

INVITATION TO TENDER:

Review into the impact of Sport Wales funded projects in FE 2014 - 2017

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1.0 Company Information

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2.0 Background

- 2.1 ColegauCymru/CollegesWales is the national organisation representing 13 further education (FE) colleges and institutions in Wales. It is an educational charity and a company limited by guarantee. ColegauCymru provides a range of services to its members including networks, conferences, research, consultancy and the sharing of good practice. It also works closely with a wide range of partners in post-16 education and training. Through ColegauCymru, colleges are represented on various committees, working parties and other groups influencing and shaping policy in post-16 education, training and life-long learning.
- 2.2 FE colleges in Wales offer 80% of all post-16 qualifications and provide learning experiences for almost 200,000 people in Wales. Two thirds of all 16-18 year old learners in Wales choose to study at colleges.
- 2.3 ColegauCymru is committed to delivering value for money (VfM) as an integral part of its business and strategy. While it has a specific responsibility to achieve VfM for the funding it receives from its members, this principle extends to all sources of funding.
- 2.4 ColegauCymru employ a Sports Coordinator with the dual role of increasing participation in Sport and Physical Activity among FE learners and managing FE sport through Welsh Colleges Sport as a governing body.
- 2.5 Sport Wales funding to increase participation is in a transitional year for 17/18 with the aim of developing a new 3 year strategy for FE sport with ColegauCymru and Welsh Colleges Sport.

3.0 Rationale

Sport Wales provide project funding for FE colleges which is managed by ColegauCymru within the FE sector in Wales. The project's original aims were:

- Increasing participation - 40% students hooked on Sport
- Tackling inequality – Reducing the gender gap by 10%
- Developing volunteering - 10% of FE Students volunteering in Sport

3.1 Since 2014 the 12 FE Colleges in Wales with full time learners have participated in the project. They have all worked towards the project aims listed above while being committed to developing sport, physical activity and wellbeing of learners at a wider level. Some examples of project specific development are listed below

- FE Sport Survey 2015

- 3000+ Learners per year engaged in project
- 120 + young leaders working on Student management teams
- New Collaborative partnership work with NGBS and Sport Wales led initiatives including
Young Ambassadors Cymru, Street Games, US Girls, Outdoor Partnership, Sports Leaders UK, FAW trust and numerous NGBS.
- Added Value supporting Sport Wales development work including:
Welsh Language, Community Sports Project, Publicity and Communications, Outdoor Recreation, monitoring of additional project activity, networking and events.
- New development initiatives related to project funding:
Welsh Colleges Sport Website
Welsh Colleges Sport Conference
WCS Snowdonia Challenge
UPSHOT online monitoring
Welsh Colleges Sport Strategy Group
Erasmus + YSDA Project
FAW Trust Football Activators project
US Girls
Strategic development of new FE projects

3.2 FE Colleges are also committed to developing Sport, Physical activity and Wellbeing of FE Students on a wider scale funded primarily by colleges.

- 3000+ Full time learners studying Sport related courses
- 500+ Students studying HE Sport Courses in FE
- Multi-million pound investment in new FE sport facilities and collaborative investment at a local level into existing club and community facilities
- 1500+ students competing in regular sports competition at a local, regional and national level.

3.3 FE Colleges engage with local communities in supporting sports development through the following partnerships and relationships

- Support for Local Authority Sports Development teams in working with schools and events
- Support for Community trusts linked to professional sports teams and charitable organisations
- Providing facilities for local, regional and national events, NGB offices and community hubs.

3.4 The FE sector is a key player in helping to deliver the Welsh Government's aims to widen participation, tackle social exclusion and stimulate economic regeneration. The sector is committed to the provision of high quality education and training that is responsive to the needs of individuals, communities and business.

3.5 On behalf of the FE sector and Sport Wales ColegauCymru has undertaken strategic level engagement work with the following organisations:

- Welsh Government Ministers and Sports Policy team
- EACEA - EU Commission – Sport
- Disability Sport Wales
- Estyn
- HE Sector / Universities
- WATO Outdoor Group
- Welsh Audit Office - Behaviour Change linked to WBFGA
- Numerous NGBS - including FAW trust, Welsh Netball.

