

23 September 2022

Dear

ATISN 16609

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 25th August 2022. You asked for:

1. A breakdown of how many exchanges are expected to be undertaken in total in (a) 2022/23 and (b) 2023/24 between all the Pathway 1 large multiyear projects which have been awarded to date under the Taith learning exchange programme.
2. How many civil servants or other officials (a) are currently working on the Taith project and (b) have worked on the project since it was devised in 2021.

Our response

Q1 - I have included a table which outlines the data for outward and inward mobility numbers of successful applications (based on what has been included in the application forms of beneficiaries). These numbers are subject to change as projects progress, so they are, to a large extent, indicative at this stage. The Higher Education sector is predominantly comprised of 3-year projects therefore mobilities are largely spread over 3 academic years. NB these numbers indicate mobilities of learners and staff:

Outward and Inward Mobility Numbers	Youth	Schools	FE/VET	Adult Education	HE (Education)	HE (Research)
Outward	458	1465	526	75	1662	465
Inward	97	395	141	20	289	105
Total	555	1860	667	95	1951	570

Q2. – The International Tertiary Education team within Welsh Government manage Taith, along with other responsibilities, and is currently comprised of 4.200 FTE staff members.

14 members of Welsh Government staff have worked, in some capacity, on Taith since its inception; this figure does not include members of the finance team who have assisted in an

ancillary capacity. Time committed by staff members has varied depending on the expertise and input required at each stage.

The Programme itself is being managed by a subsidiary of Cardiff University (International Learning Exchange Programme Limited). Current ILEP Ltd. staff can be found here: [Team - Taith](#). If you require further information, please contact ILEP Ltd. directly.

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:

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Welsh Government,

Cathays Park,

Cardiff,

CF10 3NQ

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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