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## Press release

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### Training tomorrow's teachers: EWC appoints ITE accreditation board.

The Education Workforce Council has appointed its newly founded ITE accreditation board, following radical changes to the way teachers in Wales will be trained from September 2019.

The board will play a vital role in ensuring that initial teacher training programmes in Wales are first assessed as being fit for purpose against stringent new criteria set by the Welsh Government.

Chaired by Oxford University's Emeritus Professor of Education, John Furlong, the board consists of 10 individuals, each drawn from different fields of education.

Professor Furlong's report 'Teaching Tomorrow's Teachers' recommended the development of a very different approach for accrediting programmes of ITE in Wales and the Welsh Government's document 'Criteria for the accreditation of initial teacher education programmes in Wales' recognises the value and the difference a truly collaborative ITE system can make when universities and schools work in genuine partnership.

The board also consists of two deputies, Dr Aine Lawlor, former CEO of Teaching Council Ireland and Professor Olwen McNamara, Professor of Teacher Education, University of Manchester.

Also sitting on the board are Adela Baird, an independent researcher and education consultant; Catherine Evans, assistant director at Estyn; Tracy Jones, headteacher at Merllyn Primary School; Karen Lawrence, headteacher at Llanfaes Primary School; Sarah Lewis, HM inspector at Estyn; Richard Parsons, an education consultant; and Anita Rees, former headteacher at Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera.

EWC Chief Executive Hayden Llewellyn said, "Following a rigorous recruitment process, we are pleased to have a diverse panel drawing on expertise from across the education sector.

"We expect the formation of the panel to go a long way in ensuring the new accreditation standards are implemented successfully, leading to an improvement in quality of provision across Wales."

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