mon
Karen Pritchard-Williams	Working Links
Jenni Morgan	Solutions for small businesses
Debbie Bowe	Chwarae Teg
Lyn Lording-Jones	ESOL –Coleg Menai
Angharad ab Iorwerth	Genesis Gwynedd
Ian Wright	Eliesha Training
Jill Molloy	Coleg Llandrillo
Eirlys Evans	Denbighshire Enterprise
Mandy Bain	Equality & Human Rights Commission
Sebastian Koison	NWREN
Norma Jones	Careers Wales North East
Frank Geoghegan	Construction Skills
James Woodbine	WAG Inclusion Project
David Edwards	N Wales Chamber of Commerce

Apologies

Shan Ashton	Director of Post Graduate studies/HE Coordinator Community development.
Alison Thomas	Rhyl City Strategy
Vicky Worthington	Finisterre
Mike Scott	THE Group
Evie Wyn Jones	Busnes Eryri
Elaine Jones	Yale College
Jina Gwynfrai	North Wales Welsh for Adults centre
Urtha Felda	SOVA
Bev Pold	Chwarae Teg
Peter Vickers	Coleg Menai
Marion Powell	Coleg Llysfasi
Claire Burgess	Careers Wales North West Wales
Cadi Evanson	The Rank Organisation
Barry Phillips	Antyr Conwy
Linda Ford	Conwy CBC

Ifan Emrys Williams	DCELLS / WAG
Sharon Thomas	ECTRAC
Emlyn Evans	Careers Wales
Dr Helga Uckermann	Revise consultancy / SVSI
Kerry Davies- Jones	Communities First Amlwch
Jean Napier	Jean Napier Training
Eryl Parry Jones	Careers Wales NW
Denise Wilson	WAG
Maria Bradley	NEWI
Gwawr Price	TPMW
Anita Ainsworth	Consultant

1.0 Welcome

TLW welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the North Wales Training and Education network and hoped everyone would find the meeting both informative and a useful networking vehicle.

TLW gave a brief overview of Chwarae Teg to date, explaining that Chwarae Teg are an economic development agency for women in Wales and that education and skills development are key drivers and cross cutting themes at the core of Chwarae Teg's business.

We have been able to offer women the opportunities to try out new skills, take on different roles and move up the career ladder together with assisting women in setting up and running their own businesses.

Chwarae Teg continues to work alongside the Welsh Assembly Government and other organisations throughout Wales in order to break down the barriers facing women wanting to develop skill, address employment opportunities and investigate flexible working practices.

TLW also presented on the ongoing project planning that is being undertaken by Chwarae Teg in readiness for the forth coming convergence programme.

Llandrillo College were thanked for kindly for the use of the meeting room free of charge & a request was made to the delegates for future venues to enable the network to continue and develop. Please contact tracey.loydwilliams@chwaraeteg.com 07815 737966 presentation attached.

Apologies for the lack of Welsh language used in the CT materials were made and it was explained that due to the network being voluntary and therefore funds were very limited. Ann Lewis of Sgiliaith offered to translate the next meetings agenda and suggested contacting the Welsh Language Board for further assistance.

2.0 **Speakers**

TLW introduced two of the day's speakers James Woodbine of WAG and Frank Geoghegan of Construction Skills.

James Woodbine Regional Manager for the Welsh Assembly Governments Inclusion project gave an overview of the post start inclusion project together with a comprehensive presentation on the background of equality and diversity within the convergence and competitiveness programmes, he also explained the procurement systems and assistance available. JW finished with some practical recommendations for delivery & employment. James.woodbine@wales.gsi.gov.uk presentation attached

Frank Geoghegan Education and Careers advisor for Construction Skills followed on with a look at 'STEP in to Training' the new entrant training programme which promotes employment and training opportunities for new entrants through positive action. Frank also focused on how they support their recruits and trainees following on from this he offered us an insight in to the skills shortages and the target areas throughout Wales. Frank finished with a preview of future strategies to engage women into construction and building on good practices.

Frank Geoghegan 01656 655226 presentation attached

Debbie Bowe of Chwarae Teg's Work Life Balance team gave an overview of what she has been working on in North Wales & referred back to some of her past successes with Countryside Council and Wrexham County Council. As time was short at this point DB invited the group to the North Wales Work Life Balance meeting which was to be held on 14th December at the WAG buildings on St Asaph Business Park; where they would be able to ask questions to support their own business / WLB issues.

3.0 **Information exchange**

Each delegate was offered the opportunity to share information regarding their individual organisations. The exchange was seen as a useful tool in which the network could keep up to date of the programmes and forthcoming projects within organisations.

4.0 **Any other business**

TLW drew the delegate's attention to the questionnaire provided in order to gain an insight in to areas of interest, locations preferred and any further comments they would like to make. A reminder of the need for a venue for the next meeting was also given.

5.0 **Meeting closure**

TLW closed the meeting, thanking the guest speakers and delegates alike for their time.

The meeting finished at 12.30pm