

Wise Wales is looking for a new Chair for its steering group

About Wise Wales

Wise Wales is a cross-sector collaboration of Welsh education sector organisations working to:

"Achieve meaningful partnership between educators, students' unions and students across Wales".

We believe that every learner deserves to have a joint say, along with their education institution, on the teaching and learning experience. Through this, learners can be empowered to become the architects of their own educational journey.

Wise Wales works with all universities in Wales, offering opportunities and resources for institutions to develop and enhance their own partnership practices. Wise Wales also works with all FE colleges in Wales, supporting them to develop their learner voice structures and learner involvement activities.

About the steering group

Wise Wales' steering group is responsible for monitoring and advising on the work of the project throughout the year. Members act as a 'critical friend', receiving updates from the Wise Wales team and monitoring progress against objectives; using their expertise to offer guidance; and identifying areas for improvement and future development.

The steering group currently has 9 members; 5 of whom are representatives from the organisations that fund the project. These organisations are:

- All HE institutions in Wales
- HEFCW
- NUS Wales (x2)
- Welsh Government

The remaining 4 members are representatives from organisations that work closely with Wise Wales. These are:

- Colleges Wales
- Estyn
- QAA
- Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol

Meetings are held quarterly at the NUS Wales office in Cardiff Bay. The meetings are held during working hours (9-5), and usually last 2 hours. Video conferencing facilities are available which allow steering group members to attend virtually, although members are encouraged to attend in person where possible.

Your role as a Chair

- 1) Chair steering group meetings effectively.
- 2) Meet with the Wise Wales team outside of meetings in order to plan the agenda and prepare for meetings.
- 2) Play an active role in the work of the steering group.
- 3) Be an advocate of Wise Wales.

Skills and attributes

- 1) Commitment and enthusiasm to the work of Wise Wales.
- 2) Experience of chairing (preferred), or being a member of a steering group/similar committee.
- 3) Ability to think strategically.
- 4) Ability to facilitate discussions and encourage decision-making.
- 5) Ability to make and express independent judgements.
- 6) Ability to form positive and productive relationships with fellow steering group members, Wise Wales staff team and other partners.
- 7) Willingness to be an advocate of Wise Wales.
- 8) Able and willing to devote the necessary time and attention to the role.
- 9) Understanding of the FE and HE sectors in Wales is desirable.

Apply

For further information, and for copies of documents such as Wise Wales' Annual Report 2015/16 and the 2016/17 project overview, please contact Jessica Rumble by emailing: Jessica.rumble@nus-wales.org.uk or calling 01625 413252.

If you are interested, please send a CV and cover letter to Jessica.rumble@nus-wales.org.uk by 6 March 2017. Shortlisted applicants will be invited for an informal interview with a few current steering group members.

Please note: we are unable to consider applications from employees of the organisations that fund Wise Wales (with the exception of the HE institutions).