

Seren opens the door to Yale University's Yale Young Global Scholars summer programme

The pupils, all part of the [Seren Network](#), will join over 1500 other students from 126 countries and 50 US states on Yale's Young Global Scholars Programme (YYGS), at Yale University's New Haven campus in the US, as part a new scholarship opportunity made possible through the Seren Network.

Education Secretary, Kirsty Williams, will join the first group of pupils from Wales to travel to Yale's New Haven campus as she looks to build on links already made with the university through Seren.

The Education Secretary will also travel to both Harvard University and MIT in Boston to discuss new opportunities and collaborations.

This opportunity has been made available to Welsh students thanks to a jointly funded scholarship between Yale Young Global Scholars (YYGS) and the Welsh Government. The flight costs have been supported through sponsorship by businesses in Wales who are all rooting for the Welsh students.

The students will each spend two weeks at Yale's New Haven campus, where they will take part in a rigorous academic programme led by world-leading academics in one of six areas, including International Affairs & Security, Frontiers of Science & Technology and Politics, Law & Economics.

The partnership has been established to broaden the academic horizons of Welsh students, giving them a taste of university life in the States and the opportunity to make strong university applications when they return.

Kirsty Williams said:

"It is a huge success story for Seren that we've been able to broker a partnership which will see Yale's renowned Young Global Scholars programme made accessible to students across Wales.

"I'm proud to be joining our first ever group of students to take part in this life-changing summer programme and look forward to making new links with other universities as we try to open new doors for many more of our students.

"I want every pupil in every school in every part of Wales to know that if you work hard then no academic opportunity is off-limits. I think this is a perfect example of what is possible and I want to thank all the sponsors involved in making this happen."

This partnership has been made possible through Liam Rahman, a Yale

University alumnus born and raised in Carmarthenshire. A Co-Director at E-Equal Recruitment Education in Cardiff and West Wales, Liam is an avid supporter of The Seren Network and has been the driving force throughout the partnership. E-Equal Recruitment Education is a headline sponsor of the partnership, having raised in excess of £10,000 to fund the cost of students' flights to and from the US.

Liam said:

"Since returning to Wales last year, it's been a real privilege to work with high potential Welsh students through the Seren Network and to be an interviewer for Yale's Undergraduate Admissions Office in Wales through Yale's Alumni Schools Committee.

"Over the past few months, I've worked to build the relationship between Yale Young Global Scholars and The Seren Network, which has culminated in this fantastic partnership and scholarship opportunity.

"This scholarship will deliver life-changing opportunities to some of Wales's brightest sixth formers and gives Yale the opportunity to access some of Wales's very best talent."