

**To: Heads of higher education institutions in
Wales**

Reference: W05/60HE
Date: 21 October 2005
Further Information: Karen Jones; Telephone
02920 682222; e-mail karen.jones@hefcw.ac.uk

**HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMY COMMENTARY ON WELSH INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING AND
TEACHING STRATEGIES 2004/05**

In 2004/05 the Higher Education Academy (HEA) was commissioned by HEFCW to review and comment on Welsh Institutional Learning and Teaching Strategies in 2004-2005. A copy of the outcome report is attached for information. The report is also being circulated widely by the HEA and is available electronically from the Academy and the Council's websites.

The HEA analysis was undertaken as a developmental exercise to identify emerging trends in learning and teaching (L&T) developments. The report highlights examples of novel and effective practices signalled in the institutional learning and teaching strategies. It also provides examples of information resources and other forms of support that might be of interest to institutions that have been produced by the Academy and its Subject Centres and other non-Academy sources.

The HEA will use this analysis as the basis for developmental conversations with each Welsh HEI throughout Autumn 2005 to understand how the Academy might best support the implementation of the L&T strategies and gather more detail on effective and innovative practice.

Furthermore, the HEA are hosting an event on 1 December 2005, at Llandrindod Wells aimed at taking the Academy's role forward in Wales. The programme will focus upon the outcomes of the HEA analysis of Welsh institutional L&T strategies, and the advancement of the key trends/themes arising from the analysis, namely: (i) quality management, (ii) curriculum development and innovation, (iii) recognition and rewards, and (iv) assessment. The programme and booking form for the event can be downloaded from the Academy's website at: <http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/events/>

Yours sincerely



PHILIP GUMMETT