

European Social Fund
Equal 2001 Call – Action 2



**Development Partnership Progress Report and
Interim Claim Form**

Section 1 Development Partnership details

Development Partnership name
Curiad Calon Cymru

Dossier Number
05E020WAO

End of claim (*month and year*)
February 2007

Section 2a Expenditure incurred (actual)

Please confirm that you have completed and attached the Expenditure and Revenue Spreadsheet to this claim by ticking this box.

	Actual expenditure - cumulative	£
A	Staff costs – cumulative	
B	Beneficiary costs – cumulative	
C	Other costs – cumulative	
D	Transnational costs – cumulative	
E	Total gross costs – cumulative (A + B + C + D)	0
F	Revenue – cumulative	
G	Total net costs – cumulative (E – F)	0

Must agree with row A in the Expenditure and Revenue Spreadsheet

Must agree with row B in the Expenditure and Revenue Spreadsheet

Must agree with row C in the Expenditure and Revenue Spreadsheet

Must agree with row D in the Expenditure and Revenue Spreadsheet

Must agree with row F in the Expenditure and Revenue Spreadsheet

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Section 2b Match funding contributed (actual)

You should only complete this section when you are submitting General Statements of Expenditure; otherwise, please leave this section blank. Please make sure that the ESF meets all the requirements detailed in Chapter 2 of the guidance on preparing progress reports and claiming payments in Action 2.

Match funding and ESF – cumulative		£
H	Public match funding – cumulative	
I	Private match funding – cumulative	
J	ESF – cumulative	
K	Total ESF and match funding – cumulative (H + I + J)	0

Please make sure that the ESF does not exceed the figure in the Action 2 Agreement.

L	Public match funding intervention rate $(H \div G) \times 100$!Zero Divide
M	ESF intervention rate $(J \div G) \times 100$!Zero Divide

Please make sure the public match funding intervention rate is at least 10%.

Please make sure that the ESF intervention rate does not exceed the figure in the Action 2 Agreement.

Section 3 Beneficiaries (actual)

Actual beneficiaries	
Number of starters – cumulative	756
Number of completers – cumulative	384
Number of ongoing participants – cumulative	234
Number of early leavers – cumulative	138
Number of companies supported - cumulative	0

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Section 4 Progress of the Development Partnership

Please detail the Development Partnership's progress since the last interim claim under the following headings.

a Development Partnership's aims and objectives

The five clusters are now established and links between the development Officers have been formed. The three cross-cutting themes are up and running and are now starting to pull together.

There is no change proposed to the clearly set out programmes but the Steering group undertook a brief review of Section 6 Strategic Objectives and outputs. It is clear from that meeting that there are benefits being derived from the Cluster approach but delegates learned of opportunities to work across clusters where some work is being carried out towards similar aims.

To assist in the continued development of the aims and objectives recruitment of additional Partners has been pursued. This will add to the capability of certain Cluster groups and spread wider the geographic interface with disadvantaged groups, particularly in the migrant worker cluster. To ensure that the knowledge gained from both individual organisation working and partnership working remains within the DP, IAGO have joined to promote their Knowledge Management Toolkit with the intention of using that tool to secure and retain the information and knowledge earned throughout the DP.

b Equal opportunities

This project has a comprehensive Equal Opportunities policy and implementation strategy.

It forms a key tenet of the project and is outlined by all involved when meeting new groups for the first time.

Given that it was drawn up at the bid stage it is now subject to review and that process has started.

At the meeting held at AWEMA with WEFO the suggestion from WEFO that an Equal Opportunity sub group be formed was accepted and this will be discussed at full Partners meeting to be held in September. The suggestion was accepted and a sub-group has been formed, terms of reference have been issued and the date of the first meeting set.

Terms of Reference have now been agreed and work has commenced. The group is now actively reviewing the Policy and Implementation Strategy.

c Innovation

Although the concept of action research is not in itself innovative, the range of partners brought together in the Project and the breadth of activity combined in the Clustering and cross-cutting elements has not been evidenced before.

