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This special bulletin provides an update on developments with Welsh at Central South Consortium (CSC) and an overview of the wide variety of professional learning (PL) and support that continue to be available at no cost to all schools in the region.

Professional learning (PL) and support for all schools in the region in the development of Welsh is now aligned to all other areas. Rather than a designated Welsh in Education Officer for each school, high quality PL and support for Welsh at CSC are within 3 areas.

Languages, Literacy & Communication: Welsh

Professional learning and support for oracy, reading, writing and curriculum development in both Welsh and English medium schools. The cross-curricular skill of literacy (Welsh) in Welsh medium schools.

Welsh Development

Leadership of Welsh to include Welsh ethos, heritage and culture in both Welsh and English Medium schools. Developing the use of informal Welsh through the Siarter Iaith framework and Welsh across the curriculum in English medium schools.

Welsh Language Professional Learning

Developing the Welsh language skills of all practitioners.

Cymraeg 2050

'Cymraeg 2050: A million Welsh speakers' sets out our ambition of creating a million Welsh speakers by 2050. It includes targets to increase the number of teachers competent to teach Welsh as a subject and other subjects through the medium of Welsh.

It also outlines the vision for developing the Welsh language skills of all learners aged 3 to 16 as part of Curriculum for Wales to enable them to use the language in everyday contexts.

[Click here to access further Welsh Government guidance on developing Welsh in your school.](#)

Meet the team



The CSC team provides...

Professional Learning

Free **professional learning** events, programmes, assignments and resources continue to be available through the CSC website [here](#).

Bespoke Support

Free **bespoke support** in all areas of Welsh development can be requested through Improvement Partners or via support@cscjes.org.uk. This can be for an individual school, clusters, SIGs and other groups of schools working together on a shared priority related to Welsh.

| Christopher Newcombe Principal Improvement Partner Welsh Policy, Standards & Improvement | | | |
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| Languages, Literacy & Communication (LLC): Welsh | | Welsh Development | Welsh Language Professional Learning |
| Andy Lillford Area Lead LLC | | | |
| Welsh Medium | English Medium | | |
| Currently recruiting Associate Adviser | Currently recruiting Associate Adviser | Bethan Davies Associate Adviser | Emma Dermody Associate Adviser |
| Myfanwy Neal Development Officer | Esther Attree Development Officer | Currently recruiting Development Officer | Emma Davies Development Officer |
| Menna Roberts Development Officer | Julie Bowhay Development Officer | | Debra Durham Development Officer |
| Ceryl Stephens Development Officer | Amanda Mathias Development Officer | | |



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Languages, Literacy and Communication

Welsh is a **mandatory element** of Curriculum for Wales which spans the 3 – 16 learning continuum.

The Languages, Literacy and Communication (LLC) Area of Learning and Experience (Area) addresses fundamental aspects of human communication.

It aims to support learning across the whole curriculum and to enable learners to gain knowledge and skills in Welsh, English and *international languages* as well as in *literature*.

Settings and schools need to plan to ensure all learners make appropriate progress in Welsh, in English and in international languages. The concept of a language learning continuum underlies progression in LLC. Learners will progress from having little or no language skills and knowledge towards proficiency in the languages they learn at school.



Resources to support LLC Welsh – Tric a Chlic



Tric a Chlic is a Welsh synthetic phonics programme for Welsh and English medium primary schools which aims to:

- Teach sounds and letter formation
- Teach constructive strategies to read words and to cut words up for spelling
- Encourage fluency and expression when reading from the beginning
- Offer interactive teaching methods
- Regularly reinforce actions
- Move quickly from one stage to another

Register for the FREE Tric a Chlic professional learning sessions:

| Welsh medium schools - NEW DATES ADDED |
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| Reception |
| Year 1 |
| Year 2 |

| English medium schools |
|---|
| Year 1 (a choice of 3 dates) |
| Year 2 (a choice of 3 dates) |

In person sessions will take place at the Valleys Innovation Centre (VIC), Abercynon.

