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Press Article

Revealed: Women continue to dominate the education workforce in Wales.

New data published by the Education Workforce Council (EWC), the regulatory body for education practitioners in Wales, has revealed that women form the majority of the education workforce.

Over 80,000 people are included on the EWC register of education practitioners across seven registration groups: school and FE teachers, school and FE learning support workers, qualified youth and youth support workers and work-based learning practitioners.

85.0% of registrants work in schools and nearly half are learning support workers. 15.0% are based in other settings. Notably, 75.5% of school teachers and 88.8% of school learning support workers are female. In FE, 58.3% of teachers and 68.0% of learning support workers are female.

Statistics also show that there is a variation in age across our education settings. The FE and work based learning workforces are older, with 43.9% of FE teachers and 39.9% of FE learning support workers aged 50 and over. Also, 34.9% of work based learning practitioners are aged 50 and over.

EWC Chief Executive Hayden Llewellyn said, "This is the first time data has been available about the whole of the education workforce in Wales. The gender picture raises interesting questions about the presence of male role models in Welsh classrooms and other settings while intelligence about the age of the workforce will aid future workforce planning.

We look forward to publishing other key data shortly, including information about the qualifications and Welsh language abilities of our educators in Wales".

For a full breakdown of statistics, go to www.ewc.wales or for more information, e-mail statistics@ewc.wales

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