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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 was Sustainable Food. We had an excellent presentation from Leigh Farmer of the Sustainable Restaurant Association with a very useful conversation about taking this forward within the Welsh Institutions.

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 Work with partners to develop a sustainability code of practice for Welsh Tertiary education 	<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 Engage with partners (Colegau Cymru, HEFCW, WG, Cynnal Cymru) to develop framework for sustainability code. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 2015 September 2016 September 2016

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

There was considerable discussion regarding the passport scheme. It was agreed that we need to identify several partners to take this very significant project forwards and that time will be scheduled at the next meeting for a specific brainstorming session. It is likely that this project will need 2 years.

It was decided that the objective 'Work with partners to develop a sustainability code of practice for Welsh Tertiary education' should be something that the FE Cluster Group should work on rather than EAUC as this is specific to the FE contract. **The members agreed that this should be removed as an EAUC objective.** However, there was recognition that EAUC and the Cluster Group could work closer together.

The next regional meeting will be at Coleg Cambria, date to be confirmed.

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