Awards from the Strategic Developments Fund

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This circular presents a list of the latest grants to be allocated from the Coleg Strategic Developments Fund in 2014/15.

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1. This circular presents a list of the latest awards to be supported by the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol through the Strategic Developments Fund.

2. Applications for grants from the fund were invited in the circular published on 26 March 2015 (Circular Reference: 14/08). The Circular also lists a number of activities and projects that are already receiving support from the Coleg through the Fund

3. The applications were considered on 3 June 2015 by a panel including Dr Hefin Jones (Dean of the Coleg) and two members of the Coleg's Grants Panel, namely Catrin Stevens and Dr Dyfed Elis Gruffydd. The panel's recommendations were approved fully by the Coleg Board of Directors at their meeting on June 17, 2015 and the Board's decision is final.

4. A full list of current national activities and projects that the Directors have approved to continue funding in 2015/16 can be found in Appendix A. In the case of some of these projects a review will be held before providing funding beyond the current timetable.

5. New projects, as well as the conditions associated with each award, are listed in Appendix B.

6. Applications were supported based on their potential for developing provision (including collaborative provision), increasing opportunities for study, increase the number of registrations, evidence of responding to demand / need, and create resources that will be of use to many institutions. The Circular, when inviting applications, made it clear that priority was given to:

   i. applications submitted collaboratively on behalf of a Subject Panel;
   ii. applications responding to priorities clearly set out within academic schemes;
   iii. recommendations submitted following subject reviews, where relevant; and

iv.   potential projects formally discussed during planning meetings between the universities and Coleg officers.

7.   The Coleg will contact the applicants and their institutions in order to discuss the proposed projects in detail before finally agreeing to finance the project and before the institutions begin any work. Conditions for all new awards are set out in Appendix B.

8.   The funding for each individual project is subject to the development of a full Project Plan, as well as a specific timetable for completing the work, in accordance with the Coleg's projects procedure. The timetable will also include an outline of specific steps for the implementation of the project. A template for creating a Project Plan can be found on the Coleg's website http://www.colegcymraeg.ac.uk/ffurflenni

9.   The Coleg will monitor each project through regular Project Board meetings where the project manager submits a Progress Report to the Coleg. The Coleg will receive a project budget report once a year. A template for producing a Progress Report can be found on the Coleg's website: http://www.colegcymraeg.ac.uk/ffurflenni

10.   In the case of applications that have included the cost of staff time or/and other elements, the Coleg will apply the same principle used in relation to the Academic Staffing Plan, which is to cover the costs of full employment (salary, national insurance and pension contributions of the employer) but not any other overheads.

11.   The Coleg will not contribute, under any circumstances, towards the costs of staff time that are funded through one of the Coleg's other schemes.

12.   The Coleg reserves the right to suggest that some elements of projects be included in the duties of academic staff supported by the Coleg through the Academic Staffing Plan, and these duties will be reflected in the funding agreements of these posts.

13. Requests have been approved for funding for **one year only** and this is consistent with the terms of the fund.

14. It is expected that any new resources, produced as a result of these awards, are to be located on Y Porth and/or the Coleg's Digital Library and the Coleg will set a timetable in all cases for discussing the details with the project manager. Where there may be demand for the services of central Coleg staff, this will be reflected in the project plan and timetable.

15. Having discussed the terms and details of the proposed projects with Coleg officers, the institutions are requested to present comprehensive Project Plans to the Coleg by 17 July 2015.

APPENDIX A

Appendix A lists the current national activities and projects approved by the Coleg Board of Directors for continuing funding in 2015/16:

- Subject Officers (including projects co-ordinated by them)

- Higher Education Terms Dictionary

- *Gwerddon*

- Digitising, e-publishing and an electronic corpus (DEChE)

- Part-time Higher Education Certificates in Humanities and Social Sciences

- Cynllun Colegau Cymru [resources for lecturers and trainees in education]

- Competency Certificate for Teachers

- Postgraduate Provision in Professional Translation Studies

- Higher education / progression projects in further education institutions

- Cydymaith i Gerddoriaeth Cymru [Companion to the Music of Wales]

- Widening Access project

APPENDIX B

Appendix B lists the new projects recommended by the awarding panel to be funded from the Fund's budget in 2014/15:

	Discipline / Subject Area	Title	Institution	Terms/Next Steps
1	Progression	16-19 Learning Pathways	South Wales	Fund a smaller scale Pilot Scheme.
2	Science	College of Science Development Officer	Swansea	Fund with conditions following a discussion with the university.
3	Mathematics	Publication of Calculus Handbook in Mathematics	Swansea	Provide a contribution towards the costs of publishing the volume, but encourage the author to apply for funds to publish from Swansea University as well.
4	Sport	Develop a Programme of Sport Psychology Workshops for Welsh language Trainers	Bangor	Subject to receipt of a Project Plan detailing the collaborative plans between Bangor and Cardiff Met universities.
5	Law	Law Handbooks Volumes 3 and 4	Bangor	Financial details to be discussed further before the exact amount provided is agreed.
6	Creative Industries	Journalism Studies Handbook	Cardiff	Ask the bidder to provide a full specification for the proposed volume to be considered again before

				the project is supported.
7	Planning	Town and Country Planning	Cardiff	The exact amount provided to be agreed following a further discussion with the university, and subject to receipt of a detailed Project Plan.
8	Art	From School to Degree Conference – Visual Arts	UW: TDS / Cardiff Met	Agree to support the activity within the Subject Officer's programme of work.
9	Welsh	Literary Theory Criticism Terminology Dictionary	Swansea	Support the bid.