



Taith Advisory Board Meeting
30th June 2022, 14:00-16:00
Online Teams Meeting

In Attendance:

- Kirsty Williams, Advisory Board Chair (KW)
- Amanda Wilkinson, Universities Wales (AW)
- Calum White, Welsh Government (CW)
- Colin McInnes, Wales Higher Education Brussels (CM)
- Colin Riordan, Cardiff University (CR)
- Gareth Morgans, Welsh Local Government Association/Association of Directors of Education in Wales (GM)
- Harriet Barnes, Higher Education Funding Council Wales and its successor (HB)
- Helen Jones, Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Service (HJ)
- Joe Atkinson, NUS Wales
- Rob Humphreys, Learning and Work Institute Wales (also representing Adult Education Sector Organising Body) (RH)

Alternates:

- David Price, Colegau Cymru (Alternate for Siân Holleran) (DP)
- David Williams, The Local Authorities' Principal Youth Officers Group (alternate for Steve Davies) (DW)
- Lisa Mytton, National Training Federation Wales (Alternate for John Nash) (LM)

Apologies:

- Delyth Lewis, Welsh Youth Parliament
- Iwan Davies, The Global Wales Partnership
- Maria Hinfelaar, Wrexham Glyndwr University

Taith Programme Executive:

- Susana Galván (SG)
- Leah Doherty (meeting logistics support)
- Elid Morris (EM)
- Nabil Ali (NA)
- Ellie Bevan (EB)
- Walter Brooks (WB)
- Claire Richardson (meeting logistics support)

Invited:

- Mark Butler, Good Governance Institute (MB) (Item 6)
- Daniel Taylor, Good Governance Institute (DT) (Item 6)
- Gwen Williams, Universities Wales (GW) (Item 5)
- Amanda Morgan, International Links (Sector Organising Body) (AM) (Item 4)
- Paul Glaze, Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Service (Sector Organising Body) (PG) (Item 4)
- Kari Morgan, Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales (Sector Organising Body) (KM) (Item 4)
- Kay Smith, Learning and Work Institute Cymru (Sector Organising Body) (KS) (Item 4)
- Mark Baines, Adult Learning Wales (Sector Organising Body)(MB) (Item 4)

Minutes: Claire Richardson, Taith Programme Executive

Item	Main points for discussion	Actions/Key decisions
Welcome and introductions Apologies for absence	Steve Davies has resigned from the Advisory Board and will be replaced by Craig Matthews. Thanks for Steve's contribution to the advisory board was noted.	
Minutes and actions of the last meeting	Minutes of the meetings are being published on the Taith website. The Taith Communication Officer will be joining the team in September.	All future meeting minutes to be added onto the Taith Website.

<p>Update from the Taith Programme Executive</p>	<p>SG provided the update from the Taith Programme Executive.</p> <p>Updates on Pathway 1 and progress within the timeline with the assessor recruitment and assessment deadline will be completed by 01/07/2022. Feedback will be provided back to the sectors to help support future applications.</p> <p>Funding Committee panels have been arranged and they are due to take place week commencing 11/7/22 and notification of outcomes will be sent by the end of July.</p> <p>Timeline for the second round of Pathway 1 in 2023 will be moved from March-May to Jan-March for mobilities which will take place in September 2023.</p> <p>Pathway 2, feedback was received after the last Advisory Board meeting, and this has been used to develop the revised and final paper. A full response to the feedback will form part of this paper.</p> <p>The first Pathway 2 call will be open to eligible organisations in the FE, VET, Adult Education, Schools and Youth sectors and the soft launch will take place on the 12th July. A timeline of the plans was provided within the presentation.</p> <p>Further comments were received about Pathway 2 proposals and how flexible this pathway can be within the mandate and grant award letter provided by Welsh Government.</p> <p>Pathway 3 will be delivered in 2023 once more data from Pathway 1 can be analysed and gaps are found which the Pathway 3 funding can support. Similarly, an evaluation of the Sector Organising Bodies model needs to take place.</p> <p>Discussions took place regarding the sector organising body for FE. An evaluation of current sector organising bodies will take place to see if there is a requirement for this in 2023.</p>	<p>The final paper for Pathway 2, including a summary of feedback from the consultations will be sent to the Advisory Board along with the meeting minutes.</p> <p>Constructive feedback to be provided on Pathway 1 applications to the sectors, in particular the applications which were unsuccessful, to help support future applications.</p> <p>Data and evaluation of Pathway 1 and the Sector Organising Bodies will take place over the summer and autumn to help the development of Pathway 3.</p> <p>Taith to evaluate the Sector Organising Bodies (SOB) model to help decisions for a potential new call in 2023.</p> <p>The slides from the presentation to be shared with Advisory Board members</p>
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	<p>Global Wales III funding was confirmed on the 6th April 2022 and the GAL will be issued in July. The scope for Global Wales has been extended to include FE as well as HE.</p> <p>A reminder of the Taith governance structure was included in the presentation as well as details on the Taith team structure and the internal reflections from the Taith team.</p> <p>Comments were provided from the Advisory Board to acknowledge the successful development of Taith in a short period of time. But also concern about the support being provided to staff due to high workloads.</p> <p>There was a request to understand where responsibilities lie within the Taith Governance structure, whether decisions sit with Welsh Government, Tait or stakeholders and it was confirmed that this feedback will be provided as part of the governance review.</p> <p>Questions were asked on evaluations, reporting and monitoring within Taith. SG advised that a lot of this is set within the grant award letter from the Welsh Government, but the governance review will help show the links between the reporting and support from within the Advisory Board.</p> <p>(15:03) KW left the meeting and SG took over as chair.</p>	
<p>Update from Sector Organising Bodies</p>	<p>AM from International Links Global, SOB for Schools presented on their work as a SOB. A supporting presentation will be provided to Advisory Board (Appendix 1)</p> <p>KM from Boys and Girls Club Wales, and PG from CWVYS, SOB for Youth presented on how they have worked together as a consortium to provide strategic thinking and awareness raising within the sector, whilst also helping with partner matching and supporting Taith applications. (Appendix 1)</p>	<p>Brief presentations from the SOB's to be sent to Advisory Board members.</p>

	<p>KS from Learning and Work Institute Cymru and MB from Adult Learning Wales, SOB's for AE presented. A supporting presentation will be provided to the Advisory Board. (Appendix 2)</p> <p>(GM, CM, LM left the meeting at 15:30).</p>	
Update on Global Wales	<p>GW provided an overview on Global Wales and Global Wales III. Headline targets and deliverables were discussed as well as their quarterly monitoring KPI's.</p> <p>GW highlighted that the targets for recruitment and exports cannot be seen as Global Wales's alone as Global Wales can only provide a contribution towards these targets.</p> <p>There was also awareness raised on some of the external factors that could affect capacity to support the proposed outcomes.</p> <p>(KS left at 15:41)</p>	
Update on Taith Governance Review	<p>A PowerPoint presentation about the progress with the ongoing governance review was provided by the Good Governance Institute and the presentation can be found within the meeting slides.</p> <p>Questions were raised on stakeholder engagement and KPI's and ensuring the monitoring and evaluation piece gave legitimacy to the programme.</p> <p>Authority and decision-making issues need to be staked out as well as ensuring that the Advisory Board acts as an advising platform.</p> <p>(PG left at 15:46)</p>	Ongoing conversations need to take place with GGI to review how we are progressing.
Any Other Business	There was no other business raised in the meeting.	

Date of next (regular) meeting	19 th October 2022	
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