

**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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End of claim ( <i>month and year</i> ) October 2006
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**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	<b>Total gross costs – cumulative (A + B + C + D)</b>	<b>0</b>
F	Revenue – cumulative	
G	<b>Total net costs – cumulative (E – F)</b>	<b>0</b>

*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
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 that the ESF does not exceed the figure in the Action 2 Agreement.*

*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.

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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

Much preparation has been undertaken this month. Wales will be reporting on 2 of the 3 Policy papers being prepared for presentation and discussion at the Conference in November. This was sent on to Secretariat. The AWEMA trans-national co-ordinator has been working closely with TPs to ensure continuous information flows across the Partnership.

f Monitoring and evaluation

The Tender for the External Evaluator appointment has been published and responses are being obtained. The deadline for submission is November 6<sup>th</sup> 2006.

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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 there is some interesting work to report.

Development Officer Training

A full days training attended by most Development Officers was held at AWEMA. Admin, beneficiary forms and eligibility was discussed during the morning and a vigorous debate was apparent. We were pleased to welcome Michelle Howarth during the day and she was able to experience how the development Officers were passionately engaged in the Project. We were grateful for the guidance given from WEFO during the period Michelle spent with us. It is clear that a day such as this would be usefully repeated.

Equal Works

we received a visit from Tribal to complete the CCC profile sheet on this web site and have been involved in early preparation for the Equal works day on November 21<sup>st</sup> although our active participation on the day will not be possible as it will clash with the Transnational Conference being held by CCC on the same day.

NIACE Dysgu Cymru

The Programme Director gave a presentation on CCC and the needs of the BME community at the annual Conference of NIACE. This continues to strengthen the bonds between us through the NIACE Equal Project "Valuing Learning, Strengthening Communities".

Connecting Communities

A new Development Worker working with the Chinese Community commenced employment at the beginning of the month and will be based in Swansea predominantly.

Partners across the Project welcomed short attachments from newly appointed Police Officers working for South Wales Police as part of the Diversity and Ethnicity awareness element of their studies and induction. As this was the first such placement of Officers under training that had been undertaken there have been many useful learning points from both sides. It is to be hoped that this experiment will be repeated as ongoing benefits can be easily seen for the Police, their officers and the communities where they will be placed.

Progressing in Employment

Business in the Community have been accepted into the partnership in principle. They will combine with AWEMA in this cluster area in the main. Their documentation and budget is still being compiled

Black History month

Activities took place across the Project geography and Partners contributed widely. SEWREC lead in Newport with activities at the Dolman Theatre while NEWREN and BEN in North Wales contributed to the Rainbow Festival and gained publicity on the BBC North Wales website. Please see:-

[www.bbc.co.uk/northwest/sites/llanberis/pages/philippa\\_owen.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/northwest/sites/llanberis/pages/philippa_owen.shtml)

[www.bbc.co.uk/northwest/sites/bangor\\_life/pages/multicultural.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/northwest/sites/bangor_life/pages/multicultural.shtml)

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h Dissemination and mainstreaming

.Please see above for presentations for NIACE and Black History Month.



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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

Official stamp of lead partner or DP Ltd

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