EDUCATING ‘AGENDA’
SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE IN MAKING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS MATTER

Wednesday 5 July 2017
CARDIFF UNIVERSITY
University Hall Conference Centre
09:00 – 14:30
Background

Wales is the only nation that has a devolved government guide for taking a whole school approach to gender-based and sexual harassment, backed by law. But Wales has gone further than this. It has produced a national resource kit that takes forward a core part of a whole-school approach to healthy relationships – supporting young people to take action themselves.

*AGENDA: A young people’s guide to making positive relationships matter* is a free online guide developed with young people, for young people. It has been designed so that 11-18 year olds can explore the issues they are interested in at their own pace.

It showcases the different ways in which young people in Wales and across the world have raised awareness of how gender-based and sexual violence impact upon their lives and the lives of others, about issues such as: gender discrimination, consent, LGBTQ & T+ rights, bullying and sexual harassment, street harassment, female genital mutilation, sexual exploitation and relationship abuse.

With equality, diversity, children’s rights and social justice at its heart, AGENDA enables young people to speak out on gender and sexual injustices and violence through their own and others’ change-making practices. It’s an affirmative, ethical-political and creative approach to learn about and change deeply entrenched and complex issues.

ABOUT THE EVENT
This is primarily a conference for teachers and students, but all educational practitioners are welcome to attend the morning session. All participants will receive a free copy of the resource and refreshments and lunch will be provided.

The aim of the event is to:

- Showcase how AGENDA has been inspiring young people to **raise awareness** of gender and sexuality issues in their schools.
- Demonstrate and **provide training** on how AGENDA can be embedded in **whole school approaches** to healthy relationships and sexuality education from experts in the field.
- Offer **bespoke workshops** to students and teachers on how to use AGENDA.
- Invite teachers and students to **become AGENDA ambassadors**.

**NB.** There is a small registration fee for adult participants of £15.

**PROGRAMME**

**Morning Session**

08:30 – 09:00  Welcome, Refreshments and Registration

09:00 – 09:20  AGENDA’s first steps: the journey so far

*Professor Emma Renold*, Cardiff University.

09:20 – 09:30  Children’s rights and healthy relationships

*Sally Holland*, Children’s Commissioner for Wales.

09:30 – 09:40  What’s on the AGENDA for healthy relationships education in Wales?

*Kirsty Williams*, Cabinet Secretary for Education, Welsh Government.

09:40 – 09:50  How does the National Advisor for VAWDASV support young people?
**Rhian Bowen-Davies**, National Adviser for Violence against Women, other forms of Gender-Based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

09.50 – 10.30  AGENDA on the front line: young people making a difference in Wales

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Mountain Ash Comprehensive School

Newid-ffem, DIGON and BALCH

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr

Face to Face

Tonyrefail Comprehensive School

10.30 – 10.45  Introducing the GEA GELS network

**Professor Jessica Ringrose** (UCL, Institute of Education), Executive Director of Gender and Education Association and co-director of Gender and Equalities and Leadership in Schools (GELS)

**Hanna Retallack** (Teacher and PhD Candidate/Associate lecturer UCL, Institute of Education) co-director of Gender and Equalities and Leadership in Schools (GELS).

**Paul Livingstone Dunkley** (PhD candidate, UCL Institute of Education Research Officer, UCL GASES (Gender and Sexual Equity in schools)

10:45 – 11:00  Break

11:00 – 12:30  TRAINING for AGENDA newbies and AGENDA ambassadors

Separate workshops for Young People and Practitioners.

12.30 – 13:15  Lunch and AGENDA Fayre

Eat, drink and walk around the stalls featuring artefacts and stories of how AGENDA is making a difference across Wales; and organisations to support your activities.

**Afternoon session**

13.15 – 14:00  Putting AGENDA into action

Breakout sessions re-uniting practitioners and young people to develop their AGENDA school action plans.
14.00 – 14.30  Supporting Future AGENDAs

Final session to find out more about how AGENDA has been useful to you, and what further support you need to put AGENDA into practice.

NB. This event is sponsored by Cardiff University and the Women’s Equality Network Wales (WEN Wales), and supported by NSPCC/Cymru, Welsh Women’s Aid, the Spectrum Project (Hafan Cymru)

**HOW TO BOOK**

For further information and to book, please contact cascade@caerdydd.ac.uk

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