



# OUR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING (PL) PROGRAMME

2019 - 2020





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“Our 2019-20 Professional Learning Programme offers a range of face-to-face and online courses that provide valuable opportunities for practitioners to review recent assessments, consider implications for pedagogy and share valuable teaching and learning strategies and resources. Delivered by our trained presenters, who have a wealth of classroom and assessment experience, our events support professional learning with the aim of ensuring best outcomes for learners.”

- Nia Jones, CPD and Training Manager



## OUR PL CYCLE

Our cycle of events is designed to provide teachers with a continuum of support whilst coming to grips with the demands of our qualifications, to embedding effective practice in their delivery and assessment. The cycle also supports planning for teaching and practical delivery in the classroom and aims to build confidence and inspire teachers to ensure the best possible outcomes for their learners.



## THE 2019/20 PL PROGRAMME

The [programme for 2019-2020](#) will largely migrate from supporting the introduction of reformed qualifications to providing feedback on the examination/assessment series and will consider implications for teaching, learning and future assessments. The events will focus on reviewing feedback from recent assessment series', consider candidate exemplar and also focus on pedagogy, practical classroom strategies and resources to improve performance.

We're also offering a range of thematic events this year. These events will focus on effective and innovative teaching and learning practices in and across subject areas and/or key stages.

## THE CHANGING CURRICULUM FOR WALES

Curriculum reforms in Wales will have a significant impact on learners, practitioners and centres across Wales in the coming years. During 2019-20, we will develop close working partnerships with Wales' Regional Consortia and Welsh Government colleagues to explore how we can jointly develop models of Professional Learning, in line with Welsh Government's Education reform strategy; this will include changing the CPD title we currently use to "Professional Learning" from September 2019.

### **Our programme of events will be delivered in the following ways:**

- face to face (full or half-day events typically in hotels or conference centres)
- live, online webinars (typically scheduled between 4-6pm)
- pre-recorded, online webinars (available free of charge on our website)

All of our courses are led by subject specialists who have in-depth experience and knowledge of the content. They will be classroom practitioners, our subject officers, specification developers, examiners or moderators with a wealth of experience within their field.

When you attend one of our courses, you will also be provided with a comprehensive pack of course materials, which you can take away with you and share with colleagues.

[View our courses and book your place](#)

## OUR LANGUAGE POLICY

We operate a bilingual policy and offer opportunities for delegates to participate at events through the medium of both Welsh and English. To support this policy, you will be asked for your preference for a Welsh or English medium delegate pack when registering for a course. Where viable, we will offer an additional meeting room and/or Welsh medium presenters and/or a simultaneous translation service (Welsh>English) at events.

## OUR PL MENU

### Preparing to Teach and Next Steps

Preparing to Teach courses are scheduled in the run-up to first teaching. Next Steps courses are offered during Year 1 of teaching.

These full-day sessions will look in-depth at a new specification, including its assessment objectives, examination structure and other key areas, and review sample assessment materials.

#### Outcomes:

- Review and develop understanding of the content and assessment requirements of the new specification.
- Understand the benefits of the qualifications for you and your learners.
- Support planning for teaching, including information on resources and useful contacts.
- Networking with colleagues and specialists

These events, held in partnership with City&Guilds, will primarily support the introduction of the [new suite of Health and Social Care and Childcare qualifications for Wales](#). There will also be several networking events being held across the country to support the Practice elements of these qualifications. [Find out more.](#)

*“Well delivered from individuals that were very knowledgeable. It was presented well and in a structured manner, where all questions were encouraged and fully answered.”*

Health and Social Care Training, Feb 2019

#### Cost:

Preparing to Teach: **FREE**  
Next Steps: **£210**

**Locations:** Online and / or at central and conveniently located venues across the country

[View courses](#)

## Assessment > Classroom Practice

Each of these full-day sessions will review the recent summer assessment series, exploring examples of marked candidates' work.

They will also consider how feedback on assessment can inform, develop and improve teaching and learning and offer practical ideas and resources to support you.

