

Bulletin



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New Chair appointed / Vacancies on the Board of Agored Cymru

1) New Chair appointed to Agored Cymru

The Board is pleased to announce that Peter James has been appointed as the new Chair of Agored Cymru. Peter takes over from Mark Dacey, Principal of Neath Port Talbot College who held the position from 2005 and who led OCN Wales through the process to become an Awarding Organisation. In line with the revised governance model the new Chair comes from outside the membership. Peter will be attending both of the Agored Cymru launch events to be held in October and November.

Peter has extensive experience of governance in the FE and schools sectors, most recently as Chair of Coleg Morgannwg, the Mid Glamorgan Education Business Partnership and Pontypridd High School. He is a qualified pharmacist and was the founder of a very successful independent pharmacy until 2000 when he sold the business to concentrate on other projects and opportunities.

2) Vacancies on the Board of Agored Cymru

There are 5 vacancies on the Board, including the position of Vice Chair, to be filled by people appointed from outside the membership. Applications are invited from suitably experienced people with skills in the following areas:

- Knowledge of policy agenda influencing education and training in Wales
- Welsh and bilingual issues
- Sectoral specialist knowledge in : Offender Learning, Work Based Learning, Welsh for Adults, Health, 14 – 19 provision

Knowledge and skills related to:

- Managing financial transactions, assets and resources
- Product development, sales and marketing experience

If you are aware of any person with the appropriate skills/knowledge who may be interested in becoming a Board member (appointed category) please contact Janet Barlow, Chief Executive Officer **by 30 October 2009** (Direct Line: 01248 673468 Mobile: 07841 231408) or e-mail: janet.barlow@agored.org.uk

The Annual General Meeting will be held in January 2010. As is normal practice if there are any vacancies in the 'elected category' (to be nominated from and by the member organisations) details will be circulated well in advance of the AGM.