

Enterprise and Learning Committee

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Committee inquiry into the economic contribution of Higher Education in Wales

SSC name: Lifelong Learning UK

Employer Sector Footprint covers:

Further Education

Work Based Learning

Higher Education

Libraries, Archives and Information Services

Community Learning and Development (7 Strands):

Youth Work

Development Education

Community Development

Community Based Adult Learning

Adult Education

Working with Parents

Family Learning

Previously an Industry Training Board: **No**

Statutory/Voluntary Industry Levy: **No**

Date of SSC Licence: **Jan 2005**

Date Sector Skills Agreement Action Plan signed off: **Mch 2008**

Date (or expected date) of Sector Qualification Strategy sign off: **May 08**

Direct Funding received from Wales since date of licence: £290,000

About LLUK, Wales:

LLUK currently has 4 staff members who are based in offices on Cathedral Road, Cardiff. In addition to this dedicated resource LLUK has a centralised team of research officers; standards & qualification development officers; project managers; and support system staff (Finance; HR; Marketing; IT; Corporate Services, etc) who are actively involved on delivering the agenda for Wales

LLUK's work with Higher Education in Wales:

Wales Country Panel (Employers and Stakeholders):

At Wales level, Higher Education employers are represented on our Country Panel by Rob Humphries (Director, OU Wales); Helen James (Director of Higher Education Strategy & FE Development NEWI) and Karen Jones (Higher Education Wales - as representative body for Vice Chancellors).

Wales's membership of LLUK UK HE Constituency Panel:

Alongside representation from the other 3 nations of the UK, Higher Education in Wales is represented by Prof's Danny Saunders (Glamorgan) and Peter Treadwell, UWIC and Dr Cliona O'Neil (HEFCW).

Sector Skills Agreement Process:

LLUK received 11/13 employer responses from HEIs in Wales as part of our assessment of Skills needs in the Sector. We worked with Higher Education Wales; Higher Education Funding Council Wales; Welsh Medium Teaching and Development Centre; Wales Higher Education Staff Development Network; Universities Personnel Association; Higher Education Academy; and Leadership Foundation for

Higher Education to reach our proposed Action Plan for Higher Education. It has been proposed and agreed that "Collaborate with key employer/stakeholder partners on the establishment of a Strategic Workforce Development Partnership to systematically capture/further develop a collaborative map of Workforce Development interventions for HE in Wales that clearly articulates the role and activities of all respective partners."

Welsh Language Skills Audit research (HE, FE, WBL, ACL)

A research study has recently been completed to review the Welsh Language Skills of the Lifelong Learning Sector Teaching Workforce in Wales. Whilst HE was included in the scope of this work, because the Welsh Medium Teaching and Development Centre has recently undertaken a similar study, LLUK worked in collaboration with the WMT&DC to import their finding into the wider study to prevent unnecessary duplication of use of funding and/or impact on employers.

HEFCW - Teaching and Learning Committee

LLUK represents the Skills for Business Network on the HEFCW Learning and Teaching Committee

Learning Coach Qualification Development

LLUK has worked with the First Campus initiative, via Glamorgan (Danny Saunders) to support OCN Wales in developing a level 3 qualification to provide a necessary progression route linked to the new Learning Coach Level 4 qualification that First Campus have been developing/piloting in support of the 14-19 Learning Pathways policy agenda.

Development of National Occupational Standards for Youth Work

Bangor University were actively involved in the Wales Consultation Events and represented Wales on the UK expert working group that was convened to support the development of these standards.

Development of National Occupational Standards for Libraries, Archives and Information Services

Aberystwyth University were actively involved in the Wales Consultation Events for the revisions to the Libraries, Archives and Information Services National Occupational Standards.

New Professional Standards for Teachers Tutors and Trainers in the Lifelong Learning Sector in Wales (FE; WBL; ACL)

During the development of these standards Carl Peters (Dean, School of Education) University of Wales Newport (Wales's largest provider/franchise network for the delivery of post compulsory initial teacher training) and Chair of UCET Cymru was a key member of the steering group for this reform work. Contributions from across the Newport franchise and from other universities e.g. Cardiff, were received as part of the review process.

As a result of the development of these standards LLUK submitted recommendations to WAG, DCELLS in March 08 containing proposals for the reform of the Teacher Qualification Framework for Wales. Reformation of the Teacher Qualification Framework for Wales will enable LLUK to work in partnership with HEIs to realign their provision to the new standards and qualification framework. LLUK is now waiting for confirmation from DCELLS on how this work should continue - confirmation from DCELLS is required before further work can proceed in this area.

Application Guides (which support the new Professional Standards for TTT) for Teachers of:

Welsh for Adults;

Welsh Medium/Bilingual

Numeracy/Number;

Literacy/Communication

ESOL

Bangor University, University of Wales Newport, Cardiff University, and Welsh Medium Teaching and Development Centre were actively involved in the development of these guidance documents which further support the development of qualifications and professional practice for the sector in Wales.

University of Wales Newport: MA programme for Education Leadership and Management (FE):

Michelle Creed (LLUK Director for Wales) is a regular presenter on the role and work of LLUK for the students (who are predominantly already in management posts within the Lifelong Learning Sector) as part of their Strategic Planning module.

Standards Verification UK (SVUK)

Is the subsidiary of Lifelong Learning UK with responsibilities for the verification of initial teacher training. LLUK endorses teacher training qualifications for teachers, tutors and trainers in the FE sector in Wales which are validated by Higher Education Institutions in Wales.

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