



Memorandum of Agreement between
Bangor University, United Kingdom
and
Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, United Kingdom

This Memorandum of Agreement is between:

- a) Bangor University (Bangor), A higher education institution and charity registered in England and Wales under charity number 1141565 established under Royal Charter and whose registered address is: Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2DG UK
- b) Grŵp Llandrillo Menai (GLIM), a Further Education institution whose registered address is: Llandudno Road, Rhos on Sea, LL28 4HZ ("GLIM")

1. Scope of the Memorandum

Building from their longstanding relationship, Bangor University and Grŵp Llandrillo Menai are recommitting to their common vision for a transformative impact in North Wales.

The Parties remain committed to expanding accessible higher education in North Wales and also to building from that base for wider economic and social impact. Both share a common vision to address the regional challenges of inequalities, both in health and social contexts, economic development and a sustainable and fair society. Targeting growth in the economy and recovery after major changes such as BREXIT and the coronavirus pandemic, The Parties will provide a coherent, integrated and vibrant context for education, training and skills development. Using our collective expertise, capability and excellence we shall help sustain and support the recovery and future development of the regional economy.

Through this Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) the parties are renewing their commitment to deliver against that vision and to continue to provide an exemplar of the benefits of a rich collaboration between further and higher education.

This MoA serves to:

- Recognise the success of the collaboration, recognising the significant contribution of both Parties to the economy and society of North Wales.
- Establish a new phase in the development of Higher Education in North Wales providing education, skills, research and innovation to the regional economy and workforce.
- Celebrate and build on the success of the review of collaborative provision acknowledging excellence in quality assurance, investment, student support, enhancement, professional development and a positive commitment to the learning environment.

In particular the parties will:

- o Continue to commit to the success of the wide portfolio of HE provision being delivered in the region, maintaining pathways for inclusion and for ensuring a broad regional offer into HE. Collaborating to ensure successful recruitment to the programmes and ensuring ongoing success, working creatively to maximise successful and wide access to both undergraduate and postgraduate HE.
- o Work collaboratively to respond to the recommendations of the 2021 Institutional Review, working together proactively to maintain a culture of continuous improvement of the partnership.
- o Commit to the delivery of an excellent student experience, excellent quality and standards and a rich pastoral and social environment for our students in the region. o Work collaboratively with regional employers in the public and private sectors to support the development of the regional workforce, advancing the public and private sectors, providing HE opportunities fully aligned with employer demand, both in terms of workforce and skills gaps. Work with common interest to ensure alignment with employer needs.
- o Collaborate to explore a more proactive approach to collaboration around key sectors such as Health, Digital, Low Carbon, Nuclear and construction and maintaining an active vision for new sector-based opportunity.
- o Collaborate in the regional policy context, supporting and contributing to programmes such as the North Wales Growth Deal, maintaining a collaborative dialogue and approach to positive regional policy development.
- o Whilst respecting one another's essential autonomy, work collaboratively with BCUHB and HEIW to seek to work together more widely in Medical and Health disciplines, delivering sustainable workforce supply whilst also delivering new workforce and new knowledge for the Health and Medical professions.

- o Work together proactively and positively in our engagement with the work of the Welsh Government's Commission for Tertiary Education and Research (CTER). Engaging positively, providing exemplars of the successes of our established collaboration and actively engaging in the critical policy frameworks which will be introduced.
- o Supporting the civic landscape across the region through engagement with regional initiatives, jointly where appropriate to ensure cultural development and contribution to regional cultural strategies.

Acknowledge the significance of our geographical spread and the opportunities that presents both in a learning context but also in assets, infrastructure and the collaborative opportunities that will arise from such assets and services.

- o Collaborate to ensure the continued strengthening of Further and Higher Education, developing our provision and enhancing participation and engagement through:
- o Maintaining a rich diverse and attractive range of provision which attracts students into tertiary education and provides pathways across all levels.
- o Delivering vocational programmes both jointly and severally which deliver the knowledge, volume and skills essential to the regional economy.
- o Engagement with employers across the region's priority sectors to ensure a coherent and cohesive skills and innovation landscape which delivers opportunity for economic growth.
- o Exploring new modes of delivery, embracing sector requirements, exploring micro-provision, growth in the part-time portfolio and blended learning.
- o Delivering a significant positive contribution as part of an all-Wales system of Further and Higher Education, providing positive exemplars and sharing practice to further enhance performance both between the partners and across the sector.
- o Maintaining a focus on the characteristics, language and cultures of the communities across North Wales.

2. Future Collaborative arrangements

The Parties will work together to successfully deliver the existing partnership activities and, as new opportunities develop, work with particular focus on communication, quality assurance and ways of working. Future collaboration agreements will supplement the understanding set out in this MoA.

The Parties will work together to establish: a new framework for collaboration, a delivery model, communications models and quality assurance models to ensure success of the collaboration. These models will be framed in appropriate collaboration agreements to supplement the understanding set out in this MoA.

3. MoA Status

- o This MoA is not intended to be legally binding, and no legal obligations or legal rights shall arise between the parties from this MoA. The parties enter into the MoA intending to honour all their obligations.
- O Nothing in this MoA is intended to, or shall be deemed to, establish any partnership or joint venture between the parties, constitute either party as the agent of the other party, nor authorise either of the parties to make or enter into any commitments for or on behalf of the other party.

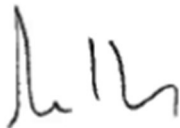
4. Term of the MoA

This MoA is valid for 5 years from the date of signing. It may be renewed or varied in writing by mutual agreement.

This Memorandum of Agreement is subject to the rules and regulations governing Bangor and GLIM.

Signed on behalf of:

Bangor University



Professor Iwan Davies

Vice-Chancellor

Date: 06/05/2022

Signed on behalf of:

Grŵp Llandrillo Menai



Dafydd Evans

Chief Executive

Date: 06/05/2022