

Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 15719

3 December 2021

Dear

ATISN 15719 – International Learning exchange programme

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 29 November 2021. You asked for four pieces of information related to the International Learning Exchange Programme: the salary of the executive director; the salaries of any other directors, employees or advisors; any expenses incurred by the Welsh Government including fees for consultation; and a list of meetings the Welsh Government has held regarding the programme.

Our response

A copy of the information we hold is enclosed.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that not all of the information you require is held by the Welsh Government.

Details of the salary of the Executive Director and the salaries of any other directors, employees or advisors should be directed to Cardiff University, who hold the grant and have responsibility for the delivery of the Programme.

To-date, the Welsh Government have incurred expenses of £13,995.60 (inc. VAT) on external legal fees related to the Programme.

Welsh Government officials and Ministers have held meetings with representatives of the following organisations to discuss the International Learning Exchange Programme: Aberystwyth University; Bangor University; Cardiff University; Cardiff Metropolitan University; University of Wales Trinity St David; University of South Wales; Swansea University; Glyndwr University; Universities Wales; Colegau Cymru; Adult Learning Wales; Coleg Cambria; Gower College Swansea; The College Merthyr Tydfil; Coleg Gwent; Coleg Sir Gar/Coleg Ceredigion; Pembrokeshire College; Bridgend College; Grwp NPTC; Grwp Llandrillo Menai; St David's Catholic Sixth Form College; Cardiff and Vale College; International Links (Global) Ltd.; British Council; Ecorys; National Union of Students Wales; Wales Higher Education Brussels; HEFCW; Universities UK International; Pembrokeshire

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Council; Association of Directors of Education Wales; Welsh Centre for International Affairs; Horn Development Association Cardiff; Council for Wales Youth Voluntary Service; Boys and Girls Club Wales; Welsh Local Government Association; the Urdd.

In addition, Welsh Government officials or Ministers have held meetings to discuss the International Learning Exchange Programme with ministers or officials from the following governments or embassies: European Union; the Netherlands; New Zealand; Quebec; Brittany; Canada; Denmark; Scotland; Northern Ireland; United Kingdom; Basque; Germany; Vietnam.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

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