Schools may purchase the 'Tric a Chlic' resources from **Peniarth**. CSC has negotiated for schools in the region to be able to purchase all the required resources at £500 rather than the usual £599. Please state clearly that you are a CSC school when purchasing.



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LLC resources to support Welsh

There are a wealth of resources available to support the teaching and learning of Welsh in both Welsh and English medium schools on the CSC website in the [Knowledge Bank](#). All of these resources can be accessed without the need for a log in.

- [Tafod Trafod - Gweithgareddau Llafar yn y Cyfnod Sylfaen](#)
- [Gweithgareddau Sgiliau Darllen Cynnar](#)
- [Gemau Buarth](#)
- [Llwyfan Llafar](#): This resource to support schools in developing pupils' presentational oracy skills from PS1 to PS4 will shortly be developed to include PS5.
- [Y Silff Lyfrau](#): A great website to support Welsh reading in KS3.
- [Cornel Cerddi](#): An interactive website and learning resource to support learners to study and enjoy the set poems for Welsh First Language GCSE.
- [Sgwrs - CSC Podcast](#): Siwan Jones, Saunders Lewis' grand-daughter discusses his famous drama, Siwan.
- [QR \(Quick Response\) codes to access Welsh books](#)
- [Flashcards](#)
- [Direct Teaching Resources](#)
- [Sgwrs - CSC Podcast: Helpwr Heddiw](#)
- The [continuum of Welsh language patterns](#) is currently being updated and will be shared with schools shortly.

Pecyn Trochi Iaith Cynradd



The Primary Immersion pack, created by CSC in partnership with the Cardiff Immersion Unit, enables schools to effectively support latecomers to Welsh medium education.

Packs have been distributed to all Welsh medium schools in the region and is also available on the website [here](#).

A resource to support Welsh medium secondary schools has been created and will be published shortly.

CSC Standardised Welsh Reading Test



Central South Consortium has published a new standardised Welsh reading test for years 1 to 11 pupils in Welsh-medium schools. The test was developed by Cardiff University academics.

Visit the CSC website for [further information](#) or to [download the free test material](#).

CSC is now working in partnership with Cardiff University's School of Welsh to develop a new standardised Welsh spelling test.

Welsh Development

Leadership of Welsh

Siarter Iaith

CSC has a wealth of resources to support the leadership of Welsh through the Siarter Iaith framework in Welsh medium, English medium and special schools:

- [Siarter Iaith – Tuag at y Wobr Aur](#)
- [Siarter Iaith – Tuag at y Wobr Arian](#)
- [Sgwrs – CSC Podcast: Siarter Iaith](#)
- [Cymraeg Campus Targets](#)
- [Cymraeg Campus – Moving from the Bronze to the Silver Award](#)
- [Sgwrs – CSC Podcast: Cymraeg Campus](#)
- [An Introduction to Cymraeg Campus for English Medium Secondary Schools](#)
- [Sgwrs – CSC Podcast: Cymraeg Campus Gold Award](#)



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- Network meetings are held termly to provide an opportunity for coordinators to discuss the development of the Siarter Iaith framework and to share best practice. Places can be booked through the links below:

[Siarter Iaith Primary Coordinators \(Welsh medium schools\)](#)

[Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus Primary Coordinators \(English medium schools\)](#)

[Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus Secondary Coordinators \(English medium schools\)](#)

- Is your school ready to be verified for a Siarter Iaith award (WM)? If so, please complete this [form](#) and we will contact you to arrange a verification visit.
- Is your school ready to be verified for a Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus award (EM)? If so, please complete this [form](#) and we will contact you to arrange a verification visit.
- Want to know more about the Siarter Iaith / Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus verification process? Read about the process [here](#).
- In November, we will be recruiting external verifiers for the Siarter Iaith / Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus awards. This will be an excellent opportunity to develop professionally whilst observing practice across CSC schools. Details to follow soon.
- Since the last CSC Siarter Iaith Awards Ceremony in March 2020, many more schools have successfully received Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus awards. In Spring 2023 we will once again be holding an awards ceremony to celebrate the hard work and success of CSC schools. More details to follow.

