

Taith - International Learning Exchange Programme for Wales

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This document relates specifically to the Taith Pathway 2 funding call for 2022. General information on the Taith programme, including Taith's aims and objectives, eligibility criteria, assessment process, project management and grant rates can be found in the Core Programme Guide. It is strongly advised that applicants read through the Core Programme Guide in addition to the Pathway specific information that is included in this document prior to completing an application.

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Glossary

Accompanying person An adult, including, but not limited to, members of staff of the applying organisation, who accompany participants in a mobility activity and support participants to ensure they receive the maximum benefit from the activities. Groups of participants should be accompanied by a qualified professional to support and facilitate learning.

Application deadline The final date and time by which all application forms and calculation tools must be submitted to the Taith team for assessment.

Applying organisation The organisation in Wales submitting an application for funding to Taith. An applying organisation may apply either individually or on behalf of a consortium, which includes other organisations involved in the project.

Beneficiary When approved for project funding, the applying organisation becomes a beneficiary of the grant funding and is responsible for signing the Grant Agreement.

Consortium Two or more organisations working collaboratively to develop and deliver a project or an activity within a project.

Disadvantaged participant Learner, student or young person participant(s) who are classified as disadvantaged by meeting one or more of the Taith criteria and will be eligible for additional financial support. See Annex 2 of the Core Programme Guide for more details.

Dissemination activities The activities through which the project output is shared with other organisations/sectors.

Double funding The costs for the same activity are funded twice via the use of public funds. For clarity, this is not permitted and is considered a breach of the Grant Agreement terms and conditions.

Eligible activity An activity that meets the criteria set out in the Pathway 2 Programme Guide

Eligible costs The amount of grant (typically based on a unit rate) related to the delivery of project activities.

Eligible organisation An organisation that is able to apply for Taith funding.

Funding call The period of time during which applications for funding can be submitted.

Grant The funding awarded by Taith to a successful applying organisation.

Grant Agreement The written agreement between Taith and the Beneficiary detailing the terms and conditions of the funding award, which will have been assessed to be fundable and approved for funding by the relevant committee.

Grant rates Fixed rates that are available for different eligible costs.

Green Travel Sustainable means of transport, i.e. travel that uses a low emission means of transport for the main part of the journey. For example, bus, train or car-sharing.

Inward mobility Participants from eligible sending organisations who come to Wales to participate in a Taith programme.

International In the context of Taith, any country outside the United Kingdom.

Legal representative The person who has legal responsibility to represent an organisation and has the legal authority to enter into a legally binding contract, including, in the context of Taith, the authority to sign a Grant Agreement.

Outward Mobility Participants from eligible organisations in Wales participating in Taith supported activities at receiving organisations outside the UK (or in exceptional circumstances only, outside of Wales at receiving organisations in the rest of the UK).

Participant An individual undertaking physical/virtual or blended international mobility in a Taith funded project.

Partner organisation A generic term for any organisation formally involved in a Taith funded project, where there is a project relationship or interaction. Can include those organisations identified as applying organisation, coordinator, receiving organisation or sending organisation, as well as others involved in the delivery of the project.

Partnership A formal agreement between two or more organisations to participate in a Taith funded project and engage in joint activities and learning experiences.

Project Agreed activities organised and designed to meet clear objectives and outcomes.

Project budget The total sum of money allocated to agreed activities within a Taith funded project.

Project output A tangible resource/material/idea that is developed as a result of the international collaborative partnership that will be shared/disseminated across the sector(s).

Receiving organisation When individuals or groups participate in a physical mobility through Taith, they will be hosted by a receiving organisation. This organisation can also often be referred to as host or international partner organisation. Eligible receiving organisations are defined in the sector specific sections of the Programme Guide.

Sending organisation Organisations registered and operating outside the UK who send participants to be hosted in Wales during a physical mobility. Eligible sending organisations are defined in the sector specific sections of the Programme Guide.



1. Introduction to Pathway 2


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The principle behind Pathway 2 is the development of international collaborative projects led by organisations in Wales.

