



Coleg
Cymraeg
Cenedlaethol

 Colegau Cymru
Colleges Wales

Memorandwm Cyd-ddealltwriaeth Memorandum of Understanding

1. ColegauCymru/Colleges Wales is the national organisation that represents all of the further education (FE) colleges and FE institutions (FEI) 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 and life-long learning.

2. ColegauCymru's mission is:

'to raise the profile of further education with key decision-makers to improve opportunities for learners in Wales'

In carrying out this mission,

'ColegauCymru will support its members in the continuous pursuit of high quality education, training and lifelong learning aimed at stimulating economic development, social well being and cultural life, raising skills levels and improving opportunities for learners.'

ColegauCymru is committed to working with colleges and other partners to deliver ColegauCymru's National Strategy for Bilingualism in Further Education, expanding opportunities for learners to study through the medium of Welsh or bilingually and to study in a college with a clear Welsh ethos and identity.

3. Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol was established in 2011. According to its constitution and Articles of Association the objects of the Coleg shall be

'... to advance learning and knowledge by promoting, maintaining, developing and overseeing Welsh medium provision in higher education in Wales, working with and through higher education institutions in Wales.'

4. The main aims of the Coleg are:

- In accordance with its constitution, to advance learning and knowledge by promoting, maintaining, developing and overseeing Welsh medium provision in higher education in Wales, working with and through higher education institutions in Wales.

- As a centrally governed body, which takes an overview of all Welsh medium provision, to provide unity of purpose, cohesion and leadership through a national strategy.
 - To create a permanent and robust structure, on a national basis, to secure full status for the Welsh language as a medium of teaching and research within the universities.
 - To enrich, deepen and broaden the provision for students, stimulating and responding to demand from students and thereby increasing the number of students studying through the medium of Welsh.
 - To collaborate with other national bodies to contribute to the social, cultural and economic life of Wales.
5. The purpose of this MOU is to establish the principles of collaboration between ColegauCymru and the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol.
6. This MOU recognises the complementary missions of both organisations, their shared interests in encouraging Welsh medium and bilingual education and opportunities throughout the education system.
7. Both organisations seek to build on their own successful track records and to work together to:
- a. improve Welsh medium and bilingual progression routes into further education, work based learning, adult learning and higher education by developing, promoting and supporting integrated educational pathways that respond to the evidenced needs of learners and employers;
 - b. support the promotion of teaching and learning excellence and efforts to enhance quality by sharing teaching and learning resources (particularly digital learning resources) and cutting edge practice in pedagogy/andragogy in Welsh medium education;
 - c. support the continuing professional development needs of teaching and support staff;
 - d. liaise on the nomination of relevant FE representatives on the official groups and working parties set up by the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol or of representatives of Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol on to ColegauCymru working parties and groups
 - e. contribute to each other's professional networks and external events, where appropriate;

- f. make joint approaches as appropriate to the Welsh Government, the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales and other relevant organisations where there is a shared view on a relevant issue affecting both parties;
- g. share where appropriate draft responses to consultations of the Welsh Government, Welsh Language Commissioner and other relevant organisations
- h. promote and support each other's missions wherever appropriate including cooperation on communications, marketing and branding initiatives relating to Welsh medium and bilingual education; and,
- i. meet regularly to review the efficacy of the collaboration and its effectiveness in delivering outputs of mutual value to both parties.

Term and Termination

The MOU will commence on 7 August 2013 and is anticipated shall be for an initial twelve months. The MOU will be revised after this term and extended if both parties agree.

Either Party may terminate this MOU at any time with no less than 28 days' written notification thereof to the other Party.

Nature of the Agreement

Both Parties shall be liable for all their own costs and disbursements incurred in relation to the exploration of opportunities envisaged herein.

Confidentiality

During the term of this MOU and at any time thereafter, the Parties agree to treat any Confidential Information as strictly confidential and shall not disclose the same to any third party but only to selected employees, servants or agents of each on a "need to know" basis. Each Party to this MOU shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure

that its employees, servants and agents are made aware of and abide by the obligations of confidentiality set out above.

The Parties agree that all discussions and negotiations shall be carried out on a strictly confidential basis and any statements (whether written or oral) to be made in relation to the existence of the discussions and negotiations between the Parties shall be subject always to the written consent of both Parties.

Signed by

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On behalf of Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol

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On behalf of ColegauCymru