

**Planning meeting to prepare for the Third Sector Meeting with Kirsty Williams AM,  
Minister for Education**

**Monday 07 October 2019  
1:30– 3.30  
WCVA, VSAC, Baltic House, Cardiff**

**Notes**

**Attendance:**

Judith Stone	-	WCVA (Chair)
Rebecca Falvey	-	Business in the Community
Catrin James	-	Urdd Gobaith Cymru/CWVYS
Susie Ventris-Field	-	WCIA
Ginger Wiegand	-	EYST
Elin Maher	-	Mentrau Iaith Cymru
Mia Rees	-	Prince's Trust Cymru
David Smith	-	Wales Co-ops & Mutuals
Ben Lloyd	-	Save the Children
Steph Bolt	-	Wales Co-ops & Mutuals
Cath Lewis	-	Children in Wales
Fiona Harris	-	WCVA

**Apologies**

Catherine Fookes	-	WEN Wales
Andrea Meyrick	-	Techniquet
Kate Evans	-	WSA
Paul Glaze	-	CWVYS
Marianne Manello	-	Play Wales
Elsbeth Jones	-	Size of Wales
Lindsay Brewis	-	Snap Cymru
Jennifer James	-	Oxfam Cymru
Kathryn Robson	-	Adult Learning Wales
Bryn Hall	-	Clinks
Claire Lawson	-	RSPCA Cymru
Lynne Hughes	-	MS Society

**1. Welcome and introductions**

JS welcomed everyone and introductions were made. JS outlined the purpose of the meeting to prepare for a future meeting with the Minister.

**2. Minutes & Actions from Planning Meeting 01.07.19**

JS confirmed that WG had agreed to talk about the #TalkLearning project at the next planning meeting. JS also confirmed that reps on the Education Research Working Group were KR, ALW, GW, EYST & Race Council Cymru. When discussing the group to review the

Welsh Bacc, DS stated that it was important to have a rep on the Practitioner Working Group and not just the Design Working Group. JS explained that WCVA had been unable to get a response from WJEC about talking to the group and asked members to let WCVA know if they had any contacts that could be approached. JS explained that after doing research on the Wolfson Foundation she didn't think it was suitable to invite them to the meeting but that she had prepared a funding presentation that would be shared with the group. JS also referenced the minutes from the last meeting with the Minister and the point the Welsh Government officials would scope the use of Welsh Language for the Hwb. SVF said that nothing had been advertised but that if organisations approached WG directly they may consider translating resources. SVF agreed to share the contact. DS talked about an RSA event being held on 08.10.19 with the Minister re the National Curriculum and agreed to share details

### **Actions**

- **WCVA to invite WG official to talk about the #TalkLearning programme at next planning meeting**
- **Members to share any contacts within WJEC with WCVA**
- **WCVA to share funding presentation**
- **SVF to share contact details re Welsh Language resources on Hwb - [Callum is our contact at Hwb \(Calum.Vennard@gov.wales\)](mailto:Callum.Vennard@gov.wales) – he may not be the direct contact for Welsh language elements but is incredibly responsive.**
- **DS to share details re RSA event**

### **3. Update from third sector reps on Welsh Stakeholder**

#### **Strategic Stakeholder Group**

CJ explained that a small group had met on 19.09.19 including reps from unions, youth assembly and interest groups. There had been a presentation by the youth sector on the curriculum giving examples of what organisations were doing. CJ noted the use of E portfolios and how the sector needed to be involved in testing, sharing good practice and looking at compatibility with other systems. The next meeting is on 03.12.19. Members raised concerns about regional consortia and their commissioning role, resources available to engage with the sector. SB mentioned the A2 app developed by the Arts Council

#### **Welsh Bacc Design Working Group**

JS explained that four reps had expressed an interest in this group – SVF, EM, DS and JJ. DS was the only rep available to attend the meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that the four interested reps should decide a main and alternate rep. SVF and EM confirmed that they were happy to just feed in, with DS and KR as the representatives of the group

