

ColegauCymru Cross Party Group Further Education (FE) and Future Skills

Terms of Reference Background

ColegauCymru / CollegesWales is a charity that **raises the profile** of further education, vocational, work-based learning, and adult continuing education among decision-makers. Our aim **is to promote world-class education, training and skills outcomes for all learners in Wales.**

Based on this ambition we work with all Further Education Institutions in Wales (FEIS), in order to improve educational opportunities, enrich the learner experience and enhance outcomes and employability. It is a national member-led body, which as part of its functions represents all 14 further education colleges and institutions across Wales.

FE, and Vocational education more widely, doesn't always get the attention it deserves, but it's a vital part of education and the economy more widely. FE colleges are rooted in their communities and have a great track record of delivering a wide range of courses, from vocational courses, to apprenticeships, adult learning and higher education.

Now, more than ever, we need to prioritise vocational education and learning.

Purpose

To discuss and explore potential opportunities for the future skills landscape of Wales.

To promote understanding amongst Assembly Members and other relevant stakeholders about the issues facing further education and future skills in Wales.

To provide advice and support to Assembly Members on key issues around FE activity.

To evidence the importance of education as a crucial part of building the inclusive society we all want to see with FE at the heart of this.

Membership

John Griffiths AM (Chair)

Llyr Gruffydd AM

Vikki Howells AM

Jeremy Miles AM

Darren Millar AM

Simon Thomas AM

Huw Irranca-Davies AM

Colegau Cymru Secretariat

Sharron Lusher Chair

Iestyn Davies

Observers

Other FE college representatives

Welsh Government

Huw Morris

Andrew Clark

Wider stakeholders

Frequency of Meetings

The CPG shall meet termly (three times a year). Proposed dates and times are:

26 September 2017 (evening)

30 January 2018 (evening)

22 May 2018 (evening)

Proposed areas for discussion in CPG meetings

The Changing Face of FE

Foundation Economy

Employability

FE and the ageing population of Wales

Careers Advice

FE and the Welsh language skills gap

Secretariat Colegau Cymru

Effective Date: 23 May 2017