4.0 The Research

4.1 ColegauCymru invites proposals from organisations to undertake research to determine the impact of Sport Wales grant funding to FE colleges in Wales from 2014 – 2017. This research should produce recommendations to guide future strategy with the following themes:

- Key learning from investment into the Further Education sector on areas that have worked well, have worked less well, and why
- Reporting on a range of qualitative and quantitative insight/information/data to support the review findings
- Highlighting the direct impact from the projects that have taken place
- Indirect strategic impact (eg Wellbeing strategies, staffing allocation etc) and added value to the sector of the partnership between Sport Wales and ColegauCymru
- Looking at the potential wider impact of partnership with the FE sector in relation to Sport Wales community sport target and Sporting Pathway model.
- Identifying key recommendations/strategic themes for consideration for a post 2018 strategy.

4.2 There is a range of supporting evidence and research in related fields that should form the basis for a literature review:

- Welsh Government ministerial review of Sport Wales 2018
- Going for Gold – FE Strategy for Sport in Wales 2013
- ColegauCymru National Sports Development Plan 2014
- State of Play - 2014
- FE Sport Survey 2015
- ColegauCymru - Annual reporting / briefing papers
- ColegauCymru - The practical and policy implications of the Well-being of Future Generations Act on the FE sector in Wales 2016
- National Survey for Wales 2017
- Sport Wales research = Active Adults / School Sport Survey

4.3 Research should be initially focused on Sport Wales project funded activity from 2014 – 2017 and the impact and added-value of the partnership with ColegauCymru and Welsh Colleges Sport during this period.

The Sport Wales future community sport targets listed below and the Sporting Pathway model can be used for reference when analysing any strategic level change in colleges as a result of project activity and forming recommendations from the review.

- 75% of young people and young adults (up to 34 years of age) (irrespective of background) being 'hooked on sport' (undertaking three or more sessions per week) by 2026;
- An upward trend in the percentage of the population undertaking the CMO recommended physical activity guidelines;
- An upward trend in the percentage of the population undertaking regular, weekly activity (3 times a week);
- A narrowing of the gap in participation in physical activity between the general population and identified Focus Groups:
 - Those living in poverty;
 - Women & Girls;
 - BME;
 - Disabled People;
 - Other inequalities and/or groups identified by specific local communities;
 - Delivery of complete sporting pathways across all regions.

Sport Wales Sporting Pathway - Four Worlds Model –

- **Foundations for Participation**
- **Participation for Wellbeing**
- **Participation for Progression**
- **Participation for Performance**

5.0 Requirements

5.1 The supplier is expected to undertake research reviewing the impact of Sport Wales project funding on the FE sector from 2014 – 2017 producing key recommendations for future strategic development. The supplier should submit the work to ColegauCymru in the form of a final report.

Work is expected to start on 9th October 2017 with the final report to be completed by 11th December 2017. See the timetable for more information.

5.2 The final report of the research should enable ColegauCymru and Sport Wales to:

- Identify best practice in the sector in project related activity
- Establish a picture of strategic level change, impact on provision and impact on participants
- Demonstrate the benefits and opportunities that have been derived from the project activity
- Inform senior leaders at Sport Wales, the Welsh Colleges Sport Strategy group and the board of ColegauCymru on the development and direction of future funded activity and strategic level planning for the sector.

5.3 The bid should explain the methodology the supplier will be taking to achieve the research outcomes. The expected methodology will include at least the following elements:

- Literature review and analysis of related survey data
- Interviews with College senior management, project managers and students across a minimum of 6 colleges at each level of interview
- Key observations
- Concluding comments

5.4 We welcome the use of qualitative and quantitative research to determine the effect of project funded activity and added value on the FE sector.

5.5 Note that the exact form and content of the final work plan will be agreed with the officials at the ColegauCymru project initiation meeting.

5.6 Suppliers are expected, as part of their application, to declare any relationship or association with a person or persons significant employee, elected or nominated in the institutions falling within the scope of the survey.

5.7 The supplier is expected to complete a pricing schedule.

6 Use of findings

- 6.1 Once the review has been completed the information will be used as an internal document to support Sport Wales, the Welsh Colleges Sport Strategy Group and ColegauCymru in guiding future strategy and project funding for the FE sector in Wales.

7 Timescale

- 7.1 The timescales are as follows:

Date	Activity
25th August 2017	ColegauCymru to provide a written research brief to selected organisations
20th September 2017	Proposals to be submitted to ColegauCymru by 5pm
27th September 2017	Successful organisation notified and contracting
9th October 2017	Research starts
11 th December 2017	Research ends and Review submitted to ColegauCymru

- 7.2 Proposals should be submitted by email by 5pm on Wednesday 20th September 2017 to Rachel.Bowen@colegaucymru.ac.uk. Please contact Rob Baynham Robert.baynham@colegaucymru.ac.uk with any queries in regard to this tender up to the closing date. No correspondence or queries will be addressed during the period in which a contract decision is being made.