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a Mudiad Gwirfoddol  
The National Community College  
and Voluntary Movement

## Hywel Francis Memorial Conference

14th February 2022

10.00am – 12:00pm Online via Zoom

This memorial conference presents an opportunity to celebrate the work of Hywel Francis along with his commitment and contribution to the value of lifelong learning in maintaining community resilience, social solidarity and cultural identity. The conference also provides an opportunity to contemplate the lessons and opportunities Hywel's scholarship provides in using the power of lifelong learning to empower a forward-thinking and cohesive vision in respect of the diverse range of communities that constitute contemporary Wales.

We would be delighted if you would join us on the anniversary of Hywel's passing to reflect upon his work and achievements.

### Programme

- 10.00am – 10.05am** Introduction by our hosts - Kathryn Robson, Chief Executive and John Graystone, Chair of Council, Addysg Oedolion Cymru | Adult Learning Wales
- 10.05am – 10.15am** **Jeremy Miles, MS for Neath Constituency and Minister for Education and Welsh Language**  
Personal reflections of Hywel and his work.
- 10.15am – 10.30am** **Professor Dai Smith**  
An overview of Hywel's life and achievements.
- 10.30am – 10.45am** **Siân Williams, Swansea University**  
Hywel's work with The Miners' Library and Llafur: Welsh People's History Society.
- 10.45am – 10.55am** **Emeritus Professor David Egan, Cardiff Metropolitan University**  
Personal reflections of Hywel and his work.
- 10.55am – 11.10am** **Rob Humphreys**  
'A wellspring for all of us into the future': Hywel Francis as adult educator and institution builder.
- 11.10am – 11.20am** **Break**



- 11.20am – 11.30am** **Nina Ruddle, Glyndwr University**  
Co creation, civic mission and community engagement: Leadership and Learning in a contemporary environment.
- 11.30am – 11.45am** **Louise Casella, The Open University in Wales**  
Open to All: the power of learning to transform and enrich the lives of those otherwise traditionally excluded from formal routes through education. A reflection on Hywel's support for flexible, distance education through the eyes of The Open University in Wales, and a look forward at how his vision and drive for inclusion can continue to shape policy & practice in the years ahead.
- 11.45am – 11.55am** **Questions from the audience**
- 11.55am- 12.00noon** **Closing Remarks - Sonia Reynolds, Vice Chair, Addysg Oedolion Cymru | Adult Learning Wales**

