



## **ColegauCymru Annual Conference 2024**

Education 5.0 - the Future of Further Education in Wales

The **ColegauCymru Annual Conference** will take place on **24 October 2024** at **Cardiff City Stadium**.

As we look toward the next decade, the Conference will unite key figures from Wales' education and public policy sectors. Prominent speakers will explore the critical role of colleges in shaping Wales' economic future, focusing on how they are preparing for 2034 and building a more sustainable future for learners, communities, and the economy. We are thrilled to welcome the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Vikki Howells MS, alongside Wales' Chief Economist Dr Thomas Nicholls, and the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, Derek Walker.

With a full agenda, the conference will gather stakeholders, educators, and industry leaders from Wales and beyond to highlight the value of further education and discuss the challenges and opportunities on the horizon.

## Agenda

Time	What	Who
8.00am - 9.00am	Registration, Refreshments and Networking	
9.00am - 9.10am	Welcome and Scene Setting	<b>Lisa Thomas</b> ColegauCymru Chair
9.10am - 9.30am	<b>Keynote Address</b> Wales' Economic Outlook	<b>Dr Thomas Nicholls</b> Wales' Chief Economist
9.30am - 10.20am	<b>Panel Discussion</b> The role of colleges in economic growth	<b>Panel:</b> <b>Chair: David Hagendyk</b> , ColegauCymru Chief Executive <b>Dr Thomas Nicholls</b> , Wales' Chief Economist <b>Dr Mark Picton</b> , RWE <b>Dr Fiona Aldridge</b> , Federation for Industry Sector Skills and Standards (FISSS) <b>Nisreen Mansour</b> , Wales TUC <b>Professor Calvin Jones</b> , Cardiff University
10.20am - 10.30am	Headline Sponsor	<b>Angharad Lloyd Beynon</b> City & Guilds
10:30am - 11.30am	<b>Address by the Welsh Government Minister for Further and Higher Education</b>	<b>Vikki Howells MS</b> <b>Minister for Further and Higher Education</b>  Followed by Q&A session chaired by ColegauCymru Chair Lisa Thomas

11.30am - 11.45am	Refreshments, Networking and Exhibitions	
11.45am - 12.45pm	<p><b>Workshops - Colleges For The Future</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>VET Strategy - learning from international best practice</b></li> <li>2. <b>How to Improve Quality of Learning in a Tertiary model</b></li> <li>3. <b>The Road to Net Zero - Ensuring Sustainability in a Digital Age</b> (Sponsored by Jisc)</li> <li>4. <b>Social value - now and in the future</b> (In partnership with Cwmpas)</li> </ol>	
12.45pm - 1.45pm	Lunch, Networking and Exhibitions	
1.45pm - 2.45pm	<p><b>Workshops - Colleges For the Future</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Apprenticeships fit for the future - a Panel Discussion</b> (Sponsored by Agored)</li> <li>2. <b>Social partnership for the future</b> (In partnership with Joint Trade Unions)</li> <li>3. <b>Active Wellbeing and Thriving Environments</b> (In partnership with Sport Wales)</li> <li>4. <b>Welsh Medium in FE - thinking for the future</b> (In partnership with Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol and NUS Wales)</li> </ol>	
2.45pm - 3.15pm	Refreshments, Networking and Exhibitions	
3.15pm - 3.45pm	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p>Collaboration - challenges and opportunities</p>	<p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Dr Andrew Cornish</b>, ColegauCymru Vice Chair</p> <p><b>Dr Ben Calvert</b>, Universities Wales</p>

		<p><b>Deio Owen</b>, NUS Wales</p> <p><b>Rhian Edwards</b>, Medr</p> <p><b>Viv Buckley</b>, Bridgend College/Civic Engagement Partnership</p>
<b>3.45pm - 4.05pm</b>	<p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <p>Further Education for Future Generations</p>	<p><b>Derek Walker</b></p> <p>The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales</p>
<b>4.05pm - 4.20pm</b>	<p><b>In Conversation with the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales</b></p>	<p><b>Derek Walker</b>, The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales</p> <p><b>Vicky Jones</b></p> <p>ColegauCymru Board Member</p>
<b>4.20pm - 4.30pm</b>	<p><b>Closing Address and thanks</b></p>	<p><b>David Hagendyk</b></p> <p>ColegauCymru Chief Executive</p>