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Yr Athrofa Professional Learning Partnership

Trawsnewid Addysg Gyda'n Gilydd *Transforming Teaching Together*

Mission Statement

Education in Wales is undergoing a period of sustained and widespread evolution. A comprehensive reform agenda, outlined in the Welsh Government's action plan for 2017-2021, Education in Wales: Our National Mission, promises to transform the lives of generations of children and young people. The APLP exists to prepare the workforce for this evolution.

Building on an Initial Teacher Education (ITE) tradition that spans almost two centuries, and having listened to the call for reform, the APLP is confident that its vision and programmes will enable teachers to meet the challenge of change.

As teacher educators, we recognise that we have been given a unique opportunity to support the development of innovative new curriculum, pedagogy and assessment arrangements.

The development of the APLP heralds a new and innovative approach to teacher education, with Yr Athrofa and partner schools jointly responsible for the construction and delivery of all ITE programmes.

The APLP combines the expertise of the school sector and all its practical, hands-on experience with the expertise of the higher education (HE) sector, from the understanding of careful research design and delivery to the highly-skilled practice of teaching teachers and would-be teachers.

Together, the University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) and partner schools have a track-record in successfully teaching and mentoring undergraduate and postgraduate students on programmes that, unlike most traditional university degree courses, combine the theoretical, the practical and the professional.

As a partnership, the APLP knows how to engage the pre-school learner through to the prospective teacher, as well as the wider education workforce operating across all sectors and at all levels.

Above all, we understand that teachers matter. The APLP is nurtured by a university that holds the teaching of teachers in the highest esteem and ranks the study of education as one of its most important functions.

The APLP's commitment to professional learning and close-to-practice research ensures teachers at every stage of their career remain at the forefront of teaching and learning. Our culture of enquiry and innovation underpins all that we do.

The location of the APLP's component parts means that we look east and west and know rural and urban Wales. We literally and figuratively understand those areas where Welsh is the main language and those where English is predominant, as well as those where an increasingly bilingual society is emerging.

Proud of our heritage and the distinctive nature of the nation we serve, the APLP is unashamedly ambitious, drawing upon international best practice to inform our work at home and, vice versa, it is eager to share our expertise in both local and global classrooms.

By embracing a dual form of learning, drawing upon the professional knowledge that exists within Yr Athrofa, its partner schools and beyond, the APLP provides student-teachers with opportunities to engage with the best that is known from research, theory and practice.

Education in Wales is on a journey – and we want you to join with us in building a system that is a source of national pride and offers a successful future for all.

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Our Values

- Aiming for excellence from pupil to nation
- Advocates of social justice
- Equity for all
- Champions of research and innovation
- Bringing schools and communities together
- Collaborators for impact
- Teaching for the future
- Inspire a love of lifelong learning