



### Professor Mick Waters

Professor Mick Waters is an associate with the Centre for Developmental and Applied Research with Wolverhampton University. Prior to this, Mick worked as Director of Curriculum at the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority in England and had a leading role in helping schools to rethink their approach to curriculum design and influencing national policy on aspects of the national curriculum.

Mick also worked for the City of Manchester as their Chief Education Officer. He has also worked in Birmingham Local Education Authority driving forward a school improvement agenda.

Mick has experience of headship in two schools and of working in teacher education and is an author of several educational books. He also led the task and finish group that took forward the review of teachers' pay and conditions in Wales.



### Rhian Ellis

Rhian Morgan Ellis is the head of Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda in Rhondda Cynon Taf. At the Professional Teaching Awards Cymru 2019, she received the award for Headteacher of the Year.

Rhian has been working in her profession for 35 years and has been working at Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda for 30 years. She has worked tirelessly in creating a successful, bilingual and inclusive school with the Welsh language, culture and heritage at the heart of her vision and drive.



### Joysy John

Joysy John is the Director of Education at Nesta, bringing together Nesta's work in education across innovation programmes, research and investment. Joysy is the former Chief Industry Officer of Ada, the National College for Digital Skills where she led the College's industry engagement and online learning website.

Joysy is passionate about education, entrepreneurship and women's empowerment and has helped launch three non-profits focused on education.

Joysy holds a Computer Engineering (Honours) degree from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and an MBA with Distinction from London Business School where she was the President of the Women in Business Club and a Forte Scholar.



Professor Dame Alison Margaret Peacock, DBE DL FRSA

Professor Dame Alison Peacock is Chief Executive of the Chartered College of Teaching, a new Professional Body that seeks to raise our status through celebrating, supporting and connecting teachers to provide expert teaching and leadership. Prior to joining the Chartered College, Dame Alison was Executive Headteacher of The Wroxham School in Hertfordshire.

Her career to date has spanned primary, secondary and advisory roles.

She is an Honorary Fellow of Queens' College Cambridge, a member of the Royal Society Education Committee, and a Visiting Professor of both the University of Hertfordshire and Glyndŵr University. Her research is published in a series of books about Learning without Limits offering an alternative approach to inclusive school improvement.



Dr Dafydd Trystan

Dr Dafydd Trystan Davies is Registrar of the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol and is responsible for the Coleg's work in the Further Education and Apprenticeships sector. He is also Chair of Governors at Ysgol Hamadryad, a new build Welsh Medium Community School, as part of the Welsh Government's 21st century schools programme. The new school is held as an exemplar of Sustainable Travel to school.

He is Chair of Cycle Training Wales and Run Wales and previously served as a board member of Sustrans Wales. He is also a Director of TooGoodToWaste.

Dafydd was previously a lecturer in Welsh Politics at Aberystwyth University, and served as both Chief Executive and Chair of Plaid Cymru. He is also a member of the European steering committee for the NPLD - the network for the promotion of linguistic diversity