

7. Paper 15.06.11 – Wales Branch Report (KH)

For Information

Purpose

A brief summary of current issues and activities affecting the EAUC's Wales Branch.

EAUC-Wales Branch Developments

The theme for our last branch meeting (20.4.15, Coleg Cambria) was LED Lighting. Fitzgerald Lighting provided an excellent and informative presentation. An interesting discussion was held on the link between good lighting levels and health, wellbeing and productivity.

There was discussion held regarding the strength of the group and the danger that the effect of the cuts/difficulties could cause fragmentation and poorly attended meetings. Consideration was given to the possibility of merging with the ESDGC Group and elements of the Colegau Cymru FE Cluster Groups; this was also briefly discussed with Iain Patton at the event in Leeds. It was agreed that KH/CL to discuss further with Iain Patton; Action: IR/CL to discuss with Cluster Group and Colegau Cymru on this potential in the first instance.

There was considerable discussion around the Welsh branch Objectives and targets:

Objective	Target	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To formally engage with strategic education partners in Wales Work with partners to establish a Welsh Education passport for sustainability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To invite representation from Colegau Cymru, HEFCW and WG to at least one meeting a year. Establish baseline criteria/work with ESDGC network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 2015 September 2016

Strategic Partners

We have made some progress with formally engaging with strategic education partners in Wales, need to continue pursuing this.

Welsh Passport Scheme

It is recognized that the members are under enormous pressure with the cuts and reorganization being carried out. Members of the Welsh branch who wish to be part of the initiative will take part voluntarily as this lies outside the normal scope of the employed work. There are plans to meet up with Cynnal Cymru over the summer to further develop the idea. The results of this discussion will be taken to the AGM in October.

The next regional meeting will be the AGM at Coleg Powys on Tuesday 14th October 2015.

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