The task now is to drive out effective working of Partners joining together to establish links, assess the issues and problems identified and working with the community groups assist in formulating strategies to support solutions.

The early responses have now been considered and a programme of activities is being planned to take place during the early months of 2007.

d Empowerment

The initial work done has now been considered and will drive the activities across the remainder of the Project. There is clear evidence that unemployment rates amongst BME communities has increased over the last few years as compared to mainstream unemployment that has seen a decline. Preparing people from BME communities for the world of work is a key focus in this Project.

As mentioned above the planning has now taken place for the programme of events that will take place in early 2007. These events are varied and spread across Wales and will seek to involve as wide a community as possible with the aim of presenting solutions to the issues discovered during the research phase.

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e Transnational work

The next phase of the transnational work has commenced and will be outlined in the Conference to be held in Holland in April 2007. Responses to the next series of questions are being compiled and will be submitted to the Finland secretariat.

f Monitoring and evaluation

The Draft Report has been submitted for initial comment and this is being perused at AWEMA.

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g Activities, outputs and outcomes

The following progress has been recorded during the month across the clusters

WOMEN

Within BAWSO the pre-employment training is continuing with plans for a third session being formed. That session will run in late spring 2007. They have now started working more closely with the JCPlus Want to Work team in grangetown and butetown areas of Cardiff.

At Mewn Swansea the PGCE course is continuing. Mewn are planning their celebrations of International Womens day to be run next month.

PROGRESSING INTO EMPLOYMENT

Job Search support continues apace. The initiative and link for Securities Industry is ongoing although we are now seeing some objections coming to the fore amongst our nominees. We shall be meeting with the company concerned to address all concerns. This part of the programme has seen multiple successes and should produce over half of the Jobs Created target.

Contact has been made with the Call Centre Forum with a view to running a "taster" event aiming to attract interest across all our target market.

MIGRANT WORKERS

It is particularly pleasing to record that this cluster will meet over 50% of the Partnership targets for new networks. 3 have been or are in the process of being formed. Migrant Workers Forums in Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf Forums have been formed by VALREC. SEWREC have developed a community group calling themselves "African Roots Alive". A Limited Company has been purchased and formal officers, trustees and committee have been appointed.

Isolated Households

Activity in this area is low this month owing to increased activity reported above, however advocacy, casework and mentoring has occurred

Community Empowerment

HOMEWORK CLUBS

These continue in Cardiff and Swansea

Teaching Assistants

This course has started and will run for 16 weeks. It is likely that this will be repeated later in the autumn.

Environment and Disability Partners

Preparation for two community groups to visit Sustainability Trail

Establishing and developing a BME Disability event in conjunction with Disability Rights Commission

A celebration of Mother Tongue day took place with the Bangladeshi community well to the fore and lead by the AWEMA DO looking after the community.

In Swansea our DO working with the Chinese community presented the Chinese New Year celebrations at the Brangwyn Hall. This was a prominent event in

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the Chinese Community and over 1000 people attended with excellent representation from Assembly Government including the First Minister. Our DO acted as compere for the event and she attracted much praise.

MENTORING

This cluster has paused while changes in Staff at SOVA appointments work their way through. Staff appointments have been made and they be in post during the next 4 weeks.

h Dissemination and mainstreaming

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Section 6 Certification

I certify that:

- I have already claimed an advance payment.
- The expenditure declared is eligible for ESF purposes and has been spent on the Development Partnership.
- The Development Partnership activities and outputs stated are accurate.
- I agree to repay on demand any payments made if, after investigation, the Development Partnership has not been carried out in line with the ESF regulations and the Development Partnership Agreement.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to declare any significant changes in line with the Action 2 Agreement and **Equal** guidance.

Name (in CAPITALS) NAZ MALIK

Position in organisation Chief Executive

Signed

Date

Official stamp of lead partner or DP Ltd

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