

**Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:  
Next steps for curriculum reform and implementation in Wales**

*Timing: Morning, Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 9.05 **Raising standards of attainment across Wales**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Improving literacy and numeracy in schools in Wales**  
*Addressing concerns around PISA results / Using PISA results to inform literacy and numeracy curriculum design / Evaluating maths and literacy improvement plan*  
**Yana Williams**, Chief Executive, Coleg Cambria  
**Emma Tiesteel**, Research Officer, Bangor University  
Senior representative, primary school  
Senior representative, secondary school  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Utilising curriculum reform to improve standards across Wales and narrow the inequality gap**  
**Dr Gareth Evans**, Director of Education Policy, University of Wales Trinity Saint David  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 10.55 **Learning from other jurisdictions in the process of curriculum reform**  
Senior academic
- 11.05 **The Curriculum for Wales - lessons learnt so far**  
*Monitoring progress / Assessing current guidance / Improving curriculum design resources / AI's potential as a teacher resource / Learning from pilot schools*  
**Matt Smith**, Managing Director, Aspire 2Be  
Senior representative, primary school  
Senior representative, secondary school  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Next steps for curriculum implementation**  
*Professional development and support for teaching staff / Creating school partnerships and collaboration / Narrowing the inequality gap in education provision / Student attainment / Aligning curriculum with Made-for-Wales GCSEs and the wider offer*  
**Mary van den Heuvel**, Senior Policy Officer, National Education Union  
Senior representative, training  
Senior representative, teaching practitioner  
Senior representative, advocacy  
Senior representative, parent/guardian  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for curriculum reform moving forward**  
**Lloyd Hopkin**, Deputy Director for Curriculum and Assessment, Welsh Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd  
**Sean Cudmore**, Policy Forum for Wales