

NEWS

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FURTHER EDUCATION STAFF OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN WELSH

Work Welsh Further Education managed by the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol in partnership with the National Centre for Learning Welsh and Colleges Wales is a programme designed to give lecturers in colleges the opportunity to develop their Welsh language skills for the workplace.

As a part of the programme, lecturers are offered 120 hours each, including formal lessons, one-to-one hours with the language tutor, homework tasks and language days. This year, all further education colleges in Wales are benefiting from the programme with over 250 staff members registered this year.

In December last year staff were asked about the courses and their incentive for taking part, with a high percentage of them citing that raising confidence in Welsh was their main reason but also developing their skills in conjunction with their own personal career development.

One learner noted that they are "very grateful for the opportunity to learn Welsh in such a supportive environment amongst peers and that their tutor was both fun and inspiring".

If you would like to hear more about the Work Welsh Further Education Programme, please contact Nia Brodrick: nia.brodrick@colegaucymru.ac.uk.

NEW ONLINE RESOURCES ARE NOW AVAILABLE



New open source Welsh language resources are now available on the Coleg Resource Library. All resources commissioned by the Coleg will be made available online.

HEALTH AND CARE CONFERENCE

The 2020 Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol Health and Care conference will take place on the Swansea University campus in Carmarthen on Saturday, March 21, from 11.00am until 5.00pm.

Learners in the first year of their studies in colleges across Wales will be invited to the event. They will be given an opportunity to take part in practical/clinical activities across many health disciplines so that they can have an insight into the work of professional practitioners and develop an understanding of the importance of the Welsh language in Health and Care.

For more information, please contact Menai Evans m.evans@colegcymraeg.ac.uk.



GET TO KNOW HAZEL THOMAS, TRAINING OFFICER WITH CAMBRIAN TRAINING

Name: Hazel Thomas

Field: Training Officer

A little bit about your background?

I work as a training officer, supporting learners following an apprenticeship in hospitality. As part of the job and as someone who can speak Welsh, I am also one of Cambrian Training's Welsh language Champions. The company is keen to help any learners who wish to submit work through the medium of Welsh.



What is the IQA and why did you want to follow the qualification?

IQA is Internal Quality Assurance. Following significant developments to translate units and marking criteria on our City and Guilds Learning Assistant platform, I was eager to develop my skills in understanding the IQA process through the medium of Welsh.

I am now working towards this qualification, thanks to the support of the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol, who have kindly funded the course.

Why is the Welsh language important to you?

I also work, in part as a Development Officer for the Welsh Women's Society, Merched Y Wawr where I support members of both the Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire regions. The Welsh language is a part of me, and vitally important to me both personally and professionally and therefore being employed in a job that gives me the opportunity to use Welsh is essential.

Interests: I have been studying metaphysics for many years now and taking an interest in the mind and how we analyse information.

An interesting fact: I was the first woman to get a job as a professional chef at the Dorchester Hotel in 1977.

DIARY MARKERS:

- 5 February** - Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol Strategic Plan Launch, Pierhead Building, Cardiff
- 11 March** - Post-16 Strategic Board, 1 Canal Parade, Cardiff
- 12 - 14 February** - Gŵyl MAP Conference (for learners) Canolfan yr Egin, Carmarthen
- 25 March** - History Conference (for learners), Waterfront Museum, Swansea
- 21 March** - Health and Care Conference (for learners) Swansea University campus, Carmarthen
- 18 June** - Doctoriaid Yfory Conference (for learners), Cardiff University

AMBASSADORS

As part of the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol Welsh language promotional activities, we have appointed the first ever ambassadors to help promote bilingualism skills. A total of 41 ambassador's representing colleges with 6 representing apprenticeship. We held a successful training day in Aberystwyth recently where the ambassadors came together to discuss ideas and learn more about their role. If you would like to hear more about our Ambassador Scheme please contact Elin Williams e.williams@colegcymraeg.ac.uk.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas you'd like to discuss, please contact:
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