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### Partnerships

#### **£1 million opportunity for Wales' apprentices and college learners to work in Europe**

At a meeting of the Assembly's Enterprise & Business Committee meeting, Colegau Cymru called on the Assembly to celebrate the new £1 million opportunity for Wales' apprentices and college learners to be placed in work in countries across Europe. [More>>>](#)

#### **Menai Innovation Centre client wins innovation award**

A business client of Canolfan Arloesi Menai (CAM), CellPath Ltd, has won the Innovation/New Product Development Award at the Powys Business Awards for the second year running.

CellPath Ltd has partnered with Grwp Llandrillo Menai on a KTP (Knowledge Transfer Partnership) to design and implement an Accelerated Design Process.

It resulted in the company launching 20 new products at the IBMS congress at the ICC, Birmingham.

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#### **Top Apprenticeship Award**

With support from NPTC Group of Colleges' Pathways Training, engineering company Magor Designs have bagged an Insider's 'Apprenticeship Scheme of the Year Award' at the recent Insiders' Made in Wales Awards.

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#### **A joining of forces to train Hinkley Point workforce and community**

Cardiff and Vale College and UCATT have teamed up to provide education and training to prepare the local community for the requirements of the Hinkley Point power station construction project. The scheme aims to boost the skills and employability of communities across South Wales and the South West of England through the construction of the power station and beyond.

UCATT is leading the collaboration between the College and three other unions; GMB, Unite and Prospect.

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## **Business & Education Awards**

Cardiff and Vale College has made it on to the shortlist for four awards in the prestigious Business and Education Partnership Awards 2015 – more than any other further education institution in the country.

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## **Fire Sprinkler Partnership**

NPTC Group of Colleges has been shortlisted for the Insider Business and Education Partnerships Awards 2015. It was the first college in Europe to run fire sprinkler courses and has been working with the British Automatic Fire Sprinkler Association (BAFSA).

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## **Chair of Renewable Energy Forum's Wales Advisory Group**

NPTC Group of Colleges' Director of Construction Skills and Business Strategy, Wyn Prichard has been invited to chair the Wales Advisory Group of the UK-wide Renewable Energy Skills Forum (RESF).

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## **College Strengthens Link with Thailand**

The latest Thai group to be welcomed to the UK toured Creative Media and Games Development facilities at Grŵp Llandrillo Menai.

For 12 months, Grŵp Llandrillo Menai has participated in a reciprocal project supported by The British Council (Thailand) and the Thai Office of the Vocational Education Council (OVEC), to assist in the development of teaching and learning, corporate governance, work-based learning and English language skills in Thailand's further education colleges.

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## **College Quality**

**Fresh look for college restaurant after top TripAdvisor ranking**

A group of budding chefs have turned their hand to marketing and design in a bid to revitalise the brand of their college's restaurant to reflect its top restaurant ranking on TripAdvisor.

The aptly named Nant Restaurant at the Nantgarw campus is listed as one of Cardiff's three best restaurants on TripAdvisor.

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## Learner Progression

### From Performing Arts to BBC Sports

Formerly a Performing Arts student at Coleg Ceredigion, Delyth Lloyd is fast establishing herself as a household name in radio sports broadcasting.

Based at the BBC's iconic Media City in Salford, she is a familiar face to many as one of Radio 5Live's sports correspondents.

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## Congratulations! Learner Success

### Renewables Apprentice of the Year

The talents of Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's engineering apprentices have been recognised for the second year running by the renewables industry at a glittering gala dinner held in Liverpool.

Crowned 'Apprentice of the Year' on the night was Michael Leach.

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### Amcanu Apprentice shortlisted for award

Josh Palmer, an apprentice at Amcanu and engineering student at Coleg Sir Gâr, has been shortlisted in the Rising Star category of the 2015 Manufacturing Champions Awards.

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### Gold Award for student at royal palace

A Coleg Ceredigion Childcare and Education student has received a gold award in recognition of her voluntary work.

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### Enterprise students head for Bootcamp

Nine Enterprise students from Gower College Swansea have successfully applied for the Welsh Government's intensive three-day 'Bootcamp to Business' Challenge, which takes place in November.

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## Learning Opportunities

### Minister for Communities praises college's childcare provision

Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty, came to Cardiff and Vale College's crèche this week to see its work in addressing deprivation and social mobility.

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### College launches science and engineering Saturday club

Following the success of the National Art and Design Saturday Club for local comprehensive schools, Coleg Sir Gâr has launched a new initiative for pupils with an interest in science and engineering. The new club aims to develop synergies to highlight the fusion between sciences and the arts.

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### Art students brighten up Cardiff City Football Club

Students from Cardiff and Vale College have been commissioned to create an inspirational artwork for Cardiff City Football Club.

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### Lancet editor visits college students

Students planning a career in medicine/psychiatry got the chance to meet one of the leading figures in the field recently, when the founding editor of The Lancet Psychiatry visited Gower College Swansea.

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### Woodcarving masterclass

Coleg Ceredigion Furniture Design, Making and Restoration students were recently given a rare opportunity to try their hand at traditional woodcarving methods under the watchful eye of a master craftsman.

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### Professional Shakespeare performances

Coleg y Cymoedd are involved in performances for the prestigious Shakespeare for Schools Festival - the largest youth drama festival in the UK.

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### **Terrifyingly talented creative learners**

A Welsh Halloween attraction became even spookier thanks to the creepy props provided by talented Art and Design learners.

Aspiring artists and designers from Coleg y Cymoedd used their skills to create realistic scary props including limbs and guts to help create 'FearFest', the ultimate Halloween experience in Chepstow.

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### **Valuing and celebrating diversity at milestone fayre**

Staff and students at Gower College Swansea recently celebrated a very colourful milestone – the tenth anniversary of its Diversity Fayre - in which students used their skills to create resources that challenge stereotypes, promote gender equality, and address cyber-bullying and online trolling.

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