This pathway will fund Welsh-led international partnerships to develop a project output which addresses a specific issue or sector priority. These project outputs must be tangible and of value to other organisations and/or the sector(s) more widely. Each Pathway 2 funding call will have identified themes, ensuring that projects and their outputs are aligned with Welsh priorities and policies in the education and youth sectors, and enabling further cross-sector learning through the creation of networks of projects based on common themes. More details on the 2022 Pathway 2 themes can be found in section 3.1.

Through their participation in the projects, international collaboration and learning opportunities will enable staff and learners to develop their understanding, knowledge and application of a key theme or topic. By producing and disseminating an output, Pathway 2 projects should also aim to generate wider long-term benefits for participating organisations, for the sector(s) and for Wales and the international partner country(ies). These projects will therefore play a part in contributing to furthering the aims of the Taith programme and/or making a positive impact on policy developments in different sectors across Wales and beyond.

Mobility remains a key component of Pathway 2 activity, but the benefits of the mobility to individual participants is not the focus of Pathway 2 projects. Instead, mobilities facilitate the development and completion of the project output. Both staff and learners are eligible for international travel provided that these mobilities make a key contribution to the development of the project. More details on Pathway 2 eligible activities and costs can be found in section 6.3.



2. Who can apply for/participate in Pathway 2

2.a. Eligible sectors

Pathway 2 funding is available to the following sectors:

- Schools
- Youth
- Further Education (FE) and Vocational Education and Training (VET)
- Adult Education

Higher Education institutions are **not** eligible to apply for funding but can be part of a Pathway 2 project as a non-funded partner.

Cross-sector projects

Taith fully understands the value of cross-sectoral working and the benefits of bringing together organisations from across different sectors to work towards a common goal. The programme therefore supports and encourages cross-sector projects from organisations in different sectors working in partnership.

Details on eligible activities, costs, durations and participants for Pathway 2 projects can be found in section 6.3.

2.b. Reciprocity

The principles of reciprocity and shared learning are central to Taith. Organisations applying for funding for projects in Taith Pathway 2 can apply for funding for international partner activities. This will be calculated as a maximum of 30% of a project's total budget.

Further details on funding for international partner activities and what the funding can be spent on can be found in the eligibility section of this document.

Funding for international partner activities will be included in the grant award to those successful applying organisations in Wales and it will be their responsibility to administer these funds to, and on behalf of, the sending organisation.



3. Pathway information

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3.a. Themes

Pathway 2 projects must align with at least one of the identified Taith themes. The themes for the Pathway 2 (2022) funding call are detailed below.

Themes will be set annually and may change in future years.

Developments in education

Projects under this theme should align with relevant development taking place within the applying organisation's sector. Where projects are cross-sectoral, applicants can choose to align with whichever is the most relevant for their project:

- Curriculum for Wales
- National Youth Work Strategy for Wales (including the work of the Strategic Youth Work Implementation Board)
- Commission for Tertiary Education and Research (including the strategic vision and duties relevant for the Adult Education sector)

Diversity and Inclusion

Examples within this theme could include (but are not limited to):

- Bilingualism, multilingualism and Welsh culture
- Identity and belonging
- Inequality, access and social inclusion

Climate Change

Examples within this theme could include (but are not limited to):

- Developments in climate change education
- Decarbonisation
- Adaption and mitigation

3.b. Project outputs

The focus of Pathway 2 is the creation of tangible, well-constructed, measurable project outputs, which are of value to other organisations and/or the sector(s) across Wales.

