

## Regional Engagement Team Testimonials ESF P1 & P3 – Employability

*“We have much appreciated the involvement in the ‘ESF P1 & P3 Employability Network Meetings’; these have been a vital source of information and means of update for us in terms of the wider picture across Wales, providing key updates from WEFO, Welsh Government, and the RSP as well as receiving important updates from key partners, across a range of topic areas which also included funding updates. The network meetings also provided us with an opportunity to present on our service and promote to the members, and provided us with an opportunity to network with other members to develop good partnership opportunities in increasing contacts with other EU projects, and supported us to develop key links across North Wales.*

*Engagement with yourselves has also supported us in being able to showcase the impact of our work by providing a couple of case studies which you have promoted in your newsletter and regularly feature our webinars and training events in the news bulletins that reach a wide audience, pan Wales.*

*You have also supported me in providing an introduction to the RET for Cardiff and the Vale area which has been really vital in terms of us prepping for a new tender.*

*Thank you for everything you do – your support is greatly appreciated.”*

Claire Williams RCS Wales (ESF P1)

*“The WEFO funded GO Wales Achieve through Work Experience Programme is now coming to a close.*

*Throughout 6 years of delivery, I have valued the information advice and support received from the Regional Engagement Team. By attending their regular network meetings, I have had the opportunity to develop relationships with other employability support providers, share good practice and source opportunities for GO Wales participants at Bangor University.*

*The team have kept us informed of business and sector skills development via newsletters and e – flashes and provided excellent information and advice on business sectors, which has added to the success of the project.*

*I would particularly like to thank Vicky who was always on hand and willing to help, providing advice, employer links and contacts. Her support as helped us to secure some excellent work experience opportunities for our participants. It’s been a pleasure working with you! “*

Lis Owen – GO Wales Project Manager, Bangor University (ESF P3)

*“The RET team in North Wales have been invaluable to us at WCVA’s Active Inclusion team. It has been great to have you involved in our own network meetings which were an opportunity for our grant recipient organisations to see a wider picture of EU funding and to promote their own services. The P1/P3 meetings have also been a great way of communicating our project delivery and also finding out about all sorts of other opportunities across north Wales and wider. Thanks to Barbara and Vicky for including us in newsletters and just generally supporting us over the last few years.”*

Gail Dervish – WCVA AIF (ESF P1 & P3)



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## Regional Engagement Team Testimonials ESF P2 Skills for Growth

### North Wales Business Academy project

*"Being part of the ESF Priority Skills for Growth Network meetings has been invaluable to the North Wales Business Academy project. Being a regional, multi partner project delivering bespoke Higher Education Qualifications across North Wales required a significant amount of collaboration and information sharing to be successful. By bringing all projects together to share updates and best practice, NWBA was able to learn quickly from other projects and collaborate on activities such as Employer Engagement and Marketing to ensure end beneficiaries could access a cross section of skills benefits. The network also allowed me to build new relationships with key stakeholders across North Wales and promote our offering through their newsletter. Regularly involving key personnel from WEFO in the meetings on specific project tasks like project closure, supported and validated we were taking the right approach to closing the project."*

Thanks

Gary Jones Regional Projects Manager Llandrillo Menai

### ION leadership and 20Twenty

*"As a partner of the ESF Priority Skills for Growth Network, it has been of real benefit. Sharing details about our Leadership programmes, collaborating and sharing information with other partners has been invaluable. Having the back-up and additional help of showcasing our marketing activities and events, the network has been an excellent resource. The network has also helped build solid relationships with key stakeholders.*

*The newsletter has been beneficial in sharing details of our funded programmes, which in turn have supported the growth of businesses across North Wales."*

Jackie Whittaker

Senior Manager for ION leadership and 20Twenty Business Growth Bangor Business School



## Regional Engagement Team Testimonials

### CEMET - Centre of Excellence in Mobile and Emerging Technologies

*"Matt Smith and I have frequently engaged with the North Wales Regional Engagement Team since CEMET's launch in 2015. During this time, these meetings have provided an important source of information regarding the strategic landscape of the region, the potential to integrate with other local initiatives, and opportunities to support events targeting SMEs.*

*Crucially, it has also afforded us the opportunity to provide Barbara and Vicky with updates on the CEMET operation, including the submission of case studies for their newsletter. More recently, they have been very helpful sharing the latest developments with the Shared Prosperity Fund and project closure guidelines. Thank you both for your expertise and continued support – you've been brilliant!"*

Clayton Smith CEMET Programme manager

### ACNM - Avenues for Commercialisation for Nano and Micro technologies

*"The North Wales Economic Ambulation Board (via RET) stand out as being proactive and have enabled a number of initiatives which I have considered to be very valuable to industry. The flow of information and frequency has been just right. I have appreciated all your hard work and I am sure that it is making a difference in the North.*

*Thank you for all the information you have supplied over the last year. I am only sorry that we don't have more companies involved from North Wales that I can pass on to you. Your group stands out."*

Glyn R Davies Project Manager for ACNM

### M-SParc

*"The RET has engaged with us along the way, showcasing the impact of our work, promoting our activities in their newsletter which helped us reach a wider audience. The RET have also attended events at and with M-SParc, which has been very encouraging for us, and we're really grateful for their continued support"*

Emily Roberts M-SPARC Outreach & Community Manager

