



**Taith Sector Stakeholder Youth Meeting - Summary**  
**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**10.30am – 11.30am**  
**Meeting held via Zoom**

<b>Attendance List</b>	
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Sion James, Taith, (Chair) Catrin James, Urdd Gobaith Cymru Dave Entwistle, British Red Cross Vicky Court Liz Griffiths, Pembrokeshire County Council Bari Gwilliam, SISTEMA Paul Glaze, CWVYS Daniel Mapatac, WCIA Bev Martin, Girl Guiding Cymru Howard Williamson, USW
<b>Translator</b>	Iola Llwyd
<b>Apologies:</b>	
<b>Taith Programme Executive (TPE):</b>	Ellie Bevan Walter Brooks Claire Richardson Bethan Williams
<b>Secretariat support:</b>	Michele Convery

Minutes		
Agenda item	Item	Actions (A) - Discussion (D)
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	
1.1	Members were welcomed to the meeting and informed that, although this was not a decision-making group, the discussions and feedback from these meetings would inform any proposals put forward to the ILEP Ltd. Board of Directors.	
1.2	Members were informed that the meeting was being recorded to support minute-taking and asked to use the virtual hand when wanting to contribute to discussions.	
1.3	Members were informed of the option of simultaneous translation in Welsh and were given instructions on how to access this.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes and actions of the last meeting</b>	
2.1	No comments were received on previous minutes.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Topics for discussion</b>	
3.1	An overview of the 'Taith updates and Topics for Discussion paper' was presented, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The following feedback was given in relation to the paper:	
3.1a	<b>Participants from underrepresented groups:</b> In addition, members were informed that, although not fixed, initial internal discussions are suggesting a minimum target of 20%.	
3.1a(i)	It was commented that this proposal is a reasonably good addition, and it is good to see guidance on the evidence required. It was asked if this evidence can be applied retrospectively.	
3.1a(ii)	<b>Taith</b> advised that this can be applied to current projects. Collecting evidence can be sensitive and difficult and there is additional guidance in the handbook. More detail can be provided if needed.	
3.1a(iii)	It was asked if the percentage stated in the application must apply to each individual mobility or applicant or be across the whole project.	
3.1a(iv)	<b>Taith</b> advised it would apply across the whole project at the application phase.	

<p>3.1b</p> <p>3.1b(i)</p> <p>3.1b(ii)</p> <p>3.1c</p> <p>3.1c(i)</p> <p>3.1c(ii)</p> <p>3.1d</p> <p>3.1d(i)</p>	<p><b>Changes to grant rates:</b> It was highlighted that this is a positive move and any further increased would be welcomed as organisational support it a key part of the delivery.</p> <p>It was highlighted that a some of organisational support funds are being used on travel as the travel rates are not covering the costs.</p> <p><b>Sustainability:</b> It was commented that it is always good to see green policies. Additional funding would help to choose greener ways of travel.</p> <p>It was highlighted that green travel is always welcome, especially for European travel, but it takes more time for staff to travel by these methods and means they must be released for longer periods.</p> <p><b>Improving clarity and reducing administrative burden:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HE (Education) and HE (Research)</li> <li>- Further Education and Vocational Education and Training – language</li> </ul> <p>No comments were received as it does not apply to this sector.</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Updates from Taith</b></p>	
<p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p>Members were informed of bi-annual all-sector meetings. These will provide an opportunity for shared learning and to address cross-sector issues collaboratively. No date has been set yet, but an email will be sent once decided.</p> <p>Members were reminded that the next Pathway 2 call for applications opens on 5<sup>th</sup> October. In support of this, there will be a series of webinars, and registration for these can be found on the ‘Events’ section of Taith’s website. In addition, smaller meetings can be arranged to discuss potential project ideas or to ask questions about the pathway.</p> <p>Members were advised that the recruitment for six new members of the Advisory Board begins in October and were asked to share this through their networks. In addition, members were informed that the potential applicants cannot be in receipt of Taith funding.</p>	

<b>5</b>	<b>Items raised by sector stakeholder group members</b>	
5.1	Members were asked to advise (via email) of any events that Taith should be profiling.	
5.2	It was informed that the CWVYS interviews with Wavehill Consultants (independent external evaluators) were complete and went well.	
5.2	Concern was expressed that the voice of the Youth sector may be lost especially as Board members cannot be beneficiaries and there may be people within the sectors with a wealth of knowledge who could be excluded. How will this be scrutinised?	
5.2(i)	A comment as poste in the chat “what does 'independent' mean in the advisory committee context - there would be a requirement for them to fill in an expression of interest”.	
5.2(ii)	<b>Taith</b> advised the aim is to try and remove the conflict and, if there is any ambiguity about qualification to apply, would encourage people to get in touch. Taith will ensure that a voice from all the sectors will feed into the ILEP. Ltd Board of Directors for decision making.	
5.3	It was commented that any more organisational support which can be made available would be very helpful. Also reporting could be more streamlined or reduced.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
6.1	Next meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	