

## Meeting Summaries

7<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at SWALEC Stadium, Cardiff

There was an excellent turn out, with 44 student representatives attending from across Wales.

Introductions and apologies were given and new members were welcomed.

Action points from the previous meeting were reviewed, alongside the minutes of the previous meeting.



**During this meeting the following interactive presentations were delivered:**

### 1. 1000 Lives Plus Student and Educator Community:

Jon Matthias and Alice Hobbs presented the recent work of the 1000 Lives Plus Student and Educator Community and the Improving Quality Together (IQT) award, explaining how students can get involved. that further information about how students can get involved.

**2. IT Issues & Options: Access on Placement:** Nick Lewis (Application Designer) and Chris Phillips (ICT Security Manager) was invited to the meeting to give an update on the situation and to gather feedback on our student experiences.

### Points discussed at this meeting:

- During the '**Your Say**' section we had a highly productive feedback session on the topic of *learning support on placement*. It was found that the amount, type and quality of support, both academic and otherwise was varied, both between and within universities and courses. The following summary points were produced:
  - If you are a strong person/character you will raise/query issues; however, there is always a fear this will jeopardise future job prospects.
  - Frequent visits from link tutors would be beneficial. However, if this is not always possible contact via email would be welcome.
  - WEDs will ask for an action plan and will investigate some ideas raised with the Higher Education Institutes.
  - A subgroup will be established to look at where we are at and how this could moved forward.
  - SH will advise Deans of progress.
  - The group need to continue highlighting good and bad practices.
- Feedback was given about goings on in other student groups: Students as Partners and the NAEP.
- Simon Carley-Smith the current Chair gave an overview of the progress of his aims regarding health promotion amongst Healthcare Students in Wales.

- An open discussion was held about future publicity of the forum, including the webpage, flyers and the biannual conference.
- **Chair and Vice Chair Succession:** The position of Chair was awarded to Claire Harries, Vice Chair to Stephanie Howe. They will take up these posts in the summer after the next quarterly meeting.
- New appointments were also made to the following new roles within the WHSF:
  - **Committee Secretary:** Daniel Tully, Adult Nursing (Glyndwr University)
  - **Policy & Publications Advisor:** Zoe Thomas, Midwifery (Cardiff University)
  - **Current Affairs Advisor:** Jimmy Lau, Physiotherapy (Cardiff University)
  - **Events & Promotions Advisor:** Michael Taylor, Medical Illustration (Cardiff University)
  - **Online Communications Advisor:** Jake Erwin, Respiratory & Sleep Science (Swansea University)
- Senior University Rep and Course Rep positions were also filled for many of the courses and Universities, a number still remain vacant.

**Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014. The venue and times are to be confirmed.**