

EDUCATION, LEISURE, AND LIFELONG LEARNING DIRECTORATE

Welcome to the Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning Directorate

The Directorate employs about 4500 people (including those employed in the schools) with central offices based in the Civic Centre and Aberafan House in Port Talbot. The budget for the Directorate is £100 million. There are 72 Primary Schools, 11 Secondary Schools and 3 Special Schools. In addition, the Directorate is responsible for 20 Libraries, Baglan IT Centre, Ysgol Hendre Learning Support, and the St Helens Welsh Language Unit. The Directorate achieved Investors in People status in 2001 and is re-assessed periodically.

The Directorate has recognised that the main priority for the Authority was the raising of standards in both school and pupil performance. The key component of this strategic approach was the establishment of a culture of continuous improvement developed through partnership with and between schools.

Directorate Management Structure

The Corporate Director is Karl Napieralla who was appointed to the post in October 2001 and was formerly Head of Schools and Lifelong Learning with the Authority since 1996.

Head of Schools, Education Development and Inclusion Service - Aled Evans is responsible for; Raising standards and continuous improvement in schools, School Inspections, Reviews, Monitoring and Evaluation, Performance Management, Schools Curriculum Development, Training Design and Delivery, Governor Support and Training, Special Educational Needs Pupil Assessment, Schools Psychology Service, Pupil Referral Units, Home Tuition and Education Welfare Service, Pupil and Parent Support Services and Peripatetic Learning, Sensory and Behaviour Support Services.

Head of Access & Support Services - Stuart Evans is responsible for Personnel Services, Teachers' Conditions of Service, Student Support Services, Health and Safety Training, IIP/Training and Development, Child Protection, Directorate Financial Monitoring, Financing of Schools, Income Generation, Grants & External Funding, Capital Programming & Premises Development, Catering & Cleaning of Schools, Best Value Support & Development, Baglan IT, Welsh Language, Music and Library Resources Services.



Head of Lifelong Learning, Culture & Leisure – Russell Ward is responsible for Community Development, New Learning Network, Skills & Training Services, Youth and Adult Services, Objective one funding, Libraries, Museums, Theatres, Arts, Entertainment & Special Events. Outdoor Sports Facilities, Sports Development and Margam County Park.

Examples of Achievements

A very good Best Value Review inspection of the Lifelong Learning Service in was obtained during 2002.

Contact Point for Further Information

If you require any further information about the Education, Leisure, and Lifelong Learning Directorate, or about the post in which you are interested, please contact Personnel Services (01639- 763564)