



CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK FOR WALES

BUILDING ON EXPERIENCE

C O N F E R E N C E

Thursday 16th February 2006 - St. Davids Hotel, Ewloe, nr Chester, North Wales

Who should attend?

Recognition, flexibility and opportunities for progression are the key benefits for learners and employers in Wales with operation of the Credit and Qualifications Framework for Wales (CQFW). The extensive exemplar work over the last two years, part supported through the European Social Fund, has provided invaluable evidence for the successful operation of the framework.

The conference marks the launch of the operation of the CQFW and sharing good practice and experience. The second half of the conference will have senior representatives from the Lifelong Learning and Skills Group, Welsh Assembly Government, to outline the policy initiative to ensure the CQFW fulfils its potential.

The conference is relevant to the schools, FE, HEI, Learner-provider network, awarding bodies, sector skills councils and all organisations interested in post-16 education and training. Invitees include representatives of:

- Access to Higher Education Providers
- Awarding Bodies
- Careers Wales
- CBI
- Community Consortia for Education and Training Wales (CCET)
- Education Consultants
- ESTYN and QFF
- FFORWM
- Further Education Institutions
- Higher Education Institutions
- Open College Networks in Wales and England
- Professional and Trade Organisations
- Regulatory Authorities
- Sector Skills Councils
- Teacher Training
- Welsh Assembly Government
- Welsh Higher Education Credit Consortium (WHECC)
- University Association of Lifelong Learning (UALL) Cymru

AGENDA

10.00 - 10.30	Coffee and Registration
10.30 - 10.40	Conference Welcome J.V. Williams, CEO, ACCAC
10.40 - 10.50	Keynote Address - Building on Experience in Wales Jane Davidson, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, Welsh Assembly Government
10.50 - 11.05	Awarding Bodies - taking forward lessons learned from Wales, Jill Lanning, Federation of Awarding Bodies
11.05 - 11.20	The Impact for Higher Education Danny Saunders, University of Glamorgan
11.20 - 12.05	Workshops repeat and delegates choose two: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introducing a Credit Framework and Technical Guidelines2. Reaching Disadvantaged Learners and Tracking Learning3. Lessons Learned from Non-Accredited Learning4. Upskilling the Health Workforce5. Accrediting Company Learning6. Developing the 14-19 Learner-Centred Curriculum
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 14.40	Informing the CQFW - the next steps Interactive voting on Key Issues
14.40 - 15.10	Panel Discussions How will the CQFW benefit Individuals, Business and Providers and Impact on policy on Wales?
15.10 - 15.30	Closing Remarks and Final Thanks