**Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol update for the post-16 Strategic Board**

**February 19th 2025**

General

1. Thanks to everyone for submitting the interim reports on 24th January 2025. We are working through them and will contact you if there are any questions or if you need further information about the action points.
2. The Coleg has submitted a response to the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee's consultation on apprenticeship pathways. We appreciate the input and comments of members of the Apprenticeship advisory group with this process.

Staffing and provision

1. Sgiliaith training sessions and those of our e-learning specialist, Mary Richards are ongoing, please do not hesitate to contact us for more information or to arrange dates.
2. On February 5th, a webinar was held in the form of an online panel chat for curriculum area managers. The panel consisted of managers from the sector sharing good practice about their successes in developing Welsh language provision within their departments. Thanks to Yusuf from Cardiff and Vale College for chairing and Lucy Breckon from Pembrokeshire College, Amy Thomas from Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, Rachel Lewis from Bridgend and Rhian Pardoe from Gower College Swansea for being on the panel. 30 attended the webinar and a recording will be available soon.
3. As part of the PGCE PcET Mentoring Scheme, we have commissioned a company to create 6 videos to share good practice in completing the PGCE PcET Course together with tips and good practice on how to teach bilingually or deliver Welsh to learners in the sector. All the contributors in the videos work in the sector and have completed the PGCE within the last five years so they have some great advice for those starting their careers.

A good practice guide was created to accompany the series of training videos. The document is aimed at an audience of mentors and leaders of PGCE courses at Further Education Colleges, with a focus on how staff can encourage students to think about how to successfully teach bilingually from the start of their career.

Both resources will be available on our Porth Adnoddau very soon.

1. The nomination process for the awards started on January 31st. Like last year, there are 5 awards available namely the William Salesbury Further Education Award, a New Talent Award in memory of Gareth Pierce, followed by the Gwreiddio scheme awards which are, Innovative Educator, Special Contribution and Award for enriching the learner/apprentice experience. I hope you are already discussing who you will nominate from your organisations and remember that engagement and marketing assets have been shared with you to facilitate the work. If you have not received these, please let the team know.
2. We are looking forward to meeting tutors and managers of the Further Education Work Welsh scheme at our Meet-Up Day tomorrow (February 20th). The day's sessions focus on recruiting and retaining learners on the scheme and tracking use in the workplace.

Learners

1. An online welcome session for Apprenticeship Ambassadors was held in January. The session was an opportunity for the ambassadors to familiarise themselves with the role, and the work of the Coleg Cymraeg. It was an opportunity for us to talk about events that the ambassadors will be involved in such as Apprenticeship Week Wales, Apprenticeship Focus Group and be part of new apprenticeship videos. A series of videos and marketing material were made available to promote apprenticeship week in February and will be shared on social media.
2. We have shared a series of new information sheets for distribution to learners and parents. There is a general one and then there is a focus on priority areas of Agriculture, Sport, Health and Care, Childcare and Public Services.

Resources

1. The resource work is progressing with the development of the Agriculture, Sports and Business resources. The construction subject matter expert has engaged with staff at the colleges and apprenticeship providers to understand what resources are already available and where the gaps are and we appreciate the support of staff at the institutions that have contributed to this.

Qualifications

1. Remember that Qualifications Wales has a form for colleges and apprenticeship providers to report any challenges relating to qualifications and the Welsh language: [Let us know about the need for a post-16 vocational qualification in Welsh | sayyour.qualifications.wales](https://dweudeichdweud.cymwysterau.cymru/cymwysterau-galwedigaethol-ol-16-cyfrwng-cymraeg) and please feel free to alert us to any challenges you also face by emailing post16@colegcymraeg.ac.uk.

Employers

1. The creation of an interactive digital bilingual resource is underway which will support employers as they support apprentices throughout the apprenticeship.   Atebol has been commissioned to create the resource and Atebol is currently seeking employers and apprentices to star in a series of videos and podcasts. It would be great to have representation from all areas of Wales, reflecting the whole population of Wales including new speakers and confident speakers, over a range of sectors. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Helen Davies helen.davies@colegcymraeg.ac.uk or Non Wilshaw nonwilshaw@gmail.com