

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
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Dossier Number

End of claim (<i>month and year</i>) November 2006

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

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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÷G) x 100	!Zero Divide
M	ESF intervention rate (J÷G) x 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.

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.

At the first meeting the Terms of Reference were reviewed and some small amendments suggested. During that meeting the Equal Opportunities Policy was reviewed and again some small amendments suggested. Any amendments finally agreed will be subject to Ratification by the DP Steering Group. Owing to the Equal Opportunities group not being able to meet during November this process is still awaiting ratification.

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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.

Early indications from the completed research work so far indicate that the barriers to employment are still evident. However the Partnership is evaluating the initial findings and it is expected that we shall discover new solutions during the next phase of work.

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.

From the work completed so far by the Development Officers, UWIC is compiling an assessment and comparison of the common elements across all the communities. We await this comparison and assessment as it will inform the next stages of the Project work.

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e Transnational work

Preparation for the Conference continued apace during the early part of the month.

The Conference took place between the 21st and 23rd November with partners arriving during the 20th November.

The first day saw meetings between Co-ordinators and between evaluators with Study Visits to Partners in Cardiff and the Valleys following a short tour of Cardiff Bay. There was a reception during the evening to foster new friendships and to meet old colleagues.

The 22nd saw the public element of the Conference and we were pleased to welcome Les Opperman, Head of Branch at WEFO to formally open the Conference. Presentations were given by representatives of all Trans-national Partners followed by lunch and a "marketplace" during the afternoon featuring displays by over 40 Public, Private and Voluntary sector organisations. Organisations attending the marketplace included Partners, South Wales Police, Jobcentreplus, Health Boards, Enterprise Rent-a Car, Welsh Jobs.com among others.

Around 140 delegates attended the morning Conference and much good feedback was obtained.

AWEMA hosted a dinner in the evening attended by Partners from the UK and overseas.

The final day saw workshops and presentations of the Policy papers "Connections to the Labour Market", "Social Activation" and "Interactive Networks".

This work will now be consolidated over the next few months and final preparation for the Conference to end the Partnership in Finland in October 2007.

The final element saw the co-ordination group meet to agree dates and formats for the next visit in Holland in April, Brussels Employment week in June and the concluding Conference in Finland.

CCC received much valuable feedback from the Conference and many congratulations from Delegates, organisations and Partners.

f Monitoring and evaluation

Tender Panel met early in the month and the Tender from University of Glamorgan was accepted. They began work immediately and gave a short Presentation at the conference on the 23rd november.

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g Activities, outputs and outcomes

With the focus on preparation for the Transnational Conference responses, activities have been limited during the month. Nevertheless again there is some interesting work to report

Representatives from CCC gave a presentation to the Equal Steering Committee at the Sennedd. This was well received by the Committee and was an excellent opportunity to "showcase" CCC and the work done so far notwithstanding our late start.

Equal Works

Sample questions were submitted and one Partner participated in the web cast.

Connecting Communities

An Open day was held jointly with SOVA, AWEMA and EMAS(Ethnic Minority Achievement Service), part of the LEA. This was to discuss opportunities for people from BME Communities to train as ESOL Tutors and to train as Mentors. Just under 20 delegates attended.

Work on preparation for Childcare Research started. This will be a co-operation between AWEMA, BAWSO and a contribution from the Assembly and will seek responses from Focus Groups across Wales.

Progressing in Employment

Through the Job search facility offered by AWEMA it became clear that there were a number of males from many communities, principally Somali, looking to obtain employment in the Security Industry. Through connections Nitelite and Reliance Security offered to provide an information day. This was followed up with an informal assessment day attended by over 30 people. From this assessment a number of students will go forward to obtain their SIA Licenses. Both Nitelite and Reliance have agreed to subsidise the cost of the Licence exam and accept repayment weekly from the successful candidates towards the candidate cost element. The exact number to sit the Licence exam has yet to be decided but from this initial assessment word of mouth has spread about the AWEMA connection and it is planned to hold a further session in the New Year.

AWEMA staff attended Jobscene at the Cardiff International Arena in early November to publicise Positive Action Training, and the Job search support. Good leads were obtained from a spread of organisations for Positive Action Training and these will be followed up over the next few weeks. AWEMA advertised for it's first PAT Trainees during the month.

At this stage beneficiary numbers have not been revised pending review following the training day held in October.

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h Dissemination and mainstreaming

Tender panel met and accepted the Tender from Lozano Productions. They began work immediately with a visit to the Transnational Conference. .

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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)

Position in organisation

Signed

Date 05-12-2006

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