

Cardiff University Conference 2016

More than 100 teachers from across Wales gathered at Cardiff University for an event designed to help develop their skills and confidence in delivering the Welsh Baccalaureate.

The Welsh Baccalaureate Teachers' Conference (5 July 2016) is hosted by the University's School of Social Sciences and is the second time the event has been held at the University.

This year's programme has been developed by Cardiff University researchers in partnership with WJEC and advisory teachers and is focused on the Individual Project and Global Citizenship Challenge of the Welsh Baccalaureate.

The event is led by Rhys Jones, Lecturer in Quantitative Methods FE in the School of Social Sciences: "Following on from last year's success, we have created an event that echoes the needs of teachers and lecturers of the Welsh Baccalaureate, across Wales," said Rhys. "This year there are more workshops, including hands on activities, to support the delivery of this valued qualification. The event is a valuable opportunity for us and the FE/Schools sector to work together to ensure students are prepared for higher education. We are looking forward to welcoming delegates on the day," he added.

Sue Diment the University's Schools Partnership Officer said: "The Welsh Baccalaureate Conference is a great event for teachers to learn new skills and improve their confidence in the teaching and assessment of the Individual Project and Global Citizenship Challenges. Equally, the event enables researchers to engage directly with schools and colleges, sharing their research and expertise and enthusing teachers to help raise aspirations in their students and support the development of the next generation of researchers."

Professor Patricia Price, the University's Pro Vice-Chancellor for Student Experience & Academic Standards said: "I'm delighted to see the way in which this collaboration has grown so successfully, over such a short period of time. By working closely with WJEC and teaching staff on the new Baccalaureate, Cardiff University is demonstrating its commitment to raising aspirations for pupils in Wales to continue their skill development and help prepare them for a University experience. My thanks go to all of those who have made the conference such a success."

