

Minister confirms appointments to the Education Workforce Council

The Education Workforce Council (Appointments and Membership) (Wales) Regulations 2014 provides for membership of the EWC to consist of not less than 14 members. Seven members would be directly appointed by Welsh Ministers and seven members would be appointed by Welsh Ministers having being nominated by organisations listed in the Schedule of the Education Workforce Council (Appointments and Membership) (Wales) Regulations 2014.

Obtaining Council members through nominated and direct appointments helps to ensure that all sectors of the wider education workforce are fairly represented.

The 14 members, of whom 8 are new appointments and 6 reappointments, will start their four year term on 1 April 2019.

The members are:

Direct appointments

Reappointed:

- Angela Jardine
- Kevin Pascoe
- Berni Tyler

New Appointments:

- Dr Gwawr Taylor
- Ann Pitman Direct
- Rosemary Lait

Nominated appointments

Reappointed:

- Paul Croke (Colegau Cymru)
- Clare Jones (National Education Union – National Union Teachers section)
- Jane Setchfield (National Association of Schoolmasters *Union* of Women Teachers)

New Appointments:

- David Williams (Principal Youth Officers Group) new appointment
- Kelly Edwards (National Training Federation for Wales) new appointment
- Eithne Hughes (Association of School and College Leaders) new appointment
- Stephen Drowley (Education Training Standards Board) new appointment

- Ian Roberts (Association Education Directors Wales) new appointment

The Minister said:

“I’m delighted to confirm the appointments of the members of the Education Workforce Council. All will play an important role in maintaining and raising teaching standards and ensuring our young people receive the very best learning and support.”

These appointments were made in accordance with the Governance Code on Public Appointments.

These posts are not remunerated and members of the ECW are not paid, however, they are reimbursed for reasonable travel and subsistence costs.

Members have a typical time commitment of 10-12 days per year.

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for the political activity of appointees (if any declared) to be published.

- Stephen Drowley has carried out political activities in the last five years that relate to canvassing on behalf of the Labour party
- Kevin Pascoe has carried out political activities in the last five years that relate to canvassing on behalf of the Labour party
- Clare Jones has carried out political activities in the last five years that relate to packing and delivering envelopes on behalf of the Labour party
- Kelly Edwards has carried out political activities in the last five years that relate to being a member of the Labour party.