



SENDING MORE OF OUR TALENT OUT OF WALES

WE NEED

- Many more teachers who can teach through the medium of Welsh
- A workforce that can work through the medium of Welsh

Without this, there will be no chance of reaching 'one million speakers' by 2050.

BUT

- 40% of Welsh students study at Universities outside Wales.¹
- 65% of students in North Wales study outside Wales.²
- 60% of pupils who can speak Welsh want to study at Universities outside Wales.³

AND AT WELSH UNIVERSITIES

- 69% of Welsh speaking students study only through the medium of English
- The number of Welsh language teaching staff fell by 11% between 2016/17 and 2021/22.
- The number of students studying to some extent through the medium of Welsh: UWTSD - 3,100 (about 50% of the total); Bangor – 1,405; Swansea – 680; Aberystwyth – 430; Cardiff - 400.
- Less than half of Welsh-speaking staff at Welsh Universities teach through the medium of Welsh.⁴

AND THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO SEND MORE STUDENTS OUT OF WALES

- The Government spends OVER HALF A BILLION a year on funding students to study outside Wales. This has increased by 60% in 5 years.
- The Government is funding the Seren Scheme. (£11 million spent in 5 years) to prepare our brightest students to study at Russell Group Universities, most of which are in England.⁵ Only one is in Wales.

IT'S TIME TO CHANGE PRIORITIES

1. FUNDING STUDENTS TO STUDY IN WALES

Scotland pays all of the study costs of students staying in Scotland. Northern Ireland contributes half the costs of students staying there.

2. CHANGING SEREN SCHEME

Change the Seren Scheme to improve the education standards of disadvantaged pupils and encourage them to study in Wales.

3. INCREASING STUDY THROUGH WELSH

Much more emphasis on studying through Welsh, and particular emphasis on Welsh in teacher training courses.

We look forward to your response to the ideas on this leaflet. You are welcome to send your response to dylanbryn@dyfodol.net

¹ Welsh Government Figures 2021-22

² UCAS 2022 figures

³ Welsh Language Commissioner figures, 2023

⁴ Welsh Government Figures, 2023

⁵ Welsh Government Figures, 2024