Taith is open to innovation and new ideas and welcomes and encourages applying organisations to propose project outputs which best work for them and their sector. Project outputs could come in a range of different formats such as written, visual, video, workshops etc. Examples of project outputs could include (but are not limited to):

- New models or methods
- Resources/toolkits
- Training/teaching materials
- Digital resources/outputs

3.c. Dissemination

A key aspect of Pathway 2 is the requirement for project outputs to be shared and disseminated. Applying organisations will need to demonstrate clearly how they intend to share the results of their project, and with whom. Dissemination activity must be appropriate and accessible to the sector(s), and relevant for the format and intention of the project output. Examples of dissemination activities could include (but are not limited to):

- An event/conference/workshop
- The sharing of resources through an online platform, or through an app
- Training sessions for individuals/organisations to develop knowledge and understanding



4. Applying for Pathway 2

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4.a. Timelines

5 October 2022: Opening of Pathway 2 (2022) funding call.

1 December 2022, 12pm: Application and eligibility checklist deadline. Applications and eligibility checklists received after this deadline will not be assessed.

2 December 2022, 12pm: Grant calculation tool. Grant calculation tools received after this deadline will not be assessed.

28 February 2023: Outcome notifications will be sent to all applying organisations.

1 May 2023: Projects can commence.

4.b. Before you apply

Before starting on an application, we recommended that applicants:

- Read the Core Programme Guide
- Check to make sure the organisation is eligible to apply
- Read through this guide thoroughly, in particular the information on eligible activities, costs, participants and project durations
- Verify that the organisation has sufficient financial and operational capacity
- Read through the Pathway 2 assessment criteria – in section 5.2
- Read through the Pathway 2 resources and attend the guidance and tutorial events on completing an application
- Get in touch with the Taith team if you have any questions

4.c. Completing an application

- To apply for funding for Pathway 2, organisations must use the Pathway 2 application form and grant calculation tool which can be accessed via the Taith website.
- The application form asks for narrative responses on a range of questions including a project overview, details of the planned activities and project output, how the learning will be disseminated, project and financial management, and how and why international partners have been selected.
- Applying organisations will also be required to complete a grant calculation tool, which will calculate the total grant requested based on the various activities applied for. Information on the grant rates for all pathways can be found in Annex 3 of the Core Programme Guide.
- As part of the application process, organisations will need to confirm if they want to apply for reciprocal funding for inward mobilities. The funding available for this will then be calculated automatically through the grant calculation tool.
- Applications will be assessed against the set assessment criteria for Pathway 2 outlined in section 5.2. It is recommended that applying organisations read through the assessment criteria thoroughly before starting the application so you are clear on what is in the application, and how it will be assessed.
- There are a range of resources on the Taith website that have been created to support applying organisations with their application. These include the qualitative questions and assessment criteria, a step-by-step application guide and pre-recorded information on completing the application form.
- All applicants are encouraged to complete the qualitative application sections offline, and then copy and paste them into the online application form. This will enable applicants to work through the sections of their application in their own time, without any of the risks associated with working online. Once the offline application is complete, applicants are able to copy and paste the content into the relevant sections on the online form and submit.
- Organisations can only submit one application per sector per Pathway funding call. Applicants should ensure that multiple applications to the same Pathway funding call are not submitted by different parties in the same organisation.



5. Assessment

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Detailed information on the Taith assessment process and how funding decisions are made can be found in section 6 of the Core Programme Guide.

5.a. Assessment of applications

To be considered for funding, an applying organisation must demonstrate in their application how they meet the Pathway 2 assessment criteria (see below). The assessment criteria are intended to enable Taith to evaluate the quality of the applications received and establish an overall assessment score for each application. All applications will be scored out of a maximum of 100, based on the below criteria and weightings.

To be considered eligible for funding, applications must pass the following quality thresholds:

- At least 60 out of the total 100 points, and
- At least half of the maximum points in the section 'Relevance and quality of project objectives and planned outcomes'.

Applications that pass the set quality thresholds will be considered fundable. Applications that do not meet the minimum quality thresholds will be deemed unsuccessful. Regardless of the application's outcome or scoring, all applying organisations will be given feedback.

Pathway 2 indicative budgets per sector, together with information on maximum application values amounts can be found in section 6.

5.b. Pathway 2 Assessment Criteria

The assessment criteria for Pathway 2 are below. It is strongly recommended that applicants read through this thoroughly before starting an application.