- Following the success of the event since its introduction in 2020, Diwrnod Seren a Sbarc Day will be held again this academic year on Friday the 19th of May 2023. More details will be released nearer to the event.
- Is your school enthusiastic to spread the word about Siarter Iaith / Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus success? Why not use one of the CSC brand new graphics on your website, letterheads, newsletters and social media? The Siarter Iaith graphics are available in the [Siarter Iaith CCD](#) & [Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus CSC](#) communities.



- The Seren & Sbarc outfits are available to borrow to visit your school. If you would like to borrow the outfits, please complete this [form](#).
- **For further information, please contact: Bethan Davies, Associate Adviser for Welsh Development - Bethan.Davies2@cscjes.org.uk**



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How can I develop Welsh across the curriculum?

- [Welsh across the Curriculum asynchronous professional learning](#) - The aim of this playlist is to offer support in developing Welsh in different areas of learning and experience across the curriculum. It contains links to useful planning, resources, and terminology.
- [Sgwrs - CSC Podcast: Cymraeg ar draws y Cwricwlwm](#)
- [Caru Cymru Caru Iaith Website](#) – This website is full of resources to support the teaching of the Welsh Dimension across all areas of the curriculum.



- Some advice and ideas on how to support children to use the Welsh language at home: [Primary](#) [Secondary](#)

Weekly Welsh Challenges



A Welsh challenge is shared every Wednesday morning via the Welsh Twitter accounts [@CSC Cymraeg](#) and [@CSCSiarterlaith](#)

They are an opportunity for pupils to use Welsh in a variety of contexts.

The challenges are created bilingually and can be used in English medium schools and by Welsh medium schools as home link resources.

All the previous challenges are available on the the Knowledge Bank [here](#) and schools are welcome to adapt or edit them.

This year, Seren and Sbarc have taken over the challenges but they will still be shared every Wednesday and available on the Knowledge Bank [here](#).



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Welsh Language Professional Learning for Practitioners

Developing the Welsh language skills of our practitioners and their ability to teach Welsh and through the medium of Welsh is essential to meet the aims of Cymraeg 2050, Local Authority Welsh in Education Strategic Plans and to deliver Curriculum for Wales.

The **Professional Standards for Teaching and Leadership** and **Assisting Teaching** set out the expectation for practitioners to develop their knowledge and use of Welsh throughout their careers, as well as extending learners' skills and competence in Welsh.

To support the implementation of the professional standards, Welsh Government has developed a single **Welsh language competency framework for practitioners**.

The framework sits within the Professional Learning Passport and enables practitioners to note their progress in developing their Welsh language skills from ITE (Initial Teacher Education) throughout their careers.

The framework is also included in the **School Workforce Annual Census (SWAC)** and all Welsh language professional learning has been mapped to the framework to enable practitioners to easily identify opportunities suitable for them.

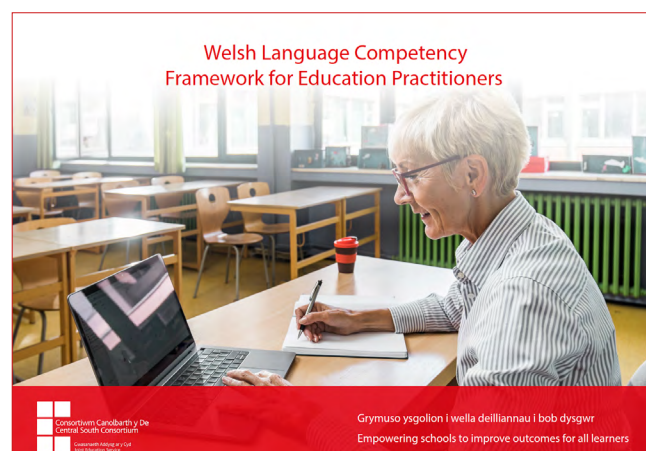
It is advised that all schools regularly ensure that all practitioners assess their Welsh language skills against the Welsh language competency framework. Schools can then analyse this data in order accurately report in the SWAC and to plan appropriate Welsh language professional learning for all practitioners.

