# Taith EARLALL AGM, Barcelona 13 November 2024





# What is Taith?



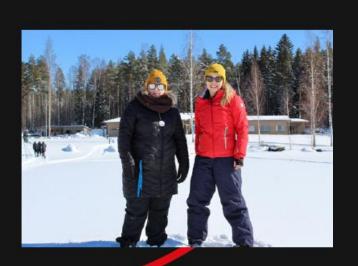






Taith is the Welsh Government funded international learning exchange programme for Wales. It is for people in every part of Wales, in every education sector – schools, youth, adult education, further education, vocational education and training, and higher education, and every education type – formal, informal and non-formal.











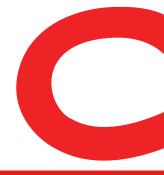




#### Our mission

To fund inclusive and accessible international educational exchange opportunities for learners and staff across Wales, with opportunities for international learners and staff to visit Welsh partners.

Taith will encourage participation from people from underrepresented groups – including those from disadvantaged backgrounds, ethnic minority backgrounds, Disabled people and people with additional learning needs.



#### **Greatest Impact**

- We will ensure our funding models support individuals with barriers to participation to international exchange.
- We will offer additional support for organisations working with individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, Disabled people and people with additional learning needs.
- We will work closely with stakeholders to better understand the barriers to participation and ensure the support is effective.

#### High Quality

- We will ensure our information and processes are accessible and transparent.
- We will administer a robust, independent and transparent assessment process.
- We will share examples of best practice and build collaborative communities that are able to support each other and those new to international exchange.
- We will consult widely and respond to evidence to constantly improve the programme outcomes.
- We will ensure our funding models encourage meaningful international partnerships and reciprocal exchange.

#### Innovation

- We will support collaboration between Welsh organisations and international experts on projects that benefit education in Wales.
- We will enable participants to share their knowledge, ideas and resources across Wales.
- We will target funding for collaborative projects on areas of strategic priority.



# Taith: Headlines



# Pathway 1 (2022 and 2023)



Sector	Applications Received	Successful Applications	New organisations	Funding awarded (£)
Schools	58	43	29	3,898,498
Youth	39	27	12	2,201,072
Adult Education	16	11	3	503,365
Further Education / Vocational Education and Training	20	16	5	2,747,961
HE (Education) and HE (Research)	28	28	0	8,548,100
Total	161	125	49	17,898,996

# Pathway 2 (2022 and 2023)



Sector	Applications Received	Successful Applications	New organisations	Funding awarded (£)
Schools	23	15	11	872,598
Youth	12	7	4	326,081
Adult Education	10	3	4	194,499
Further Education / Vocational Education and Training	16	10	4	573,305
Total	61	35	23	1,966,483

# Pathway 1 2024\*



Sector	Applications Received	Successful Applications	New organisations	Funding allocation (£)
Schools	32	25	22	1,246,645
Youth	21	16	15	846,040
Adult Education	7	6	5	298,673
Further Education / Vocational Education and Training	12	10	2	847,211
Higher Education (including Research)	6	6	0	1,548,478
Total	78	63	44	4,787,047

<sup>\*</sup> Organisations notified by 20 June 2024 but GALs not yet issued. Figures are indicative at this stage.

#### **Headline figures**



300 applications over 5 funding calls so far\*

223 applications were successful\*

287 organisations in Wales benefitting from Taith funding\*

6,106 mobilities have taken place (5,692 participants)

