

HEFCW funded Civic Mission and Community Engagement – examples of ongoing activities by theme

Theme: Links with Schools		
Institution	Project	Activities
Bangor University	STEM Mentoring: progression from primary to secondary school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with 5 secondary schools and their feeder primaries. Develop resources to support mentoring for pupils (learning aids; guidelines for parents/guardians/carers; checklists for teachers)
Cardiff University	Developing and trialling a University-led professional learning programme for teaching staff supported by STEM engagement activities and bilingual web-based learning tools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working directly with teachers to deliver the STEM activities to Year 6 students. Equipping teachers to undertake an enhanced delivery role in the Pharmabees programme, with less support from University researchers. Develop bilingual digital teaching resources on website, including activities for learners, case studies and videos.
UW Trinity Saint David	Yr Athrofa – professional learning partnerships pilot activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop teacher practice through process of collaboration and engage in pilot activity directly linked to teacher development Support schools to become ‘Learning Organisations’ and broker closer links between HE and school-based education Ensure teaching practice meets the aims of <i>Teaching Tomorrow’s Teachers</i> Visits of delegates from schools and universities, developing study visit reports and disseminate key findings to Strategic Leadership Board
OU in Wales	School and Community Engagement Events [following success of Blue Planet II event]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and deliver a series of school / community based events based on OU/BBC collaborative programmes Engagement events in primary and secondary schools
Wrexham Glyndŵr University	Public Services Leadership – introduction to systems leadership for schools/governors ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership module developed Resource pack for school staff

¹ Wrexham Glyndŵr University, Cardiff University, and OU in Wales are all developing resource/tools to support school governors. A network has been established to share intelligence and insight, with 2-3 meetings per annum.

Cardiff University (pan-Wales)	Physics Student Mentoring Project to improve post-16 participation in physics; address gender imbalance in physics and engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of UG and PG mentors at 5 Welsh HEIs • Mentors trained, procurement of equipment for use in their sessions • Engagement with significant numbers of year 11 students • Utilising Cardiff's university-employer links in sectors such as compound semi-conductors, to engage in development of mentoring material
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Theme: Leading Place		
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Wrexham Glyndŵr University	In partnership with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and wider partners, leading parts of a project to establish a Community of Practice for North Wales, and an Education Framework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference for establishing Social Prescribing Community of Practice in North Wales • Development of Social Prescribing certificate to support the policy focus and need nationally to ensure there is educational framework. • Establish Connected Communities Cymru to set the community focus and engagement plan.
Aberystwyth University	Student and community arts professional led outreach programme with focus on deprived and isolated rural areas. Support for community cohesion, skills and mentoring, and Welsh language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh and English language workshops in local schools <p>Working with communities to produce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple documentary and fictional multigenerational stories produced and broadcast/exhibited through different media. • Exhibition at Aberystwyth Art Centre
Bangor University	Pontio - Bangor's Arts & Innovation Centre Youth Engagement; Community Engagement; Corneli cudd / Hidden Corners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a bridge between university space and local youth, turning anti-social behaviour into community-building behaviour – through multiple activities aimed at hard-to-reach young people, working in partnership with the local business community. • Extending Pontio Family Arts and Engagement programmes through taster workshops in the community. Raising aspirations and reducing perceived barriers. • Corneli cudd / Hidden Corners – building on this 1 month musical residency to bridge generations between young people and elderly in care and nursing homes.
Cardiff Met	Development of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & maths) skills knowledge and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple activities and partners involved in various targeted activities. STEAM / Wellbeing TeachMeet hosted at Cardiff Met to share best

