



Taith Sector Stakeholder Youth Meeting - Summary
Monday, 15th January 2024
9.00– 10.00am
Meeting held via Zoom

Attendance List	
In Attendance:	Sion James, Taith (Chair) Paul Glaze, CWVYS Stephen Lewis, Pembrokeshire County Council Anne-Marie Lawrence, Plan UK Lyndsey Thomas, GISDA Craig Mathews, The Local Authorities' Principal Youth Officers Group
Translator	Walter Brooks
Apologies:	
Taith Programme Executive (TPE):	Ellie Bevan Claire Richardson Rebecca Payne
Secretariat support:	Michele Convery

Minutes	
Agenda item	Item
1	Welcome and introductions
1.1	Members were welcomed to the meeting and informed that, although this is 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 that there was simultaneous translation available and were welcome to ask questions in Welsh.
1.4	Members were reminded of the recent Welsh Government budget cuts, and for Taith this means a cut in real terms of 50%. A financial modelling exercise has been undertaken outlining options for the management of this cut and the distribution of funding. The modelling was submitted by the ILEP Board to the Welsh Government for consideration and is now awaiting a response from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language. This will determine the available budget for Pathway 1 2024, which is due to launch this month. Members will be informed as soon as it's confirmed.
2	Summary and actions from previous meeting
2.1	The ILEP Ltd. Board of Directors agreed that the minimum requirement for participants from underrepresented groups will be 25%. Organisations can still apply for staff only projects, but there will need to be clear evidence that the project will directly impact learners from underrepresented groups. This will apply to projects from 2024 onwards.
2.2	The proposed changes to make the grant rates more equitable across all sectors and the changes to fund the actual costs for green travel have been approved by the ILEP Ltd. Board of Directors.
3	Updates
3.1	Taith Advisory Board
3.1a	Following a recruitment process, 7 new members have been appointed to the refreshed Advisory Board and the first meeting will take place in February. Further details on the new members will be posted on the website.
3.2	Pathway 1 2024

<p>3.2a</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.3a</p> <p>3.3b</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.4a</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.5a</p>	<p>Pathway 1 will be re-opening for its 2024 round of funding on the 31 January 2024 and the deadline for applications will be 20 March.</p> <p>Policy updates</p> <p>Eligible organisations will receive an additional £25 Organisational Support funding per participant from underrepresented groups. This will be claimed at the final reporting stage for each reported participant.</p> <p>Staff can now claim for additional funding if they meet the relevant criteria. One of the criteria for participants from disadvantaged backgrounds is based on household income, and the threshold for this has now been raised in line with inflation.</p> <p>It was asked if the Welsh Government cuts would feed through to Pathway 2 2024.</p> <p>Members were advised that it is expected that the funding reductions will impact on 2024/26 and 2025/26 but this is yet to be confirmed by Welsh Government. It's Taith's aim to make sure that the funding available is funnelled to where it has the greatest impact.</p> <p>It was asked if the upcoming Pathway 2 2023 (those who have applied and are waiting to hear) will be affected by the cuts?</p> <p>It was advised that, as far as the Taith Executive is aware, the cuts will only affect Pathway 1 2024 projects onwards</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Topics for Discussion</p>
<p>4.1</p> <p>4.1a</p> <p>4.1a(i)</p> <p>4.1a(ii)</p>	<p>Evaluation of project impact</p> <p>Members were advised that the Taith Executive is working on an evaluation of the programme and the impact on participants and were asked to comment on what Taith should be asking participants to help gauge the impact of a project.</p> <p>It was commented that case studies and individual stories are invaluable.</p> <p>Additionally, it was commented that youth workers were given the task of capturing the project as a whole. It was requested that the outcome of this be shared with Taith.</p>

4.1a(iii)	Others suggested that young people keep a diary while on the trip to note down their experiences and how they felt during and after.
4.1a(iv)	It was commented that the sharing of good stories is really important to help strengthen the communication of Taith.
4.2	Bi-annual cross sector meeting
4.2a	There will be cross-sector stakeholder meetings twice a year to provide an opportunity for shared learning and to address cross-sector issues collaboratively. The next stakeholder meeting will be a cross-sector meeting with a focus on underrepresented groups.
5	Items raised by sector stakeholder group members
5.1	A monthly joint Youth, Schools and Further Education webinar which shares learning and best practice was mentioned.
5.2	Members were asked to comment on the idea that these meetings are held cross-sectorally each time or if they would prefer the cross-sector meetings to remain bi-annual.
5.2a	The preference was for the individual sector meetings to remain and to continue to also support the cross-sector meetings.
5.2b	Members were asked to encourage others to attend the meetings or provide suggestions on how to widen attendance.
6	Date of next meeting
6.1	16 th April at midday (cross sector)