



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

14 JULY 2021

Report by: Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director

Subject: TEDxGwE Initiative

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To provide an overview of the TEDxGWE Initiative to Joint Committee members.

2.0 Background

2.1 As a service we linked with the UN Climate Neutral Now scheme two years ago to offset GwEs emissions for travel. We further developed this relationship by supporting the '100 school challenge'. As we move closer to the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow during November 2021, we decided to take further action by developing the TEDxGWE Initiative.

2.2 TEDx is a global initiative to champion and accelerate solutions to the climate crisis, turning ideas into action. There will be a set of community led events hosted around the world; we have registered and have the licence for TEDxGWE.

2.3 The proposal is to hold a TEDxGwE event on 5th November 2021 for children and young people across north Wales. GwE will be the lead but we are currently developing a north Wales partnership and links with, Natural Resources Wales,

Wrexham Glyndwr University, Theatre Clwyd, Do Well Ltd, Tales to Inspire and RENEW Wales.

3.0 Considerations

3.1 In north Wales we want to use TEDxGWE as a catalyst to open up a conversation with leaders in public, private and third sectors, communities and our children and young people about the collective challenge we all face and turn the ideas from the children and young people in north Wales into action. Our mission is to unite our region to tackle climate change as we see this as a perfect vehicle to develop the Ethically Informed aspect of Curriculum for Wales.

3.2 We want to work with children and young people, using their voices to spark a region wide conversation to drive actions by bringing people together to understand the challenge and explore the most effective co created and evidence based solutions, ensuring we all rise to the challenge. The goal of global TEDx events is to answer five key interconnected questions that help inform a plan for a cleaner future:

- Energy - How rapidly can we switch to 100% clean power?
- Transport - How can we upgrade the way we move people and things?
- Materials - How can we re-imagine and re-make the stuff around us?
- Food - How can we spark a worldwide shift to healthier food systems?
- Nature - How do we better protect and re-green the earth?

3.3 Schools will be able to register for the event and submit a 60 second video using FlipGrid. The videos will be collated and shared with a wider audience. Schools will receive a resource pack to support participants in developing a TED talk so they can share their stories, issues, thoughts and actions needed to build a better future. RENEW Wales will fund the resource packs and mentors.

3.4 The timescales and key steps are as follows:

- July - Promotional videos and overview invitation to all schools.
- July – Information/Resource pack to be created by RENEW Wales in partnership with all partners. Support from community based Environmental Mentors and sign up process to be shared with Schools via GwE Bulletin and all networks and share event with wider partners.
- July / August - Summer break - Pupils will have the summer to work on projects and develop ideas.
- September - map environmental mentors to schools that are engaging with the project to support ideas development.
- October - submission of films from young people to the ‘panel’ to be agreed for live TEDx and those that will be collated for an audience with leaders.
- October – workshops and TEDx talk mini masterclasses for schools to help prepare schools and young people. This will be a mixture of in person and online support (WGU/Do Well Ltd/RENEW Wales/NRW and partners).
- 1st November - Live TEDx finals event with audience of key leaders, panel members at Theatre Clwyd.
- 5th November - stream the event for the COP 26 TEDx countdown.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to approve the content of the report and the TEDxGWE Initiative for north Wales.

5.0 Financial implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. GwE will operate within current financial resources.

6.0 Equalities Impact

- 6.1 There are no new equalities implications arising from this report.

7.0 Personnel Implications

7.1 There are no new personnel implications arising from this report.

8.0 Consultation undertaken

8.1 Consultation took place with GwE Management Board and GwE Team.

OPINION OF STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

Nothing to add from a propriety perspective.

Statutory Finance Officer:

I note that the commendable TEDxGWE initiative has been developed for children and young people across north Wales, and that GwE will lead thereon from within their current financial resources.