

## Meet the RSO - Leah Maloney

Born and bred in Carmarthenshire, I attended Ysgol Dyffryn Amman before going on to Cardiff University to study Sport and Exercise Science. Having completed a Masters and PGCE, I started my teaching career at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg.

After teaching Physical Education for a few years, I was given responsibility for the Welsh Baccalaureate and Skills across all levels.



Through the Welsh Bacc. I thoroughly enjoyed being able to interact with pupils in a very different context to what I was used to, whilst developing fundamental skills and knowledge to prepare learners for their next step. It was very rewarding being able to provide learners with the invaluable experience of the world of work and working with the community to help broaden their horizons.

In 2011 I joined WJEC as a Regional Support Officer, with the remit of supporting schools and developing the qualification across South Wales. I currently support schools in Swansea, RCT, Bridgend and Vale of Glamorgan.

As a Regional Support Officer, every day brings different opportunities through school visits, networking opportunities, working with external organisations, training, CPD, and by developing resources to help support centres. I find it very rewarding working with schools to help develop the qualification and further the opportunities available for learners. It is always very pleasing to see learners develop their skills and knowledge, and grow in confidence, through the fantastic experiences associated with the Skills Challenge Certificate.

Random fact- I have been very fortunate to perform around the world as a Clog Dancer!