



Taith Advisory Board – Extraordinary Meeting
20 May 2022, 10.00-13.00
Hybrid Meeting (in person and via Teams)

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)
- 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
- Joe Atkinson, NUS Wales
- 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)
- Daniel Taylor, Good Governance Institute (DT)
- Gwen Williams, Universities Wales (GW)
- Amanda Morgan, International Links (Sector Organising Body) (AM)
- Paul Glaze, Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Service (Sector Organising Body) (PG)
- Kay Smith, Learning and Work Institute Cymru (Sector Organising Body) (KS)
- Mark Baines, Adult Learning Wales (Sector Organising Body)(MB)

Minutes: Claire Richardson, Taith Programme Executive

Item	Main points for discussion	Actions/Key decisions
Welcome and introductions Apologies for absence	All guests were welcomed at the Special Advisory Board meeting, which included Advisory Board members, representatives from the Sector Organising Bodies (SOB's), as well as additional members of the Taith team. Also in attendance were invited guests from the Good Governance Institute. Apologies and member alternates were noted.	

<p>Brief update from the Taith Programme Executive</p>	<p>At the start of the meeting an update was provided on how Taith is developing, informing attendees that the Grant Award Letter's (GAL's) are now in place with the SOBs and an apology was provided for the delay.</p> <p>In relation to Pathway 1 applications, it was noted that assessors are being appointed to review these applications, with training scheduled for early June. It was confirmed that the assessors appointed will have sector specific knowledge to cover all sectors.</p> <p>Details were provided on the funding for Global Wales III which was confirmed ahead of this meeting by the Minister. This comes from the Taith funding envelope and, as such, Global Wales will be reporting into Taith. Global Wales III will include Higher Education as well as Further Education.</p> <p>The final aspect within this segment was a discussion to ensure that all stakeholders are aware, and feel comfortable, to feedback on Taith, not only on the proposals for Pathway 2 but also on their thoughts on Pathway 1, and any other aspect of Taith.</p>	<p>SOBs and AB members are encouraged to provide ongoing feedback about Taith: the programme, the delivery and the processes. Taith welcomes the feedback and expertise from the sectors to make the programme a success, and as sector-led as possible.</p>
<p>Our overall reflections on Taith so far</p>	<p>Following on from the Taith update, a reflection took place, and it was an opportunity for attendees to discuss their thoughts on Taith, looking at both the good and negative aspects. Attendees were sent questions ahead of the meeting so they could feedback their thoughts.</p> <p>Constructive comments were received which will be fed into a more formal review and will be considered for any future changes.</p> <p>AB members were reminded that the programme is limited to the policy set by the Minister, but the AB should still feedback their thoughts and ideas so these can be fed back to the Welsh Government so they can be considered for future developments.</p>	<p>Taith will continue to collect feedback from the sectors. A more formal review/feedback process will happen once the outcomes of Pathway 1 are announced.</p>

<p>Plans for Pathways 2</p>	<p>A key aspect of the meeting was to look at the proposed plans for Pathway 2 which looks at Partnership and Strategic collaboration. An overview of Pathway 2 was provided to explain how Taith Pathway 2 will support strategic, collaborative or partnership projects through the funding of bilateral international partnerships or consortia led by eligible organisations in Wales, that lead to the production of intellectual outputs which in turn foster innovation in education and training in Wales or lead to bolstering or addressing barriers to participation in Taith Pathway 1. Further information on the strategy for Pathway 2 was provided as well as examples of Pathway 2 projects and their outputs.</p> <p>September 2022 was put forward as a proposed date to open the funding call for this pathway.</p> <p>All attendees were provided with a copy of the Pathway 2 paper. Some initial feedback was received and will be used as part of the considerations for the development of Pathway 2. All attendees were encouraged to speak with their networks to gather feedback and to present this feedback to Taith by the 8th June 2022.</p> <p>It was hoped that Pathway 3 plans could have been discussed, but due to time constraints, this was not possible as more data needs to be gathered.</p>	<p>Advise on additional priorities which should be addressed in the policy development of Pathway two.</p> <p>AB Members and SOB representatives are asked to feedback on the Pathway 2 plan paper by Wednesday 8th June.</p>
<p>Taith Governance Review</p>	<p>The final part of the meeting was an opportunity for representatives from the Good Governance Institute to introduce themselves and inform everyone of their working relationship with Taith.</p> <p>Questions relating to the governance review were discussed and AB members were advised to arrange 1:1 meetings with GGI in order to progress this further.</p>	<p>AB Members are asked to feedback on the questions presented by GGI and to arrange the 1:1 meetings to discuss governance. GGI will approach attendees directly.</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p>	<p>There was an opportunity at the end for AOB discussions and a few concerns regarding Pathway 1 were raised which will be reviewed by Taith. There was a</p>	<p>Newsletters need to be up and running once the new</p>

	final comment to advise that newsletters from Taith are due to be up and running in September to help support communication and it can be used as a platform to help share information on more detailed questions relating to the programmes.	Taith Comms Officer starts with Taith joins the team in September.
Date of next (regular) meeting	30 th June 2022	