



Wiser Wales Network News

One of the aims of Wiser Wales is to get professionals who practise or who are interested in the Philosophy for Children (P4C) together, so that we can all share our ideas, experiences and resources. We have established a network of teachers and other educational professionals and we hope that this network will grow, take off in different directions and work in partnership with other existing networks, so that awareness of this valuable method of teaching can become more and more widespread across Wales.

Our most recent meeting took place at one of our project pilot schools, Ogmore Comprehensive School in Bridgend. We have been working closely with this school and many pupils here have had lots of experience of P4C in a diverse range of subject areas, over the last year or so, including English, Geography, History, Art, Mathematics, RE and PSE.



Around thirty educators from a wide range of educational settings attended the meeting. Importantly, some parents also came along and actively took part in discussion. At the meeting, a group of Year 7 and 8 pupils took part in a philosophical enquiry and fielded questions about P4C at their school. There were a wide range of views and ideas exchanged and all involved are now keen to move forward with the network. The young people's enthusiasm for P4C as well as their pride in what they have achieved by engaging with this method of learning came across very clearly and echoed the contributions of the Ogmore teachers at the meeting.

It was a productive and insightful meeting and CEWC-Cymru sends thanks to everyone who supported and took part in it.

Get Involved!

The Ogmore meeting was a great success on which we are now really keen to build. The network participants agreed that, to enable as many people as possible to take part, the venue for future meetings should vary and, ideally, they should take place in schools.

**The next meeting will be held at 4.00 pm until 5.00 pm
on Thursday 5 May 2011**

**at Bryn Celynnog Comprehensive School,
Penycoedcae Road, Beddau, Rhondda Cynon Taff, CF38 2AE.**

Everyone is welcome and we hope that you are able to come along!