DS explained that the meeting was high level and the next meetings were likely to be in Nov and possibly May 2020. The outcome will go out to consultation. DS presented his notes of

the issues raised at the meeting. He also clarified that this group is distinct from the practitioners group and members agreed it would be important to be involved in both. WCVA to find out when the practitioners network meets and to broker third sector involvement. SVF queried if the issue of merging the global and community challenge had arisen and DS explained they were looking at overlap and stripping out any duplication. SVF raised concerns about losing the global challenge. DS asked members to feed in any issues before the next meeting. EM raised concerns that once it went to consultation Welsh Government didn't want to change anything. SB talked about the foundational economy and about how issues were still silo'd within Welsh Government and how some universities still recognise the Welsh Bacc

### **Actions**

- **WCVA to find out when the Welsh Bacc practitioners network meets and to broker third sector involvement.**

### **National Strategy for Education Research Working Group**

GW explained that the meeting had been held as a workshop and she hadn't received any minutes. The purpose of the workshop was to agree a set of priorities to develop a framework. GW said her homework was to define the third sector and set out priorities. JS mentioned [WCVA's Data Hub](#) and how some information might be relevant. SB raised the issues of inequality in terms of time between schools and universities. EM queried if any international learning was involved

### **New Curriculum Event**

JS presented her paper on the event which was held in August. The purpose of the event is to up-date and continue the conversation with stakeholders in the design of the new curriculum, which will be rolled out in schools from 2022. How can Welsh Government support networks to enable them to effectively support schools. JS noted the good presentation given by CITB. New qualifications in construction, agreed with Qualifications Wales; and involvement with the Welsh Bacc. Resources will be available on Hwb; and CITB will support the construction sector to work with schools.

Following the event, WCVA contacted the curriculum team with three suggestions:

- i. Offer to broker third sector expert involvement in the curriculum refinement process over the autumn period, particularly vis a vis the request for assistance with the inclusion and diversity aspects.
- ii. Engagement with officials to discuss how third sector organisations might be supported and enabled to develop high quality content in line with the new curriculum (taking inspiration from the private sector led, CITB.
- iii. Engagement with officials to strengthen links and promotion around volunteering and youth social action.

Following the event, Children in Wales contacted the curriculum development team to offer the following support from the development officers from Young Wales, Disabled Children and Early Years and Family Support

SVF noted the Learning Society had been commissioned to map resources on global learning but queried if they were available. Members felt that in order to be proactive it would be beneficial to draw together a briefing paper outlining what the sector could do for education which could include three or four offers and asks.

#### **Actions**

- **MR to share link to 'Idiots Guide to the Curriculum'**
- **WCVA to draft initial briefing paper on the role for the third sector in supporting the implementation of the new curriculum, and some draft principles for working with the third sector, for input from members**

#### **4. Discussion on AOLE's and future work programme**

BL outlined his paper to members. JS noted that the group needed to give time to other issues than the new curriculum. Members raised issues around transition, teaching & delivery, concerns not necessarily fitting into age groups. JS confirmed that the concept of mapping was useful but it was important to schedule the right people to talk at the right time. JS explained about the State of the Sector report being done for the Health Minister that outlined challenges and opportunities. Members felt there was a need to be aware of the timeline and that we should map what we know and ask Welsh Government to fill in the blanks. SVF, MR, GW agreed to draft a paper setting up milestones

BL, EM, DS & CiW agreed to draft a paper to look at all the aspects that influence a child. Members suggested inviting Huw Foster Evans from [The National Academy for Educational Leadership Wales](#) to the next meeting

JS agreed to increase the frequency of the planning meetings and to get a date for the next meeting with the Minister in the New Year.

#### **Actions**

- **Susie, Mia and Ginger to draft paper to show milestones**
- **Ben, Elin, Cath & David to draft paper to show influences on child development**
- **WCVA to set date for next planning meeting**
- **WCVA to get a date for the meeting with the Minister**
- **WCVA to invite Huw Foster Evans to next planning meeting**

5. As the meeting had overrun JS asked DS if he was prepared to present his papers at the next planning meeting and this was agreed. There was no other business noted and the meeting closed

