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Dear Chair,

Welsh Government response to CYPE Committee 2022-23 Draft Budget report:

Recommendation 24: The Welsh Government must provide the Committee with 6 monthly updates on the progress of the implementation of the ILE programme, including information on how the Welsh Government is promoting the programme to learners in Further Education.

Over the past six months, significant progress has been made in relation to the implementation of the ILE programme, a Welsh Government funded programme delivered by International Learning Exchange Programme (ILEP) Ltd, a subsidiary of Cardiff University, as the Programme Executive.

After launching under its new name, 'Taith', in February, Susana Galvan was appointed as Executive Director of the Programme Executive and has successfully led the team through the first Pathway 1 call. Pathway 1 provides the majority of Taith's activity, and is focused on individual mobilities for learners, researchers and staff. Projects vary from 1 to 2 years for all sectors, apart from the HE sector which has predominantly 3-year projects.

The call was launched in March and was open for applications until May. As the largest part of the programme in terms of funding, it was encouraging to see strong interest in Pathway 1 from all sectors. Following assessment of applications by external assessors and a review by the Taith Funding Committee, the ILEP Ltd Board of Directors met to consider the recommendations, and by the end of July, all successful applicants had been notified of the outcomes.

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Table 1. Value of projects awarded by sector

	No. of applications	No. of projects awarded	Total awarded (£)
Schools	22	15	2,140,041
FE/VET	4	4	1,011,759
Youth	20	13	1,197,695
Adult Education	10	6	146,622
Higher Education (Education)	8	8	4,139,100
Higher Education (Research)	6	6	1,417,500

Table 2. Indicative numbers of Pathway 1 mobility participants by sector

	Youth	Schools	FE/VET	Adult Education	HE (Education)	HE (Research)
Outward	458	1,465	526	75	1,662	465
Inward	97	395	141	20	289	105
Total	555	1,860	667	95	1,951	570

N.B. These numbers are subject to change as projects progress.

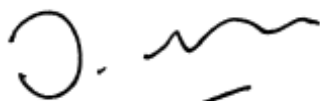
The above figures represent a total of 52 successful applications, including 6 consortium applications that consist of 101 organisations from the Youth, Schools and FE/VET sectors. The indicative partner countries specified at this stage are wide reaching and span across Asia, Africa, North and South America, Europe and Australia.

Pathway 2 (Partnership and Strategic Collaboration), which will support projects with a more strategic theme, will launch on 5 October 2022 and will provide more funding and mobility opportunities for learners and staff.

Taith has a strong programme team behind it who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the programme. There is a designated manager for Further Education, Vocational Education & Training, and Adult Education whose role is to lead on programme engagement across the three sectors.

In addition to the programme team, Taith is governed by an Advisory Board that meets on a regular basis to provide oversight from across the education sector. Advisory Board minutes are published at <https://www.taith.wales/advisory-board/>. Importantly, all sectors are represented at the Board, including Further Education representation from ColegauCymru. Feedback from stakeholders, including at the Advisory Board, has been a crucial part of the development of Pathway 2. The Taith team will support eligible beneficiaries by holding drop-in sessions and webinars over the application period.

Yours sincerely,



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