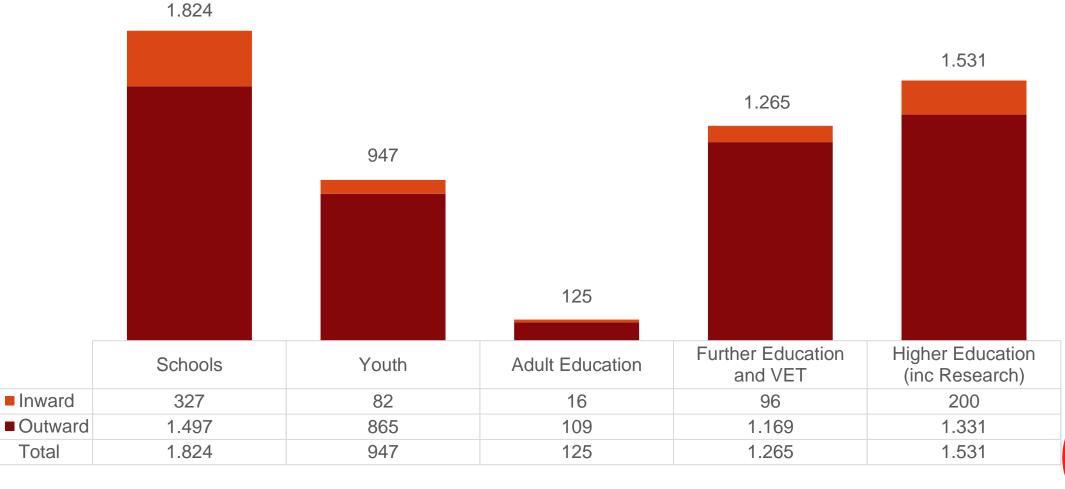
42% of outbound learners are from underrepresented groups

90+ countries and territories listed for exchange

<sup>\*</sup> Pathway 1 (2022, 2023 and 2024) and Pathway 2 (2022 and 2023) - actuals as of 01 October 2024



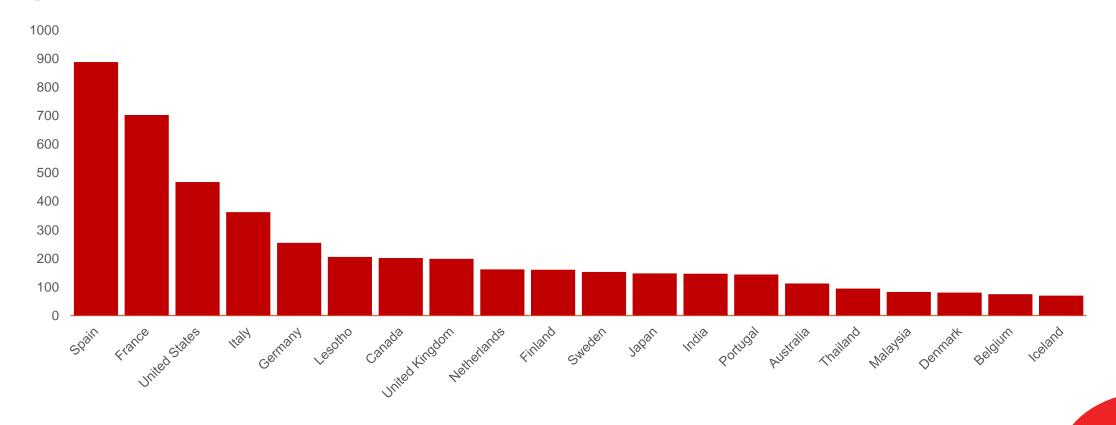
# Participant numbers so far\*



<sup>\*</sup> Actual figures as of 01 October 2024



# Countries and Territories of exchange to date\*: Top 20



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# Participant characteristics\*

Additional Learning Needs 9%

Disabled 6%

Ethnic Minority 9%

Disadvantaged 26%

Welsh speakers 22%

\*outward learners only. Figures as of 01 October 2024



Taith: Engagement & Inclusion



## Engagement, Support & Inclusion



**Sector Organising Bodies** (2022-2023): raising awareness and providing support

Refresh of the Strategy in 2023

**Taith Champions** (2023-2024): targeting organisations and participants from underrepresented groups

WCIA: support with applications and project management

**Dedicated expert team in Taith**: support from the Taith sectorexpert team





## Taith:

Context, Evaluation and Impact





### **Our Operating Context**

Political context and challenging financial environment

One year extension: targets and budget

Taith's identity and visibility

Measuring and demonstrating VFM and impact

Scoping for the future



Development of tools and methodology to collect, analyse and report programme data



Communication of Impact: Engagement with Stakeholders and Telling the Story

**IMPACT** 





Very positive feedback and high satisfaction with support and range of outcomes reported

Successful in engaging new organisations

Increased confidence in capacity and confidence to engage in international exchange

Taith generating important benefits: improved practices, profile and new links

Benefit to participants









# Diolch yn fawr! Moltes gràcies!