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Hynt y gwaith gan Lywodraeth Cymru wrth ddatblygu Cwricwlwm newydd Cymru | Welsh Government's progress in developing the new Curriculum for Wales

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Ymateb gan: National Education Union Cymru
Response from: National Education Union Cymru

About National Education Union Cymru:

- The National Education Union Cymru stands up for the future of education. It brings together the voices of teachers, lecturers, support staff and leaders working in maintained and independent schools and colleges to form the largest education union in Wales.
- The National Education Union is affiliated to the Trades Union Congress (TUC), European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE) and Education International (EI). It is not affiliated to any political party and seeks to work constructively with all the main political parties.
- Together, we'll shape the future of education.

Our response

The National Education Union Cymru welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation.

We have answered the questions which were able to do at this time. Overall, we remain concerned about the variation in readiness for the new Curriculum across Wales.

In an interview with BBC Wales, the head of WJEC said that lessons could be learnt from the roll-out of the Curriculum for Excellence in Scotland¹. We would agree with that. We know that expectations must be made clear to the education workforce and that they must be supported to meet those expectations.

Therefore, we have always said access to good professional learning opportunities and funding is critical. Without sufficient CPD and funding the ambitions of 'Our national mission' will not be fulfilled. We note that Professor Mick Waters' report²

¹ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-44522981>

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<http://www.assembly.wales/ministerial%20statements%20documents/the%20future%20of%20teachers%E2%80%99>

5. Moving the roll out of the new Curriculum back was the correct step and hopefully should allow schools to prepare properly. We would like to see full engagement with, and from, the education profession when the new curriculum and assessment arrangements become available for feedback in April 2019. That crucial engagement should remain a priority as we work towards the final model and the implementation of the National Approach to Professional Learning in 2020.