Planning Welsh Language Development for Practitioners & School Workforce Annual Census (SWAC)

This new [playlist](#) will support school leaders to accurately report practitioners' Welsh language skills against the Welsh Language Competency Framework whilst undertaking the School Workforce Annual Census (SWAC) and to strategically plan appropriate professional learning to develop language competence for all practitioners.

Welsh Language Competency Framework for Education Practitioners

Use this [resource](#) to find Welsh Language professional learning opportunities mapped to the Welsh Language Competency Framework.



Free CSC Welsh language professional learning for practitioners

Asynchronous assignments

Part 1 – No Welsh language skills

Part 2 – Entry Level

Part 3 – Foundation Level

A choice of dates is available for **two-day face to face** professional learning events. The events all take place in the Valleys Innovation Centre, Abercynon:

No Welsh Language Skills

Entry Level

Foundation Level

Blended Welsh language professional learning events will be piloted in December. Practitioners will complete the asynchronous assignments in the morning and join a live online session in the afternoon:

No Welsh Language Skills

05/12/2022

Entry Level

06/12/2022

Foundation Level

07/12/2022

For further information, please contact:

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Learn Welsh courses



dysgucymraeg.cymru
learnwelsh.cymru

- Most Learn Welsh courses are being held in virtual classrooms now, with courses available during the daytime and evenings. Courses are delivered by a network of **providers** on behalf of the National Centre for Learning Welsh.
- You can find a course [here](#) or watch a video for more information.
- You can also subscribe to their YouTube page to watch additional videos [here](#).

Free Learn Welsh courses for education practitioners at all levels of competency.

Courses are suitable for:

- Qualified teachers in, or searching for, employment
- Newly qualified teachers searching for employment
- Supply teachers
- Individuals currently training to be a qualified teacher
- Teaching Assistants currently in employment.
- Leaders
- Advisory teachers

Free Welsh courses for 18 – 25 year olds

Welsh Language - Fast Facts



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Local Authority Welsh in Education Strategic Plans (WESPs)



Each Local Authority (LA) has recently published a new ten year Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) for 2022-2032, based on ambitious strategic targets which correspond with the education milestones of Cymraeg 2050.

It is advised that all schools become familiar with their LA WESP and to be aware of their specific roles and responsibilities.

CSC works in partnership with LAs and schools to provide professional learning and support which contributes to the WESP targets.

Local Authority specific WESPs

[Bridgend](#)

[Cardiff](#)

[Merthyr Tydfil](#)

[Rhondda Cynon Taf](#)

[Vale of Glamorgan](#)

[Click here to read Welsh Government guidance on school categories according to Welsh-medium provision.](#)



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Join our CSC Welsh Communities

Practitioners are encouraged to join the range of communities available on the CSC website. They contain useful resources, communicate current information, and share key national, regional and local messages.

- [Crochan Cymraeg Cynradd CCD](#)
- [Siarter Iaith Consortiwm Canolbarth y De](#)
- [Primary Welsh subject leaders](#)
- [Cymraeg Campus Siarter Iaith CSC](#)
- [Cymraeg Campus Uwchradd](#)
- [Welsh Across The Curriculum](#)
- [Secondary Welsh Second Language Network Community](#)

Follow us on social media

Keep up to date with everything Welsh by following our Twitter accounts:



[@CSC_Cymraeg](#)

[@CSCSiarterIaith](#)

Contact us

If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch.



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