<p>Relevance and quality of project objectives and planned outcomes</p> <p><i>(maximum score 65 points)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which the proposed project addresses an identified specific issue or sector priority in Wales within one of the Taith Pathway 2 themes is demonstrated in a clear and concrete manner. • The extent to which the proposed project demonstrates clear added value to the organisation(s) and sector(s). • The extent to which the planned project output is tangible, well-constructed, measurable and of value to other organisations and the sector(s), as well as being relevant and appropriate for the project, the sector and the audience. • The relevance and value of each named partner (international and Welsh) is clearly demonstrated, with clear reasoning for the partners involved. In particular, the application demonstrates the importance of the international partner(s) and the value added through this international collaboration. • The applying organisation has evidenced that it has sufficient administrative capacity proportionate to the scale of the proposed project. The proposal demonstrates a considered and appropriate approach to day-to-day project management, financial management, and the provision of support/resource for achieving the intended project output.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application outlines a clear commitment and coherent plans to ensuring the project is inclusive and accessible, including in the support for individual participants (where relevant). • The applying organisation demonstrates it has appropriate safeguarding / duty of care measures for all its proposed activities. • The measures proposed to monitor the project's activities and progress and the plans to evaluate the success of its outcomes are appropriate and realistic. • The application demonstrates value for money and provides a clear description and rationale for the funding requested within each activity category.
<p>Quality and design of project activities</p> <p><i>(maximum score 35 points)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project's activities are clearly set out, well defined, and meet identified needs. • The proposed activities demonstrate a realistic approach to meeting the project's overall objectives. • There is a clear explanation and rationale for all planned activities identified under the 'project work' activity. • There is a clear rationale for the level of funding requested and it is proportionate to the scale of the project. • The plans for disseminating the project output are clearly set out, appropriate for the project, the audience and sector, and ensure that the project outcomes will be shared with a wide audience in Wales (and internationally if applicable). • Where mobilities are planned, a clear explanation is provided for how these will make a key contribution to the development of the project, and the selection of participants is appropriate and relevant. • Where an application has very few, or no, physical mobilities, a clear rationale is provided, together with evidence as to how the partnership(s) will be developed and the output created.



6. Eligibility

This section details all the information on available funding, eligible activities, participants, costs and project durations.

6.a. Funding

It is not permitted to double fund activities already funded through other national or international funding programmes. However, co-funding of activities with other programmes is allowed. Where projects are co-funded, applying organisations should provide details of these arrangements in their application form.

Funding available per sector

Sector	Pathway 2 funding (2022 call)
Schools	£0.4m
Youth	£0.37m
FE & VET	£0.9m
Adult Education	£0.44m

Funding allocations

Inclusivity and accessibility are a strategic focus for Taith and the programme is looking to fund as many and as wide a range of organisations as possible. As such, the maximum award for each Pathway 2 project will be £75,000.

Taith will aim to fund all organisations who pass the assessment process and are considered to be fundable. However, Taith funding is finite and it is likely that there will be funding calls where the value of successful, 'fundable' applications exceeds the available allocated budget. Where there is not sufficient budget to fund all applications that meet the quality threshold, applications will be recommended for funding in rank order, per sector, until the available Pathway 2 budget for each sector is fully committed.

6.b. Project durations

The project durations for all Pathway 2 projects are:

- 12 months
- 18 months
- 24 months

6.c. Eligible activities and costs

Pathway 2 will fund activities which lead to the creation, development and dissemination of project outputs addressing one of the identified Taith themes.

Eligible activities are detailed below. Other than mobilities, there is a cap on the percentage of the project funding award that can be used for each activity. When completing the application form and grant calculation tool, please ensure that the activity costs do not exceed the percentage cap for each activity category, and that the overall grant amount requested does not in total exceed £75,000.

Applying organisations must provide clear detail and justification in the application form for the funding requested in each activity category, and overall. Pathway 2 is centred on the development of strategic collaborations, and applications must therefore clearly demonstrate how Welsh and international partners will collaborate to achieve a common aim. Where physical mobilities are not included, applications will need to provide a clear rationale for this and provide detailed evidence demonstrating how the partnerships will be developed, and outputs created, via other means.

