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Strategic Developments

Bold Decisions Needed to Deliver Skills for a Prosperous Nation: colleges' manifesto for Assembly elections

The next Welsh Government needs to take bold decisions in order to deliver world-class education and skills for a prosperous Wales. So says the body that represents Wales' further education colleges, ColegauCymru, in a manifesto published today for the Assembly elections in 2016.

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Wales: no longer a learning country

Responding to the publication of official statistics that show a significant fall in the number of adult learners, college body ColegauCymru said the decline was so great that Wales could no longer lay claim to being 'a learning country'.

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Unique culinary experience as 'The Classroom' opens in the heart of Cardiff City Centre

A brand new restaurant has opened its doors to the public. The Classroom is situated on the 5th floor of the brand new £45m Cardiff and Vale College City Centre Campus.

The training restaurant sees top industry professionals with a wealth of experience from Michelin and AA Rosette establishments across UK running the restaurant day in day out, alongside visiting professionals, all training the

future stars of the industry.

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Quality Colleges

National Green Energy Awards Ceremony

Representatives from Grŵp Llandrillo Menai were presented with the 'Contribution to Skills and Training' award at the Wales Green Energy Awards 2015, which took place recently in the capital's St. David's Hotel.

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Cardiff and Vale College is a Leader in Diversity

Cardiff and Vale College has been awarded prestigious Leaders in Diversity status for its commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.

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Sustainability awards

At the UK-wide Public Sector Sustainability Awards, Coleg Gwent received a Highly Commended Award in the Best Waste/Recycling Project category last week.

The college also received a Highly Commended certificate for outstanding work in the inaugural Cynnal Cymru – Sustain Wales Awards.

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Coleg Gwent Chair of Governors to be advisory member of UK Centre

Coleg Gwent Chair of Governors Angela Lloyd has been invited to become a member of the Advisory Board for the University College London Institute of Education's new Centre for Post-14 Education and Work.

<http://www.coleggwent.ac.uk/index.php?view=news&id=2337#.Vlx-ztLhAdV>

Congratulations! Learner Success

WorldSkills UK success for Wales

Ten young people from across Wales – including a brother and sister from Llanelli - have been named the 'best in the UK' at the national final of a major skills competition. [More>>>](#)

Top college in Wales for UK Squad members: Following success at the Skills Show in Birmingham, **Coleg Sir Gâr** is the highest ranking college in Wales and the second highest ranking college in the UK, with six of its learners in the WorldSkills UK squad in preparation for WorldSkills Abu Dhabi 2017. [More from Coleg Sir Gâr >>>](#)

One of Wales' learners selected for the WorldSkills UK squad is **Grŵp Llandrillo Menai** construction learner, Gethin Jones. [More from Grŵp Llandrillo Menai >>>](#)

Welsh Sporting Success

The multi-sport national competitions for Wales' college students on 10-11 November proved a feast of sporting prowess, with winners from 10 colleges showing that sporting talent and potential is found in every corner of Wales. [More>>>](#)

Gower Colleges Swansea was named Welsh Colleges Champions in netball, women's hockey, men's football and men's tennis, and also provided one Welsh qualifier for the men's golf team. [More from Gower College Swansea >>>](#)

Cymoedd players announced in Wales's women's squad

Two Coleg y Cymoedd learners on the Elite Women's Football Academy, Chloe Chivers & Shaunna Jenkins, have been named in the Wales Women's National Team by Manager Jayne Ludlow ahead of qualifying match against Kazakhstan in Haverfordwest.

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Outstanding managers: CMI awards for college students

Two students from GCS Training - the business training arm of Gower College Swansea - have taken top accolades at the prestigious Chartered Management Institute (CMI) Wales Awards for Excellence in Cardiff.

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Engineering skills recognised with IAgrE Award

The Institute of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE) has awarded Cennydd Hughes from Langennech for his college engineering project which he accomplished at Coleg Sir Gâr's Gelli Aur campus.

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'It's My Shout' Award and Film Premiere

Grŵp Llandrillo Menai Performing Arts student, Chloe Casey, made her mark at the It's My Shout film awards ceremony held at the Millennium Centre in Cardiff recently, winning the 'Best Supporting Actress' award.

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Springboard FutureChef competition heats up

Talented youngsters cooked up a storm last week at a regional heat of the Springboard FutureChef competition hosted by Coleg Gwent's Crosskeys Campus.

The competition is open to youngsters aged between 12 and 16 across the UK and from approximately 8,000

entrants the regional finalists go on to compete in London in March.

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Learning Opportunities

Welsh language Childcare course

For those aspiring for a career in childcare, Cardiff and Vale College has introduced a Childcare and Development course through the medium of Welsh.

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Students Officiate at World Rally Championship

Fourteen of Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's Motor Vehicle and Traineeship students from the college's Rhyl campus were left "exhausted, yet exhilarated" after being chosen to volunteer for the innovative World Rally GB 'Rally Makers' scheme last weekend.

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Late medieval treasure found by student on college land

A late medieval silver inscribed 'sword grip' mount found by a Coleg Gwent student on college land has been declared treasure by H.M. Coroner for Gwent.

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Acting legend Jonathan Pryce visits college to talk about his journey from Holywell to Hollywood

Welsh acting legend Jonathan Pryce recently visited Cardiff and Vale College to give a talk to Performing Arts students about his journey from Holywell to Hollywood.

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Secret House opens at Cardiff and Vale College

Students on Preparation for Work and Life Skills courses at Cardiff and Vale College have organised a special opening party for their newly refreshed learning space which they have called 'Ty Cudd', or, 'The Secret House'.

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Industry insight engineered for students

From Tandem tankers to feeder tomahawks, agricultural engineering students at Coleg Sir Gâr's GelliAur campus have received an insight into industry with the help of Gwili Jones tractor dealership.

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