

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

Timing: Morning, Friday, 26th April 2024

*****Taking Place Online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sean Cudmore, Policy Forum for Wales
- 9.05 **Raising standards of attainment across Wales**
Lucy Crehan, International Education Consultant, Crehan & Co
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **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
Dr Amy Hulson-Jones, Research Officer, Bangor University
Rob Randel, Primary Teacher, Reading Reform Foundation
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
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Learning from other jurisdictions in the process of curriculum reform**
Professor Alma Harris, Professor of Leadership in Education, Cardiff Metropolitan University; and Co-Director, Centre for International Research on Leadership in Education (CIRLE)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 **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
Claire Skidmore, Headteacher, Radyr Primary School, Cardiff
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **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
Bethan Jeffers, Senior Associate, Skills Builder Partnership
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **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**
Sean Cudmore, Policy Forum for Wales