

**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*)  
June 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.

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

*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		£
<b>H</b>	Public match funding – cumulative	
<b>I</b>	Private match funding – cumulative	
<b>J</b>	ESF – cumulative	
<b>K</b>	Total ESF and match funding – cumulative (H + I + J)	<b>0</b>

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

<b>L</b>	Public match funding intervention rate (H÷G) x 100	!Zero Divide
<b>M</b>	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.  
We are now starting to see achievements across all Clusters.

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.  
Review of the Implementation Strategy has commenced. Owing to the recuperative leave of the Project Manager this process is still ongoing.

c Innovation

The tests for Innovation in this DP are now well established. It is clear that the understanding of how that innovation translates across the Clusters work has a different resonance between individual Partners and with each particular group with which each Partner works. This will be translated into the final policy papers as they are drafted.

d Empowerment

As commented on above the understanding of this concept differs across each segment of the Cluster work. Again this will be translated into the final policy papers and publications as the project moves towards completion.

e Transnational work

Following the Transnational Conference in Holland, plans have been accepted for the various milestones in preparation for the Reports across the six agreed areas.

The Conference dates have been amended to 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September. The location of the Conference remains Turku in Finland.

f Monitoring and evaluation

The external Evaluation Report has been completed by University of Glamorgan and submitted to the Lead partner. Findings will be incorporated into a Presentation at the Finland Conference in September.

g Activities, outputs and outcomes

**WOMEN**

At BAWSO the Confidence building sessions for women have continued during the month. The team at BAWSO have also run several fact-finding sessions with women seeking to establish the range of barriers that BME women face when seeking or when in Employment.

Planning for the next suite of activities has started. In September BAWSO will be offering English courses aiming at women considering careers in the Health and Beauty sector. They will learn practical English used in that sector and targeted at supporting BME women who wish to access College courses and employment.

Colleagues at MEWN Swansea have developed a relationship with the Disability Rights Commission and together have run a workshop session for Service providers and disabled BME women service users. The findings are expected to have confronted issues of cultural sensitivity and suggest processes and procedures that acknowledge gender, culture and ethnicity, while helping to seek solutions to the principal problem of tackling physical (or other) disability. This is the first occasion that these 2 organisations have worked together.

**Migrant Workers**

The recent appointment of a Development Officer at Cardiff Race Equality First is now starting to pay off. Some of the work that had already been proven at other Partners within this Cluster has been adopted in this geographic area for the first time. In particular we have seen a Banking Clinic operated, an Employment Advice session piloted, a new network for Polish Migrant workers discussed and an Information Day planned and timetabled.

In the Newport area 2 new associations have been established with Constitution and Committee formed for "African Roots Alive". That organisations has also applied for Charitable status. Other migrant workers from a African background have joined together to form a group, provisionally titled "The Black Writers Guild". In addition a new group has come together formed of Somali women. These women wish to establish a new association with a distinct female-only emphasis and separate from the long established Somali Association in Newport. This has been initially described as Haweenka Somali (Somali Females). Across the Cluster partners more general work has continued.

**Isolated Households**

Across North Wales there has been much activity with the launch of Minorities View at Plas Glyn y Weddw, Llanbedrog, opened by Hywel Williams M.P. for Caernarfon. Minorities View is a compilation of Arts and Crafts made by people from Minority communities living across North Wales and brought together by the Black Environment Network (BEN) and is representative of their own cultural heritage and the heritage of Wales that they have learned while enjoying visits and activities co-ordinated by BEN. Well over 1000 people had visited the venue and seen the exhibits.

To continue the success BEN are now co-ordinating the "Community Quilt Project" across North Wales. This will build upon the work with established groups such as the North Wales Chinese Womens Society and others within the Polish and Filipino communities and attract involvement from within other minority communities.

Following the recruitment of a researcher NWREN have established the basis of their research work into Isolated Households. Initial work has included meeting 26 people and holding interviews with them to test the validity of the work with people who could fit into the category of "isolated". That work is continuing.

**Community Empowerment**

BEN are continuing with their Forest School Taster days leading to volunteers being accepted for Training in August. In co-operation with the Environment Agency, BEN staff accompanied a group from minority communities in Cardiff on a visit to the Brecon Beacons. This was a cross Equal Partnership with support from the South Riverside Centre, part of the Valuing Learning, Strengthening Communities partnership. In addition BEN have facilitated a visit by a group of Bangladeshi women to a social enterprise selling home-grown produce at Asian Markets across the UK. The intention is to support the women with

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their plans for a similar Social Enterprise in the Swansea area, complementing the organisation that was visited.

the work that Scarman Trust is doing around Social Enterprises is identifying principal barriers against the formation of Social Enterprises amongst minority communities. To try and confront these barriers AWEMA, the Wales Co-op Centre and others, including Scarman Trust will come together at a Seminar run in July at AWEMA. It is expected that the findings from this Conference will inform cluster outputs and will help to determine further future work.

In Swansea AWEMA Development Officers co-operated with the Filipino community and helped that community make preparations for Phillipines Independence Day. As part of the co-operation Officers worked with Artes Mundi's Developing Artists Project to identify Filipino migrants who will create works for display during the Independence day celebrations in 2008.

Through contacts made during the preparatory work, His Excellency the Phillipine Ambassador will be visiting VALREC in July.

The work with the Teenage Poetry Slam group was completed during the month with a Welsh team competing in the Finals on the 27<sup>th</sup> June.

ADULT ESOL was the first activity identified as a general solution to tackle language barrier carried out in cooperation with an EQUAL Partner SWANSEA COLLEGE.

A PRINT MAKING WORKSHOP was organized for BME Women in cooperation with Artes Mundi during May 2006 held at AWEMA Cardiff Office and this was successfully repeated in 2007.

An AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUB project was organized in 2006 for the young people at Swansea Institute's Dynevor Centre where participants involved themselves in English writing workshops culminating into POETRY WRITING and paving the way to participate and enter in the TEENAGE POETRY SLAM 2006. This was organized again for the young people in April and May 2007 with the objective of joining the POETRY SLAM 2007.

Also organized was a CRAFT WORKSHOP, a four day workshop to discover participants' skills in handicraft making and design followed by RETAIL SHOP COURSE, organized for participants to have an insight on workers' role/duties in different positions in a Supermarket or retail store.

#### Progressing into Employment

Job Search support continued across the Partnership and we are now starting to compile a flow chart to demonstrate our suggested Model

#### Mentoring

This has continued across the partnership with SOVA leading.

#### Research

Completed items of Research include the "Women's Multi-Cultural centre in Swansea" report that is being loaded to AWMA web site. Work is continuing on the Childcare Research and the Cardiff Multi-Cultural Centre research. UWIC have been visiting Partners to compile their Report of the various strands of the Clusters.

#### h Dissemination and mainstreaming

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Final sanction of Action 3 funding is awaited with all queries to date having been answered.



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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

Official stamp of lead partner or DP Ltd

*If the lead partner or DP Ltd does not have an official stamp, you should send a letter on the organisation's headed paper explaining this. The same person who signed this form must sign the letter.*



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