

Priorities for the Children, Young
People and Education Committee:
Priorities for the Sixth Senedd
Consultation

17th September 2021



INTRODUCTION

1. The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) represents the 22 local authorities in Wales. The three national park authorities and the three fire and rescue authorities are associate members.
2. It seeks to provide representation to local authorities within an emerging policy framework that satisfies priorities of our members and delivers a broad range of services that add value to Welsh Local Government and the communities they serve.
3. The Welsh Local Government Association and ADEW welcome this opportunity to respond to the consultation on Priorities for the Children, Young People and Education Committee - Sixth Senedd.
4. The following response is structured around the specific questions set out in the response form.

CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Theme 1: School-age education

- **Schools' systems post-Covid linked to Finance, Resources and Leadership- to identify challenges and possible solutions.**
- **Supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged groups - current projects/funding streams and impact on learners.**
- **Specialist roles in education - Educational Psychologists, Mental Health and ALN specialist roles - coherent approaches to addressing challenges.**
- **Early Years education investment - expansion of programmes e.g., Flying Start etc. to address ACEs and impact of deprivation.**
- **NEET - impact on young people and choice of pathway.**

Theme 2: Further and Higher Education

- **Support for the 2021 cohort to ensure they succeed in further / higher education.**

Theme 3: Health and Wellbeing, including social care (as they relate to Children and Young People)

- **Developing wellbeing and mental health roles in schools and local authorities- how is WG supporting mental health of learners and staff.**
- **Health of children and young people - the impact of COVID-19 on health education initiatives.**

Theme 4: Children and Young People

- **Youth Services- profile and funding for targeted interventions ensuring equity across authorities and providing Welsh medium provision.**
- **Music, Arts and Culture - how WG are supporting these elements as part of the new curriculum.**
- **Support for current environmental issues/pressures, sustainability, and global dimension aspects of the curriculum.**
- **Elective Home Education - progress of proposals consulted upon under previous Education Minister.**

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