

Summit to ensure Welsh-medium textbooks

The special event will address concerns about the supply and creation of Welsh-medium and English-medium text books for the new created in Wales qualifications and the new curriculum that is currently being developed.

It will bring together representatives from the Welsh Government, WJEC, Qualifications Wales, Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol, educational consortia, CYDAG and others to look at the issue of providing the right text books and materials for Wales' education system.

The summit will look at:

- The current situation for Welsh-medium resources.
- Identify the challenges and issues for the future for both Welsh and English textbooks to meet the needs of reformed curriculum and qualifications.
- Provide an opportunity to propose ideas for the way forward.

Kirsty Williams said:

"We are in the midst of massive change in Welsh education as we develop new curriculum and assessment arrangements.

"I have been concerned when told of the lack of availability of Welsh textbooks. I do not expect children who do their exams through the medium of Welsh to be disadvantaged in any way. We have worked with WJEC to look at this issue and there are now new practices which have helped to reduce the difference in timescales between the availability of textbooks in English and Welsh.

"However, I am clear that these are merely temporary solutions for the current reform of qualifications. I am not happy with the current situation. This event brings together the people who can make a difference and help come up with long-term solutions."