Mobilities

There is no limit to the proportion of funding which can be used for mobilities, provided these clearly facilitate the development and completion of the project output. Both staff and learners are eligible for international travel. Examples include a staff member travelling to a partner organisation abroad to learn, develop understanding, work collaboratively and so on. Learner mobilities are possible where there is clear rationale for their involvement in the development of the project output, either as co-creators or to test/embed the project output. Eligible learner mobilities include **group mobilities only**, individual learner mobilities are not eligible in Pathway 2.

There is no cap on the percentage of the funding which can be used for mobilities.

Eligible costs

Staff:

- A grant for the purposes of subsistence
- A travel grant, including a 'green top-up' for greener travel options. Exceptional costs for travel from/to a remote area will also be considered
- 100% of actual identified inclusion costs for staff with disabilities and additional needs. Funding will be held centrally by Taith at grant award stage for this purpose

Learners

- A grant for the purposes of subsistence
- A travel grant, dependent on distance, including a 'green top-up' for greener travel options. Exceptional costs for travel from/to a remote area will also be considered
- 100% of actual costs for additional travel related costs e.g. visas, passports, travel insurance, luggage (where necessary) for pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds
- 100% of actual identified inclusion costs for pupils with disabilities and additional needs. Funding will be held centrally by Taith at grant award stage for this purpose

Eligible mobility costs for each sector are the same as staff and learner mobility rates per sector for Pathway 1. Where projects are cross-sectoral, the sector rates for the organisation with which the staff or learner are linked will apply. Grant rates for mobilities can be found in section 7.

Project management and implementation

A contribution to costs to enable the activity to take place. These could include, but are not limited to, meeting room hire, refreshments, facilitation costs, simultaneous translation for meetings, administrative costs etc.

Staff costs are not eligible under this activity.

Contribution to this cost is a maximum of 25% of the overall project funding award.

Staff costs

This is a contribution to the staffing costs required to enable the project to take place. Funding in this category can only be used for staffing costs directly related to the development, creation and dissemination of the project output.

Contribution to this cost is a maximum of 30% of the overall project funding award.

Staff costs are calculated on a daily rate. Details of the daily rates per staff category can be found in section 7.

Dissemination costs

A contribution to the costs of sharing and disseminating the project output across the sector(s) within Wales and internationally. Eligible costs include, but are not limited to, events, marketing, production of reports, development of online resources, development of a digital application or online platform.

Staff costs are not eligible under this activity.

Any dissemination activities/resources created through Taith Pathway 2 must be free of charge to all participants and remain so for as long as they are used/shared. These resources cannot be developed or used for commercial purposes.

Contribution to this cost is a maximum of 35% of the overall project funding award.

Translation costs

A contribution to the costs of translation related to the production and dissemination of the project output. Eligible costs include translation of materials related to the project output, simultaneous translation for events, training sessions and seminars etc.

Staff costs are not eligible under this activity.

Contribution to this cost is a maximum of 10% of the overall project funding award.



7. Pathway 2 grant rates

Mobilities:

Budget category	YOUTH & SCHOOLS Grant rate (£)	FE & VET, ADULT EDUCATION Grant rate (£)	Category Description
SUBSISTENCE for:			This is a grant (calculated as a unit cost contribution) based on the physical mobility duration and destination country.
LEARNERS (daily rate)	Daily rate for country group 1 / 2 / 3:	Daily rate for country group 1 / 2 / 3:	This is a grant calculated as a daily/weekly (=7 days)/ monthly rate (=28 days) and is a contribution towards the costs of the planned mobility period based on the mobility duration and destination.
first 2 weeks (daily rate)	55/50/45	109/94/80	
2-8 weeks (daily rate)	40/35/30	76/66/56	
ACCOMPANYING PERSON (daily rate)	Same as LEARNERS	Same as LEARNERS	Defined as a person to accompany mobility participants where necessary as part of safeguarding, duty of care, for the purpose of staff-led short term group mobility activities, or for other justified circumstances.
STAFF (daily rate)			The award is a contribution towards subsistence costs calculated as a unit cost contribution, based on the mobility duration and destination. Beneficiary organisations are expected to follow their organisational financial policies and processes for the reimbursement of travel expenses, including around payments on receipted expenditure.
first 2 weeks (daily rate)	85/75/65	85/75/65	

