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## Press Article

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# Professors John Furlong and Graham Donaldson take to the stage for 'Professionally Speaking' 2016

On Monday 6 June, two of the most respected names in education will address delegates at the Education Workforce Council's inaugural event, 'Professionally Speaking' at the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff in partnership with The Open University in Wales.

John Furlong is Emeritus Professor of Education at Oxford University and in 2015 published his report into teacher training in Wales 'Teaching Tomorrow's Teachers'.

Professor Graham Donaldson has over 40 years' experience working in education and is the author of the independent review of national curriculum and assessment arrangements in Wales, 'Successful Futures'.

Both speakers will address the challenges facing the Welsh education system today and look forward to what the future holds for learners and teachers in Wales.

Professor Furlong said, "In the future teachers are not going to be asked to deliver teaching assessment; they're going to be asked to lead it, and that has major implications for the kinds of teachers that we need.

"I believe that what we need in Wales is a form of teacher education that is both rigorously practical and intellectually challenging at the same time, and that means big changes both for schools and universities and how they work collaboratively together."

Professor Donaldson added, "I will address the two big questions we face in Wales as well as in countries across the world. First of all, what is it that we can best do for our young people during the time that they're at school that will serve them well throughout their lives?

"Second, which is in some ways even trickier, how do we ensure that the kind of aspirations and ambitions we have for young people are realised in classrooms across Wales?"

Leading the evening's proceedings will be top broadcast journalist Catrin Haf Jones of ITV Cymru Wales and S4C. Catrin will introduce both speakers and chair a debate where audience members will put their questions to the panel.

Catrin said, "I'm very much looking forward to the evening and for the chance to discuss the state of education in Wales so I hope you can join us for 'Professionally Speaking'"

Due to high demand the event has reached full capacity, however, the EWC has an active waiting list for those who missed out on tickets.

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