



INTERNATIONALISATION

STRATEGY

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“Nobody had given me the opportunity before to meet new people and to make new friends abroad. People helped me out, I dreamed of making a connection in France, I felt like I belonged.”

Cardiff and Vale College Learner





Creating Global Citizens

and Networks

Our Vision



Enrich and enhance teaching and learning experiences



Raise learners' aspirations and broaden their horizons



Inform professional practice and improve provision



Raise the profile of international work undertaken in FE



Our Vision (cont...)



Share best practice, partnership working and commercial development



Align with wider international strategies and develop purposeful partnerships



Influence Welsh Government policy to shape the learner experience and future business development



Strategic Priorities



Inspirational
Global
Experiences



Leadership,
Teaching and
Learning



Purposeful
Partnerships and
Promoting Wales



Developing
International
Business

Inspirational Global Experiences

- Support colleges to increase and widen participation in international experiences to ensure equal access for all learners and staff
- Inform colleges about the range of international opportunities available
- Consult with colleges at all levels to develop new ideas for internationalisation within the sector
- Reflect on the international activities undertaken and provide opportunities to share learning, inform best practice and innovate for the future
- Improve collaboration between ColegauCymru, FE colleges and international, national, regional and local partners to support the development of innovative international activities



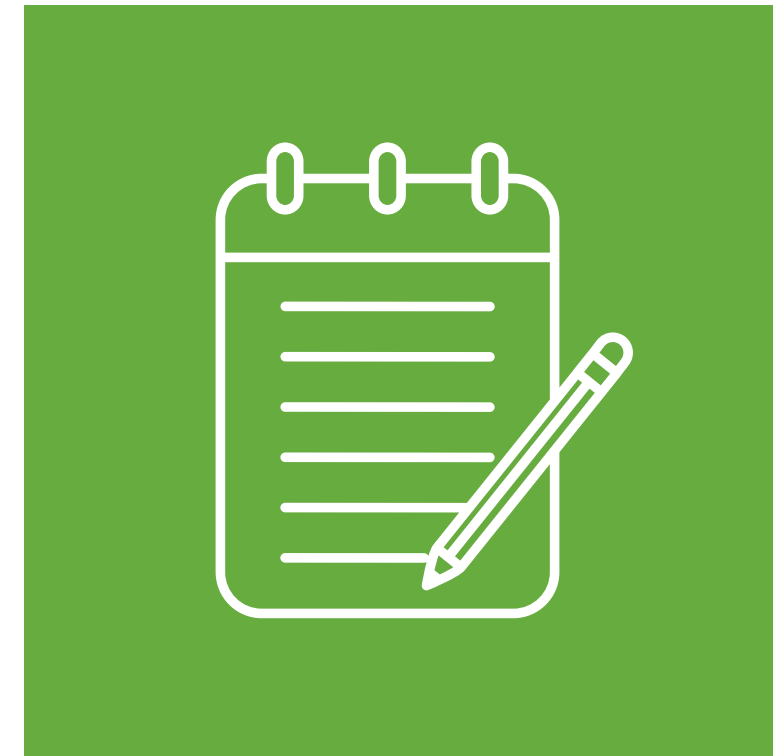
Leadership, Teaching and Learning

- Regularly promote the benefits and added value of internationalisation to learners, staff and FE colleges to the Principals' Forum
- Develop an evidence base that measures the impact of internationalisation on learner and staff outcomes
- Explore embedding an international dimension into learner programmes including Welsh Baccalaureate and Essential Skills



Leadership, Teaching and Learning (cont...)

- Improve performance of higher-level skills in WorldSkills competitions
- As part of colleges' staff appraisal system, include the learning acquired on an international CPD opportunity
- Develop and promote a range of overseas CPD opportunities for staff that allows them to:
 - improve their professional knowledge and skills
 - share expertise with their peers across the world
 - improve provision in Wales



Purposeful Partnerships and Promoting Wales

- Gain an in-depth understanding of Welsh Government priorities in the field of international policy and international relations
- Establish communication channels with Welsh Government to share the international achievements of the FE sector
- Work with British Council to ensure its programmes are inclusive of FE and support the development of internationalisation in the sector
- Promote Wales' education system overseas in partnership with Higher Education through FE membership of Global Wales and Study in Wales



Purposeful Partnerships and Promoting Wales (cont...)

- Continue to represent the sector on the Routes into Languages Advisory Board to enrich FE learners' experiences of learning a foreign language
- Inform overseas partners of UK and Welsh opportunities for international collaboration
- Increase employer engagement in WorldSkills competitions
- Continue working in partnership with UK and overseas National Qualifications Frameworks (NQFs) and occupational standards for international benchmarking purposes



Developing International Business

- Provide FE content to the Study in Wales marketing campaigns to maximise opportunities for international student recruitment
- Establish communication channels with Welsh Government's international trade and investment team to understand what its priorities are and how FE can contribute to raising Wales' profile overseas
- Share expertise and good practice within FE and with other sectors and organisations in Wales and beyond to build capacity in the sector





"International exchange programmes provide so many fantastic life experiences for learners and staff which they may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience"

Siân Holleran

CollegesWales International Project Manager





"The ColegauCymru visits have been the best staff development and networking I've ever been on"

FEI Representative





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