‘AN AMBITIOUS PLAN’
- ‘everyone must play their part’

In early 2019 the Education Minister, Kirsty Williams AM, launched the Action Plan: ‘Towards Cymraeg 2050: A million Welsh speakers.’ The Minister enthusiastically welcomed the ‘ambitious’ plan and was clear that every partner should play their part in ensuring success. The plan targets all learners and aims to provide them with opportunities to develop and enhance their Welsh language skills (regardless of level). Since the launch, the Coleg team has been around Wales meeting colleges, apprenticeship providers and key partners such as Qualifications Wales, the EWC and the National Centre for Learning Welsh. The Coleg Cymraeg has also been welcomed as an associate member of ColegauCymru.

VIDEOS, CARING FOR PATIENTS, THE ROOTS OF THE WELSH LANGUAGE AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

A number of activities and projects have already been supported to enhance the learner experience:

- In Pwllheli, learners from Grŵp Llandrillo Menai produced short form videos under the direction of the team from S4C’s Hansh. More here
- In Cardiff, over 100 Health and Care learners attended a workshop on patient and staff experiences of bilingual care. More here
- In Carmarthen, Prof Mererid Hopwood introduced learners to the Latin and Greek roots of Welsh – inspiring learners to make full use of their Welsh Language skills on their CVs. More here
- In Merthyr, Creative Industries learners were treated to set of workshops from successful professionals in a range of fields – all bilingual and all local – Richard Harrington, Hannah Daniel, Iwan England and Kizzy Crawford. More here
ARE THERE ENOUGH WELSH RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR LEARNERS?

One of the clear themes of the Action Plan is the need to ensure that there are sufficient resources and bilingual learning materials available to students. Significant progress has taken place in recent months with subject specialists collecting resources and identifying gaps in the fields of Health and Social Care, Childcare, Public Services, Business, Creative Industries, Agriculture, Construction, Sport and Leisure, and Public Services. There is now a list of over 70 resources to be commissioned and the Coleg is working with the Welsh Government to develop these resources.

The Coleg has commissioned two substantial resources which will be ready for use from September 2019:

- A language awareness resource for Health and Social Care learners
- A language awareness resource for apprentices which will include vocational pathways in Health and Social Care, Childcare, Construction and Agriculture.

The Welsh Government’s Welsh language resources team has also commissioned a number of resources, including five new resources for Agriculture students.

For more information about these resources, please contact Mari Fflur, m.fflur@colegcymraeg.ac.uk.

STAFF SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

The Coleg Cymraeg is very pleased to be working with Colegau Cymru, NTFW and the National Centre for Learning Welsh to support the Cymraeg Gwaith scheme in the Further Education and Apprenticeship sectors. The first year of the scheme ended recently with tutors and lecturers at colleges across the country winning awards. Read more about the awards [here](http://www.collegeswales.ac.uk/NewsContentcy.php?N=91).

The College has also supported a specific bilingual course for prospective assessors (TAQA) and there will be opportunities to join the course in June and September. If you have staff (or potential staff) who are keen to qualify as assessors, this is a great opportunity. Please contact Non Wilshaw (nonwilshaw@acttraining.org.uk) who organises the Coleg-funded course.

COLLABORATION ON QUALIFICATIONS

There have been several positive meetings with Qualifications Wales. The first step is mapping the availability of Welsh-medium and bilingual qualifications and identifying areas where there are qualifications that are widely used, but that are not currently available bilingually.

There was also another opportunity for awarding bodies to apply for funding to develop bilingual qualifications for 2019–20 and the number of applications is promising. The grant documentation includes the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol’s strategic priorities this year.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas you’d like to discuss, please contact:
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**Dates for the diary**

Dr Dafydd Trystan and Dr Lowri Morgans will be attending and presenting at several conferences and workshops over the coming months, so come along and say hello and discuss your ideas:

- 16 May 2019: Gŵyliaith, Aberystwyth
- 12 June 2019: Colegau Cymru Conference, Cardiff
- 27 June 2019: NTFW Conference, Cardiff