

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 05E020WAO

End of claim (<i>month and year</i>) October 2007
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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	Total gross costs – cumulative (A + B + C + D)	0
F	Revenue – cumulative	0
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
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	822
Number of completers – cumulative	384
Number of ongoing participants – cumulative	300
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

There have been no changes to the aims and objectives.

b Equal opportunities

As we run into the end of the Project re-writing the implementation strategy has assumed a lesser priority so is progressing slower than intended. It still has our attention as such a strategy will inform the next stage of funding under Convergence and Competitiveness regimes.

c Innovation

It is now clear that one of the principal innovative aspects has been the breadth of Partnership organisations brought together in Curiad Calon Cymru, together with the geographic spread covering much of Wales. Whilst the use of Clustered groups has less resonance as an innovative tool, it has now allowed particularly close co-operation between organisations working in the Cluster areas. This is set to continue in the future and will be a real positive development and will enhance collaborative working in future funding regimes.

d Empowerment

Evidence of empowerment has been seen across all the stakeholders in Curiad calon Cymru. We have considerable tangible and intangible evidence at individual and organisational levels. Initially it was difficult to determine the interpretation of empowerment across all Partners. Ultimately the differing interpretations mattered little given the results achieved.

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e Transnational work

Since the publication of the Trans-national book, this has been distributed widely in Wales and feedback has been good. Whilst promoting our domestic Partnership at the Welsh Assembly Government at Cathays Park we took the opportunity to distribute the book to selected parties. It was well received.

f Monitoring and evaluation

The external Evaluation Report Summary for the Transnational Conference has been completed by University of Glamorgan and submitted to the Lead partner. Findings have been incorporated into a draft Report that was presented at the Conference in Finland. A Summary has also been included in the "Tackling Racism and Disadvantage in the Labour Market" publication that will be launched at the Conference to mark the achievements of the Partnership that will be held in November.

g Activities, outputs and outcomes

WOMEN

BAWSO's courses have now started with new beneficiaries signed on. These are short courses that will finish during the currency of the action 2 phase. At MEWN Swansea the new courses have started, the PGCE course run in Partnership with Swansea Institute continues into a new semester.

BAWSO will be holding a Seminar to publicise their individual achievements in December and this will be reported in Action 3.

Migrant Workers

The International Club established by VALREC is now running with its own executive committee and has full ownership of future activities. As mentioned in earlier reports this model can now be rolled out across other areas where there is a significant migrant worker population.

The Banking Clinic run by REF with HSBC Bank has been copied in the Pontypridd area by VALREC working with NatWest Bank. The link with this Bank resulted from lobbying by VALREC.

To draw together all the various activities that have been carried out within the Migrant Workers Cluster an analysis of findings has been compiled. The findings have been tested in the Swansea, Carmarthen and Port Talbot areas to determine whether there are any differences in provision and support for Migrant Workers, and more specifically the children of Migrant Workers, in those areas. There are no significant differences, indeed it seems that similar difficulties are evident in those areas as in the rest of Wales where work is carried out in this Cluster, and where deficiencies have been identified.

In Newport the difficulties with ESOL provision has prompted several ESOL teachers from Coleg Gwent to join together and seek funding to improve provisions. SEWREC are supporting this group to ensure they are aware of prospective learner needs.

The Conference run by WRC took place during September and is reported on the Action 3 report. The outcome of the research work has been drawn together into a summary report titled "An Audit of Refugee Skills and Qualifications in Wales". The full report will be available soon by download from the WRC web site www.welshrefugeecouncil.org. To build on the research 2 seminars have been arranged in Newport and Swansea during November and the results of the seminar will be reported in November on the Action 3 Claim.

At Race Equality First the "Banking Clinic" is proving popular and they continue to contribute to the "Progress to Work" initiative in combination with WRC and others.

Isolated Households

In this Cluster work has moved into the dissemination phase and is now more properly reported via Action 3 Reports

Community Empowerment

Across the Partnership many individual organisations have highlighted the scarcity of suitable ESOL. English as a Foreign Language (EFL) and testing of English language across the regions. Working with Newport City Council and other agencies SEWREC has been working to establish a forum to bring providers together with the aim of establishing a single strategic approach in the Newport area. Although it is established the initiative is embryonic and more progress will be presented in coming reports.

Within the valley communities VALREC has been pushing forward an ESOL initiative that supports learning sessions outside standard academic hours and is sufficiently flexible to permit as high an attendance rate as possible, given the varying working hours of the prospective students. Again this is a model worth duplicating and disseminating-if only to highlight the many and varied objections and difficulties that have needed to be overcome in order to get the sessions launched.

The Development Worker at Swansea Print Workshop has completed his attachment. During the last few weeks of his time there workshops were run introducing more complicated techniques to delegates expanding the range of print capabilities. It is considered that the delegates that attended have now been introduced to a sufficiently wide range of techniques so that they may now have a broad experience that ought to allow them to make employment

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The Drama and Photography courses at Swansea Institute have introduced a number of potential students to adult learning. The courses were successful but highlighted the extra requirements of childcare provision, translation support owing to limited English language capability and transport requirements for students with children below school age.

With BEN having participated in the Transnational Conference in Finland and their own national Conference in London, limited activity took place in Wales during the month. BEN North Wales activity is reported under Action 3.

Progressing into Employment

Building on the relationship between SEWREC and the Want 2 Work (W2W) Team in Newport, Jobcentreplus have secured additional funding for work in Newport and will allow the extension of the W2W initiative across 3 further districts in Newport. The intention from Jobcentreplus has been to extend qualification for support to candidates on Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) and people in employment as well as unemployed from one specific postcode area. Candidates selected will be eligible for employment support, training, and possible support to gain self employment. This has allowed SEWREC to introduce a greater number of beneficiaries to JCPlus than ever before and has helped to further develop the contact between JCPlus, SEWREC and the BME and Migrant Worker communities in Newport.

Mentoring

At SOVA second interviews took place as a continuation of the process undertaken during August. This will result in further additional mentors being placed by SOVA to work with mentees. First interviews for November training have now started.

h Dissemination and mainstreaming

The Action 3 contract has been awarded and a separate reporting system under that Action has been established.

Preparation is now going ahead for the Conference that will end both Action 2 and 3 phases of the EQUAL Programme. That Conference will take place in Swansea in November.

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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 27-11-2007

Official stamp of lead partner or DP Ltd

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