	experience within four primary schools with low HE participation.	practice with other schools in the community – over 100 teachers and 100 students to attend.
UW Trinity Saint David	Creative workshops, skills development sessions and theatre productions aimed at those who are, or risk becoming, NEET (not in education, employment or training)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bite size workshops across a broad range of activities within creative industries on and off campus, with academics and UWTSU students leading sessions. • Focussed skills development resulting in 10 credit module. • Embedded participants use new skills to curate, devise, and perform in a theatre production using university space.
Swansea University	Using digital technologies to engage schools, youth and community groups in co-creation and co-curation of the Hafod-Morfa Copperworks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building on existing work (Heritage Fund, Cadw, City & County of Swansea, Swansea Uni) to support communities to explore and interpret historic significance of the City's rich copper-working heritage. • Volunteer events, increased visitor numbers, deep mapping session, engagement with partners in archives, galleries, museums and community centres. • Engagement with hard-to-reach community members and groups from the Swansea Valley and surrounding area – faith groups, charities, school groups and teachers from primary to comprehensive.

Theme: Active Citizenship		
Institution	Project	Activities
Swansea University	Collaborative film-making project involving students, professional film makers, local community – to boost engagement in history from people of traditionally non-participatory backgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative workshops promoting engagement between university and local community, engaging non-traditional audiences in ancient history. • Workshops held in schools within Community First areas • Series of short films created by students in collaboration with professional film-makers as a response to workshops. • Films shown at premiere in Taliesin, to which local communities invited.
Cardiff Met	Development of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & maths) skills knowledge and experience within four primary schools with low HE participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children involved in project to share digital skills learnt as part of the project with younger peers, parents and the wider community in each of the schools.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External agencies and lecturing staff to train Cardiff Met students to be accredited as 'Digital Heroes' and 'Apple Distinguished Educators'
Wrexham Glyndŵr University	Leading on sub-regional volunteering project across Flintshire and Wrexham as part of publish sector bodies local wellbeing plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate delivery of project ensuring match of student and staff time against key priorities set out in local wellbeing plans Student and staff volunteers work to meet local priorities Partnerships including Flint Food Poverty, Shotton Wellbeing project, and Choir with no name for homeless and marginalised people in Wrexham
OU In Wales	Social Mobility Practitioners Network - demand was raised at the recent social mobility summit held by OU in Wales. The summit brought together people from across HE, public and third sector to consider how to make progress on social mobility in Wales.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring interested parties back together to scope more fully plans to establish the practitioners' network. Agree a way forward and extend wider network to cope out next steps.
UW Trinity Saint David	Mentoring Programme – aimed at equipping NEET and other participants with personal and social skills to enter world of education and employment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tailored mentoring programme based on individual needs, reinforced by lead mentor from Youth Work and Community Engagement backgrounds and work experience.

Theme: Social Enterprise and Innovation		
Institution	Project	Activities
Aberystwyth University	Increasing student and graduate start-ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Business Units at Old College
Cardiff University	Societal Challenges Programme around dementia co-produced with academics, public, industry, and third sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dementia care experiences to engage and help overcome barriers in engaging diverse communities of people living with dementia, primarily in the Cardiff area. Working in collaboration with NHS, third sector organisations and the public to meet the needs of diverse people living with dementia and their carers are better met. Work will inform undergraduate training and develop further collaborative research funding.
USW	Graduate Entrepreneurship Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New graduate enterprise incubator – for thirty graduates

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise stations for graduate entrepreneurs • Online modules in management and leadership
Wrexham Glyndŵr University	2025 Partnership movement to tackle avoidable health inequalities across North Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners contribute, lead and develop the Just Do Team, for leadership and learning across the region. • Develop a platform for sharing and learning from the approaches by all the Just Do Teams across key priority areas of homelessness, hospital discharge, mental health, Adverse Childhood Experiences, social prescribing, and healthy homes.
Cardiff Met	Development of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & maths) skills knowledge and experience within four primary schools with low HE participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of app – working with schools following real world process of how to develop an app from ideas creation, pitch to the software developers, showcase of results. • Fully developed app will be made available online to reach a global audience.
USW	Talented Women for a Successful Wales Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish 'Women in STEM: industry and education' network • Hold first 'Women in STEM: industry and education' conference