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Press Article

EWC appoints new members to its initial teacher education (ITE) accreditation Board.

The Education Workforce Council has appointed four new members to its ITE accreditation Board. The Board was initially established in September 2017, and the first round of accreditation assessments took place throughout 2018.

The board 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 now consists of 13 individuals, each drawn from different fields of education.

The new ITE accreditation Board members are Robert Newsome, interim Headteacher of Ysgol Bro Dinefwr, and previous Headteacher of Dyffryn Taf School; Dr Beth Dickson, Senior Lecturer (ITE) at the University of Glasgow; Penelope Lewis, HM inspector at Estyn; and Gemma Long, Quality Assurance and Engagement Manager and Lead for Wales at the UK Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA).

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 Catherine Evans, Assistant Director at Estyn; Tracy Jones, Headteacher at Merllyn Primary School; Sarah Lewis, HM inspector at Estyn; Richard Parsons, an education consultant; and Anita Rees, former Headteacher at Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera.

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