Budget category	YOUTH & SCHOOLS Grant rate (£)	FE & VET, ADULT EDUCATION Grant rate (£)	Category Description
2-8 weeks (daily rate)	60/50/40	60/50/40	
8 weeks - 12 months (daily rate)	35/30/25	35/30/25	
TRAVEL / GREEN TRAVEL:	All participants to all countries: as per distance band below.	All participants to all countries: as per distance band below.	Funding will be available towards the direct cost of travel and will be dependent on the distance between the sending and the receiving organisations. This is a contribution towards the cost of a round trip. A higher travel grant amount will be available for participants who utilise environmentally sustainable 'Green Travel' options.
10 to 99km	20	20	
100 to 499km	150/180	150/180	
500 to 1,999km	230/270	230/270	
2,000 to 2,999km	300/350	300/350	
3,000 to 3,999km	450/520	450/520	
4,000 to 7,999km	700	700	
8,000 to 12,000km	1200	1200	
12,000km+	1400	1400	
INCLUSION SUPPORT:			

Budget category	YOUTH & SCHOOLS Grant rate (£)	FE & VET, ADULT EDUCATION Grant rate (£)	Category Description
Participants with Disabilities and/or Additional Learning Needs (ALN)	100% of eligible costs	100% of eligible costs	Learners that have a learning difficulty or a disability which calls for additional learning provision. Note: A proportion of funding will be held back centrally, by the Programme Executive, at grant award stage and administrated on an actual costs basis once participants with additional learning needs and additional support required are identified by beneficiaries.
Participants from Disadvantaged backgrounds: (travel related exceptional costs and additional subsistence top-up)	Standard daily rate set at a level to be inclusive	Standard daily rate set at a level to be inclusive	The definition and criteria are sector specific and are described in the Core Programme Guide.
Participants from Disadvantaged Backgrounds: Exceptional expensive travel costs	100% of actual eligible costs related to exceptional travel costs	100% of actual eligible costs related to exceptional travel costs	Travel related exceptional cost including costs of visas, passports, vaccinations, COVID-19 test(s), health insurance, appropriate clothing and luggage, as necessary. Applies to costs covering travel from/to remote area also. Note: A proportion of funding will be held back centrally, by the Programme Executive, at grant award stage and administrated on an actual costs basis once participants with ALN needs and addition support required are identified by beneficiaries.
EXCEPTIONAL COSTS			

Budget category	YOUTH & SCHOOLS Grant rate (£)	FE & VET, ADULT EDUCATION Grant rate (£)	Category Description
Exceptional expensive travel	80% of actual cost, if the original amount provided does not cover at least 70%	80% of actual cost, if the original amount provided does not cover at least 70%	Cost covering travel from/to remote area (only for those eligible to receive a travel grant). Note: <i>Participants from disadvantaged groups are eligible for 100% of actual costs for exceptional expensive travel under the 'travel related exceptional costs' category, as outlined above.</i>
Covid related exceptional cost	100% of actual cost	100% of actual cost	Costs covering Covid-related exceptional costs, specifically where status of the destination country changes during mobility, causing the participant to incur significant additional costs owing to a requirement to quarantine in a dedicated facility, comply with enhanced testing requirements or similar.

Staff costs:

A contribution to the staffing costs directly relating to the development, creation and dissemination of the project output are calculated on a daily rate, according to the staff category/level:

Role	Day rate (£)
Senior staff member / Manager	255
Teacher / Trainer / Researcher / Youth Worker	209
Specialist Support staff	165
Administrative staff	136



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