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Strategic Developments

International skills seminar showcasing Wales to the world

Cardiff and Vale College hosted politicians and policy makers from as far afield as Yemen and Ethiopia last week, showcasing the Welsh skills sector. The College was the venue for the first international skills seminar organised by the British Council to be held in Wales.

In addition to key speakers from business and the Welsh Government, Wales' vocational education and training system, its achievements and business links were addressed in presentations by ColegauCymru CEO Greg Walker, Bridgend College Assistant Principal Rob Evans, and Cardiff and Vale College Vice Principal Mary Kent.

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Congratulations! Student Success

Trampoline winner qualifies for British Championships

Sport student at NPTC Group, Ria Hughes, came first out of 26 competitors in trampolining at the Welsh Schools Championships last week and has now qualified for the British Schools Championships.

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Young Ambassadors for Enterprise Named

Lee Williams, a Foundation Degree Business student at the College Merthyr Tydfil has become one of the first eight young ambassadors for enterprise in Wales. He was named 'Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award' at the Merthyr Tydfil Business Awards recently. | [more from The College Merthyr Tydfil](#)

He is joined by Big Ideas Wales Young Ambassador Edward Shorney, a Bridgend College engineering student, and former Bridgend College student Andrew Cronin named as two of this year's Big Ideas Wales Young Ambassadors. Edward Shorney is the founder of Go Rookie, the Apprenticeship Finder, and Andrew Cronin is the founder of AIM Art in Movement, which offers professional Free Running / Parkour services for ages 7 and up. | [more from Bridgend College](#)

Photography Skills Awarded

Grŵp Llandrillo Menai work-based student, Samantha Johnson, came third in the 'Work-based Learning Consortium Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship (ESDGC) Photography Competition 2014' [more>>>](#)

Learner Progression

Breeding entrepreneurs at Pembrokeshire College

The new dog grooming business of former Pembrokeshire College learner, Francesca McCaffery, is growing beyond expectations. With a foundation degree and a national diploma in animal science/management from Pembrokeshire College plus a business course and work placements under her belt, she is well qualified to take on her business venture.

Following in her footsteps, entrepreneurial student Matthew Richmond, who has been presented with the Gold Award at the Radio Pembrokeshire Young Achievers Awards. He started a dog walking service for friends but, still a full-time student, he's already booked up until October 2015 with plans to hire staff in the summer. [more>>>](#)

From Unemployed to Master Upholsterer

Thanks to Jobs Growth Wales, a year ago, unemployed Jed Donohue enrolled on an apprenticeship with David J Jones Upholsterers, with learning support from Grwp Llandrillo Menai, and now has a full-time job and training to be a master upholsterer. [more>>>](#)

Volunteering help net full-time sports roles

Former Coleg Sir Gâr sports student Luke Lewis has secured full-time employment as a WRU development officer thanks not only to his qualifications, but also because he made the most of a host of diverse opportunities, including volunteering, whilst at college. [more>>>](#)

Whilst career-changer Sam Collins has started in a full-time role as Activities and Participation Coordinator at UWTSO - even before he finishes his sports degree at Coleg Sir Gâr. He's also found time to volunteer at a children's summer sports camp and with the college 5x30 team. [more>>>](#)

College Celebrations

NPTC Group Awards

NPTC Group has held its first awards' evening since the merger of its two constituent colleges in August 2013. It welcomed around 300 guests including students from across all of its 11 campuses from Newtown to Swansea.

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Work placement successes for ILS students

Gower College Swansea has held a ceremony to recognise the workplace achievements of its Independent Living Skills (ILS) students.

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Awards season: successes at Coleg y Cymoedd

Learners and staff at Coleg y Cymoedd have started 2015 in style with a host of award wins across the college's academic and vocational departments.

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Learning Opportunities

Homeless project website sets challenge for students

IT students from Gower College Swansea's Tycnoch campus have been working alongside the Swansea Young Single Homeless Project (SYSHP) to assist them with the development of a dedicated website.

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Wales' Next Top Young Entrepreneurs

Budding entrepreneurs Geraint Robson and Caitlyn Corless of Bridgend College are proceeding to the Big Ideas Wales Bootcamp at Plas Glansein at the end of the month for in-depth support on getting the best start in their businesses.

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Junior Chef of Wales

Eleven contenders are competing for the coveted Junior Chef of Wales title and a fantastic prize in two regional heats, with the heat hosted by [Coleg y Cymoedd \(14 Jan\)](#) also featuring two of its own learners in the competition.

Winners of each of the two Welsh heats and the two highest scoring runners up will qualify for the final, which will be held at Grwp Llandrillo Menai's Coleg Llandrillo on February 16, on the eve of the Welsh International Culinary Championships.

The Junior Chef of Wales contest provides the perfect platform for young chefs to demonstrate their skills and catch the eye of national team selectors, with previous winners having gone on to compete for Wales at all the major culinary competitions around the world.

Creative industries careers day for schools

Through Coleg Sir Gâr's Associate Membership with Creative & Cultural Skills, a Creative Choices event is being run for 13 to 16 year-olds in Llanelli which will focus on performing arts.

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Rugby Tournament

Three of Wales' colleges will compete for the annual UK Schools' Marches 7s Rugby Tournament on 1 March - the largest and longest running school-run 7s competition with 32 top teams.

They are: Bridgend College, Coleg Sir Gar, and Coleg y Cymoedd.

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Search on for decorator of the year

A 2015 Dulux Decorator Centre Student Decorator of the Year competition heat will be held at Bridgend College on 30 April.

Nine other locations around the UK will also be hosting the competition and, once all ten heats have been completed, there will be a grand final on 17th - 18th June at Edinburgh College.

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