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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

This report details the changes made at the AGM.

At the AGM held at Swansea Metropolitan University (5th October 2011), Derek Jones stepped down as the Convenor of the Welsh Group. The Branch would like to Thank Derek for all his hard work over the last 2 years and also to Paul Manley for his work as minute secretary. The following team were voted in to support the work of the Welsh branch:

Katrina Henderson (Cardiff University) – Branch Convenor
Mark Durdin (Swansea University) – Deputy Convenor
Chris Long (Bridgend College) – Minute Secretary

We generally have 4 meetings a year, and tend to have a main theme to each meeting with presentations relevant to those themes. We have excellent links with HEFCW.

The team is really keen to look at where improvements can be made for our current members, and what we may need to consider to attract new members. Our key aim has always been to share problems (and hopefully solutions) to the wide range of challenges that face us in the HE/FE sector. We would also like to develop a more strategic approach to our branch reflecting the Strategic plan of the EAUC as a whole.

The branch will plan to make greater use of the EAUC website Regional section posting our minutes and also presentations given during our meetings. This is an area that has not really been publicised well and we are keen to highlight the resources of the website to our members.

One of the key aims of the branch will be to ascertain is, could we be doing more for our members? We therefore plan to circulate all members to gain feedback which can be used to plan for the future both at Branch and feed into the EAUC Strategic Plan where appropriate.

In our October meeting we also had presentations from LiFE and People and Planet (Green League). Both presentations were received well.

We have set the meeting dates for the coming year (Themes are still being allocated with input from our members):

12th December – Cardiff University 'Communicating the Sustainability message'
7th/14th March – Newport (location TBC HE or FE)
13th June – (location TBC)
10th October – AGM (location TBC)

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