

## Vale Learner Forum 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014

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<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p>	<p><b>Present:</b> Jayne Ireland, Pamela Cockerill, Ron Powell, Richard Fattorini, Alan Balcombe, Mashmooma Din, Mary Newman, Martyn Reed, Dafydd Rhys, Jenny Lewis, Catherine David, Graham Price, Stephen Thomas (Clerk) Viv Davies (left before vote)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> None given</p> <p><b>Welcome:</b> everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Introductions given and translation explained.</p> <p><b>Election of chair:</b> the process of voting explained including number of votes &amp; procedures. JI elected chairperson.</p> <p><b>New structure:</b> WEA north &amp; south regions united as at 10<sup>th</sup> Jan.14 to form WEA Wales. New constitution &amp; strategic plan in place. Promotes democratic values. Purpose of forum explained together with strategy for area. Forum to elect representative for WEA Cymru Council. Helps scrutinise work nationally &amp; important part of new democracy for WEA. Discussion ensued over areas covered by regional forums.</p> <p><b>Learning Provision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WAG's priority groups listed.</li> <li>• most courses delivered from the WAG grant</li> <li>• areas of other learning and partnerships listed &amp; the different regions</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• question raised re. development of branches, ie, none in Cardiff/Penarth</li> <li>• successful Global branch, ie, lots of activities</li> <li>• possible branch with People First</li> <li>• good practice connecting learners from different branches including accessing funding</li> <li>• better &amp; more effective general advertising needed</li> <li>• more development workers needed</li> </ul>	

<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Election of Learner Representative to WEA Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two nominations received from Mary Newman and Graham Price. No other names nominated from the meeting.</li> <li>• Voting eligibility to Council explained.</li> <li>• Commitment of representative explained: there is no provision for deputising</li> </ul> <p>Candidates left the room &amp; voting took place.  Three votes for MN, two abstentions, 8 votes for GP.  Graham Price was therefore elected as learner representative from South Central Region.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Regional Activity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• two branches in Vale, one global branch &amp; one in Bridgend.</li> <li>• members event in the region would be useful.</li> </ul> <p><b>Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014</b>  <b>Time: 13.00 to 15.00</b>  <b>Venue: The Kymin, Beach Road, Penarth, CF64 1JX (Room 5).</b></p>	