

**Comments from Higher Education Wales – Response to action points from 28 November 2007.**

- Case study material giving specific examples of outcomes of relationships between Higher Education Institutions, Further Education Institutions and employers which benefit regional economies. (Word document ‘HE/FE Partnerships case studies’’).

This word document set out the approach of the sector on HE/FE links and how it contributes to the high level skills agenda which relates to paras. 5-11 of the HEW initial written evidence given in November 2007.

Pages 4-7 sets out the full list of arrangements between HE/FE in Wales, while pages 8-16 set out a series of case studies of HE/FE partnerships. I am not sure how we can further redact the case studies provided on pgs.8-16 but please drop the author of the case studies, Karen Jones (029 2044 8022), a line if you need to explore this further. You will note that the following paragraph in the HEW initial written evidence summarises the HE/FE links picture overall:

7. Universities are already cooperating closely with FE colleges to raise high level skill levels. Over 240 NVQ level 4 courses in 113 qualification areas are already successfully delivered in partnerships between universities and FE colleges across Wales - usually through flexible franchised arrangements. Ten universities were involved this ‘HE in FE’ provision which led to 6,500 student enrolments.

- Details of how Higher Education Institutions engage with Community First Partnerships to promote education and lifelong learning. (Excel file ‘HEI Engagement..’). The Excel file attached outlines all the projects that HEFCW record as being conducted by *Reaching Wider* partnerships in *Communities First* areas in the various regions of Wales. *Reaching Wider* partnerships are the part-HEFCW funded vehicles that co-ordinate the provision of widening participation schemes in line with WAG’s *Reaching Higher* strategy.

<b>Engagement with Communities First</b>			
<b>Reaching Wider Partnership</b>	<b>Communities First Region</b>	<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Activity Title</b>
North Wales	Communities First areas in Ynys Mon, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham	2006/08	Key stage 2- Transition workshops
			Key stage 3- Aspirational mentoring
			Key stage 3- Peer mentoring
			Key stage 4- Summer Schools/ Drama Events
			Ages 16-20- Aspirational Peer Mentoring
			Ages 21+- Family and community learning
			Work based Learning- Bridging project
West and Mid Wales	Communities First areas in Powys, Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion in 2006/07 and Powys and Cerdigion in 2007/08	2006/08	Expanding Horizons- (GCSE revision for those predicted not to gain a C at core subjects)
			After School Clubs
			Taste of University Life
			Wales Summer University
South West Wales	Communities First areas in Swansea and Neath Port Talbot in 2006/07 and Swansea, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire in 2007/08	2006/08	Key stage 2&3- Arts in Action
			Key stage 4- Aiming for Collage Education Days (ACE)
			Key stage 4- Year 10 Summer School
			Age 16-20- Year 12 Summer School
			Age 16-20- FE Progression posts (providing one day events to encourage enrollment from Young People in CF areas)
South East Wales	Communities First areas in Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Vale of Glamorgan, Cardiff, Newport, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Torfaen, Monmouthshire and Blaenau Gwent.	2006/08	Key stage 2- Coedylan DRWS ( Developing Reading and Writing Skills)
			Key stage 2/3/4- Strings Workshops
			Key stage 3- Yr 8 Language Day
			Key stage 3&4- Glamorgan Literature Festival
			Key stage 4- Welsh Language Week
			Key stage 4&5- Stock Market Challenge