

Appendix 2

SOB – Adult Education

Describe your experience so far – overview

- Establishment of a Taith Steering Group for the sector, chaired by Rob Humphries. It has a wide range of stakeholders (TUC, Chwarae Teg, Canolfan Gymraeg Genedlaethol, etc.)
- We have supported several organisations in developing applications both in English and Welsh.
- Raised awareness across the ACL sector to generate interest in the programme.
- Contact with international organisations and networks to raise awareness and facilitate partnerships.
- Regular meetings with the Taith programme manager to ensure we are supporting the sector in a meaningful way.

Focus on challenges & achievements

Achievements

- Pathway 1 being oversubscribed is a key achievement. This highlights the appetite of the sector to engage with the programme We now need to establish how meaningful the applications have been to assess the overall quality of the applications.
- The Learning and Work Institute and ALW working collaboratively across Wales to support the programme. The degree of complementarity was commendable.

Challenges

- The level of support required specifically at the last minute. This is to be expected, particularly in the first round.
- In some cases there is an overlap to which sector the applicants should be applying for. This isn't a barrier as such but some applicants' activities are better suited to other streams, FE or Youth for instance.

Future priorities / areas of work.

- To identify which lessons can be learnt from the Pathway 1 experience to improve the application process for Pathway 2.
- Identifying the gaps in reach – which stakeholders and institutions within the sector are not aware of Taith yet, and how they could be supported.
- Organise partner linking events with European networks and beyond.
- To work with other SOBs to understand any challenges they have had and share best practice.