

## Employment Symposium Webinar

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**09:30-12:30**

*Presenters, facilitators/ workshop leads please log on at 09:00*

### PROGRAMME

#### Symposium Co-Chairs

Professor Phil Reed, Chair of Psychology, Swansea University  
 Gerraint Jones Griffiths, Person with autism

<b>9:30-10:20</b>	<b>Part One</b> <b>Welcome, Context &amp; What's Available to Employers and Supported Employment Providers</b>
<b>1. Housekeeping &amp; Practicalities</b> , Learning Disability Wales (LDW) (2mins)	
<b>2. Setting the Scene</b> , Professor Phil Reed and Gerraint Jones-Griffiths, Co-Chairs (5mins)	
<b>3. Ken Skates, MS, Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales</b> (5-8mins)	
<b>4. Cllr Emlyn Dole, Welsh Local Government Association Employability and Skills Spokesperson</b> (5-8mins)	
<b>5. "A is for Achievement"</b> , Gerraint Jones-Griffiths, Co-Chair (5mins)	
<b>6. "From University to Diagnosis to Employment: My Story So Far"</b> , Ieuan Rees, National Autism Team (3mins)	

**7. Resources to Assist Employers from an autism perspective, AutismWales.org/ AwtistiaethCymru.org,** Keith Ingram, Cardiff & the Vale Autism Lead and Chair of National Local Autism Leads Forum & Wendy Thomas, National Professional Lead Autism, Welsh LGA (5-8mins)

**8. The benefits to employers of employing people with learning disabilities,** Dr Elisa Vigna & Andrea Meek, National Centre for Mental Health, Cardiff University (5-8mins)

**Break (10mins)**

**10:30-11:15**    **Part Two**  
**The Offer Across Wales**

**9. Introduction to Part Two,** Co-Chairs (5mins)

**10. Department of Work and Pensions (DWP), Job Centre Plus,** Caroline Noott & Lynda Ormerod, Disability Employment Adviser Leads, South West & South East Wales, Job Centre Plus, Department for Work and Pensions (7mins)

**11. Careers Wales,** Emma Bengier, Working Wales Project Manager, Careers Wales (7mins)

**12. Engage to Change,** Angela Kenvyn, Project Manager Engage to Change, Learning Disability Wales (7mins)

**13. Workways+,** Oonagh Gavigan, Regional Project Manager, Workways+ (7mins)

**Break (10mins)**

**11:25-12:10**    **Part Three – Breakout Rooms / Workshops**  
**How to Optimise the Offer in Wales, opportunity for discussion and information sharing**

<i>Short presentations in a virtual workshop setting followed by discussion, Q&amp;A, signposting et cetera.</i>		
	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>LEAD / FACILITATOR</b>
<b>A.</b>	<p><b>Autism and Employment: Supporting employers in mainstream settings</b></p> <p><i>A series of case studies, good practice sharing and a focus on wellbeing for autistic employees.</i></p>	<p><b>Keith Ingram</b>, Cardiff &amp; the Vale Autism Lead and Chair of National Local Autism Leads Forum</p> <p><b>Wendy Thomas</b>, National Professional Lead Autism, Welsh LGA</p>
<b>B.</b>	<p><b>Learning Disabled and Employment: Supporting employers in mainstream settings</b></p> <p><i>A series of case studies, good practice sharing and a focus on wellbeing for learning disabled employees.</i></p>	<p><b>Sian Clarke</b>, Operations Manager, ELITE</p> <p><b>Chris English</b>, Training Manager, ELITE</p> <p><b>Robyn Williams</b>, Training Manager, Agoriad Cyf</p>
<b>C.</b>	<p><b>The Welsh Government Skills' Response to Covid-19 for employers</b></p> <p><b>General update – what is it?</b></p> <p><i>High level signposting, opportunity to ask questions and discussion.</i></p>	<p><b>Edwyn Williams</b>, Head of Engagement, Employability and Skills, Welsh Government</p>
<b>D.</b>	<p><b>“What Works in Work?”</b></p> <p><i>Supporting autistic employees - best practice case studies from the workplace</i></p>	<p><b>Catherine Leggett</b>, Employment Engagement Manager, National Autistic Society</p>
<b>E.</b>	<p><b>Supported Employment in Wales: Emerging issues in challenging times for supported employment providers and employers</b></p>	<p><b>Dr Elisa Vigna &amp; Andrea Meek</b>, National Centre for Mental Health (NCMH), Cardiff University</p>
<p><b>Consistent theme in each session:</b> <i>recognition that Covid-19 is having a significant impact on all aspects of business, including employment. Reference also to the impact on mental health, anxiety, and wellbeing in the workplace.</i></p>		

<b>12:10-12:30</b>	<b>Part Four Plenary and Way Forward</b>
<b>14.</b> Feedback from breakout sessions, facilitated by Co-Chairs with input from National Autism Team <i>(15mins – 3mins each)</i>	
<b>15.</b> Concluding Remarks and Way Forward, Co-Chairs <i>(5mins)</i>	
<b><i>Close</i></b>	