

Welsh Government Consultation on
Home education: statutory guidance for local authorities and
handbook for home educators

Invitation to the ‘Table Talk’ Regional Workshops

All children have the right to an education. In Wales education is compulsory but attending school is not and parents can choose to home educate their children. Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights says the wishes of parents are important and should be respected.

In Wales, children’s rights are protected in law, and at the centre of everything we do. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) sets out that:

- Children have the right to an education. (*Article 28*)
- Children have the right to be involved in decisions that affect their lives (*Article 12*)
- Adults must think about how their decisions will affect children and do what is best for the child. (*Article 3*)

The Welsh Government is consulting currently on draft statutory guidance for local authorities on home education and a handbook for home educators. Click [here](#) for more information about the consultation.

Cazbah and Markit have been commissioned by the Welsh Government to undertake a series of ‘Table Talk’ workshops across Wales to gather feedback as part of the consultation.

To gain your feedback on the draft statutory guidance for local authorities on home education and the handbook for home educators, the Welsh Government would like to invite you as a stakeholder or as a parent plus your children to a ‘Table Talk’ workshop. ‘Table Talk’ sessions for children and young people will run simultaneously to those for adults (stakeholders and parents) in a neighbouring room and will provide an opportunity for a focused discussion.

Participation is entirely voluntary; however, your views and experiences are important in helping to inform Welsh Government policy. All feedback is anonymous and any recordings used to collate responses will be destroyed once the final report on the events is submitted to Welsh Government.

Crèche/play facilities will not be provided for parents who are attending with children who are not taking part in the 'Table Talk' session.

Refreshments will be available. However as lunch will not be provided you are welcome to bring your own snacks.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a 'first-come, first-served basis'. If you would like to attend a 'Table Talk' Workshop, please click on ['Register Now'](#).

Region	Venue	Date	Time
South Wales	Cardiff City Stadium	Friday 11 th October 2019	10.00 - 13.00pm
North Wales	Venue Cymru, Llandudno	Friday 18 th October 2019	10.00 - 13.00pm
Mid and West Wales	Liberty Stadium, Swansea	Monday 21 st October 2019	10.00 - 13.00pm

Once registered, you will receive an email confirming whether you have been successful in securing a place at your chosen workshop.

Please note that the information you provide will be used in accordance with the Welsh Government privacy policy relating to Home Education. The details of this can be read [here](#) *