



Issues in Deaf Education in Wales.

March 5th 2015 4pm-7pm, there is a twilight meeting at Cwrt Sart Comprehensive in Briton Ferry, to consider issues in Welsh Deaf Education. Speakers are Emma Williams, Head of Support for Learners at the Welsh Government and Paul Simpson, Batod NEO. Please come along and ensure your concerns are addressed. Refreshments will be provided.

This meeting will be directly relevant to your work as a teacher of the deaf. Please confirm your attendance to batodwales@batod.org.uk so that we can ensure seating and catering.

Make your voice heard

Batod Wales committee next meets on February 4th. Please email any issues or items you wish to be considered to: batodwales@batod.org.uk or contact a known committee member directly. We are here to represent you.

NEC meets after the national conference on 15th March. The Welsh reps will take forward your comments and concerns.

Welsh government SEN reforms.

The period of consultation on the white paper has now closed, but responses can be viewed on <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/education/proposals-for-additional-learning-needs-white-paper/?lang=en>

Batod Wales responded on your behalf and this can also be viewed on the Wales Region section of the website.

Other government activity which is relevant to those working with Deaf and hearing impaired children and young people, is the decision to adopt the proposal allowing **claims of disability discrimination** to be made by children. Please view the following link for more information; <http://wales.gov.uk/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2014/senclaims/?lang=en>

Wrexham and Carmarthenshire have been part of the pilot for this and the evaluation of their experiences can be read here: <http://wales.gov.uk/docs/caecd/research/2014/140626-pilot-young-peoples-rights-appeal-claim-sen-tribunal-en.pdf>

National Conference 2015 Supporting Deaf Children and Young People in the 21st century in Edinburgh on 14th March. See the main website for further details

Do you have a favourite app of the moment? Please pass it on via the BATOD website. A working group of NEC is currently compiling an easily accessible list of apps for different ages and purposes which will be displayed on the resources section.