### Outcomes:

- Develop understanding of assessment through review of exemplar materials and marking practice
- Develop teaching and learning strategies
- Networking with colleagues and specialists

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*This was the best CPD I have attended. Good pace, good resources, knowledgeable delivery, useful examples.*

Sarah Gray, Cardiff

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**Cost:** £100 - £210

**Locations:** Online and/or at central and conveniently located venues across the country

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## Vocational, Entry Level and Essential Skills

Our Entry Level, Level 1-3 and Essential Skills qualifications can be offered alongside general GCSE and A level qualifications and our annual PL Programme offers opportunities for centres to access specific support for their delivery and assessment.

Whether you are currently offering one of these qualifications or interested to learn more, there is support available for you via one of our face-to-face or online events.

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### Look out for our **FREE** online Briefings!

These introductory, briefing videos will be published for several of our Vocational qualifications, covering their structure, content, assessment objectives, administration, useful resources and contacts.

*“Great day, I’ve come away with so much.  
Feeling very confident about introducing  
the course in September.”*

L. Roberts, Mold



## THEMATIC COURSES

We are pleased to offer a range of thematic events during 2019/20. These are in addition to courses linked to specific specifications and focus on effective and innovative teaching and learning practices in and across subject areas and/or key stages.

This year, they will include:

- Getting Started with Film Production
- Getting Started with Composing
- Developing better geographers: enquiry skills at GCSE and beyond
- How to Devise in Drama - An Exploration of Strategies
- Conference for secondary practitioners of Welsh 2nd Language

**Cost:** £210

**Locations:** Central and conveniently located venues across the country

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*“This is the first CPD course I have attended within WJEC and I’ve really enjoyed it, it’s been extremely helpful. Thank you.”*

Ashleigh Regan, Cardiff

## Online Courses

Our live, online webinars are typically scheduled between 4-6pm and you can participate from the comfort of your own classroom or from home with a PC / laptop with keyboard and headphones / speakers. Essentially, these events are designed to be informative, engaging and interactive.

**Our simple-to-use online training space allows you to:**

### Watch, listen and learn

Watch live presentations, listen and learn from subject experts.

### Discuss, network and share ideas

Take part in group discussions and polls, practise marking and chat with other colleagues.

### Ask questions and download materials

Get answers to your questions throughout the session and download the support materials at any time for future planning or use in the classroom.

[View courses](#)

“ Thank you for a  
productive and informative  
course. ”

Lowri Saunders, Llanelli

## USING OUR ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

Using our online booking system is simple, follow the steps below to book your place:

1 Select your qualification

2 Select your course

3 Choose a location near you

4 Let us know how many people will be attending

5 Tell us about the attendees

6 Book your place

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\*Please note, we do not accept payment online, once registered, we'll invoice you or your centre from 5 days before the event.

## CONTACT US

Our dedicated PL Team are here to answer your enquiries or assist you with your booking(s).

**Email us:** [cpd@wjec.co.uk](mailto:cpd@wjec.co.uk)

**Phone us:** 029 2026 5024

Browse our menu of PL courses and register for courses [here](#)

## HAVE YOU SEEN OUR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES?

Our PL programme can be supplemented by a number of additional resources we offer for FREE. These include a wealth of classroom resources and valuable sources of data that aim to inform teaching and learning.

### OER (Online Exam Review)

On our Online Exam Review website, you'll find a comprehensive database of interactive units that bring together key exam/assessment series elements, including general data, questions, marking schemes and examiner comments, which will lead you through a review of exam questions. View our [guide to the system](#).

[Visit OER](#)

## ERA (Exam Results Analysis)

ERA allows teachers to compare the performance of individual students and the centre's entry with that of all WJEC candidates for a particular qualification. Teachers can use the tool to discover where students have performed well and to identify which areas may need further support. You can access ERA from our secure website. View our [guide to the system](#).

[Visit ERA via the Secure Website](#)

## Online Internal Assessment Standardising

Internal assessment standardising materials are available our centres on the [Secure Website](#). Select Resources PDF Download to access these for specific subjects.

[Visit the Secure Website](#)

## Free Digital Resources

We provide free digital resources to support the teaching and learning of our qualifications. These include subject specific materials, interactive work units (that can also be used as self-study tools) and generic activity building tools.

[View our digital resources](#)

