

Bringing staff together at Coleg y Cymoedd

Although the College had always provided opportunities for staff to engage in the development of their professional digital skills, during dedicated CPD training sessions or INSET days. The adoption of these skills in teaching and working practices was still focused in 'pockets' of success, with little sharing of knowledge cross college or between schools and departments.

It was recognised by the Strategic ILT Manager and Learning Development Officer, that significant change would only be successful if the College brought 'all' staff together in a dedicated Digital INSET day.

With the support of the Principal, Deputy Principal and members of the SLT a full day of networking, enlighten talks and keynotes was organised in December 2016, to coincide with the launch of the new Colleges Digital Vision.

This saw all staff, academic and business support brought together on the Nantgarw Campus for a full day, of digital development and talks such as;

- Opening address by the Deputy Principal
- Keynote Speaker Esther Barrett – Jisc. 21st Century Learning.
- Networking with Senior Leaders
- 2 walk-up 'Learning Zones' – offering Peer to Peer lighting/digitaltalks and examples of digital practice
- Pre-booked digital Workshops for staff to choose from
- Business Support stalls, for staff to seek help and assistance with key College systems and services

The focus of the Digitaltalks and Digital Workshops included:

- Plickers
- Markting
- Kahoot
- Twitter
- Padlet
- MOOC my Day
- Class OneNote
- Digital Literacy
- Office 365
- Turitin
- WEST Assessments
- Accessibltiy in Windows 10

The event was well marketed by more traditional digital means, as well as Twitter, Yammer (with its own feed for the day for staff to share their experiences), and a dedicated SharePoint portal from which staff could access the presentations of key speakers and their colleagues.

Feedback from staff was very positive.

- *Teaching staff were training teaching staff*
- *Lots of different things to dip into*
- *Flexibility to book onto what interests you the most*
- *Providing new ideas on technology and the message not to be afraid of something new.*
- *Meeting other staff from other areas*
- *Listening to Esther Barrett and seeing colleagues demonstrating how they use technology in the classroom.*
- *Seeing the enthusiasm & engagement with some staff*
- *It was good to see so many enthusiastic colleagues wanting to improve our digital capabilities*
- *Learning new ways to bring ICT into my teaching*