

## ESOL Development Day

**Tuesday, 11 March 2025**  
**Gower College Swansea, Sketty Hall Business**  
**School,**  
**Swansea, SA2 8QF**



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# ESOL+



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# ESOL Overview

- Approx. 800 learners
- Approx. 80% are asylum seekers & refugees
- 25 teaching staff
- 7 different levels from Pre-Entry to Level 2
- Provision based across 3 sites –  
Llwyn y Bryn, Kingsway and Tycoch



“It doesn’t matter how old you are, where you’re from or what your background – getting an education or skills training will give you a second chance.”

# ESOL+

- Background
- Development
- Subjects: Business, Engineering, Hairdressing, Health & Care, Supporting T&L in Schools, Visual Arts



“I absolutely love working as a bus driver. Practically, the exam wasn’t too difficult, but the theory test was hard. I wouldn’t have been able to do the interview without my English skills. I owe my career to the ESOL classes.” Walid Albuqai

# ESOL+ progression 22/23

- **44** learners progressed from ESOL+ to these courses:
  - GCSEs, Pre-A level, A level
  - Pre-Access and Access courses in Health and Care, Engineering, Science
  - Digital Literacy, Literacy and Numeracy
  - Engineering and Built Environment
  - Hairdressing and Beauty
  - Teaching & Education - Supporting T&L in Schools, Teaching Academy
  - Creative, Visual & Performing Arts
  - Catering and Hospitality
- 14 on Level 1 (12 com); 24 on Level 2 (22 com) and 6 on Level 3 (4 com)
- **38** learners successfully completed (**86%**).

# ESOL+ progression 23/24

- **76** learners progressed from ESOL+ to these courses:
  - GCSEs, Pre-A level, A level
  - Accountancy (AAT)
  - Pre-Access and Access courses in Business, Health and Care, Engineering, Science
  - Computing
  - Digital Literacy, Literacy and Numeracy
  - Engineering and Built Environment
  - Hairdressing and Beauty
  - Teaching & Education - Supporting T&L in Schools, Teaching Academy
  - Creative, Visual & Performing Arts
  - Catering and Hospitality
- 19 L1 (18 com); 38 L2 (35 com); 18 L3 (17 com) and 1 L4 (0 com)
- **70** learners successfully completed **(92%)**

- Future plans



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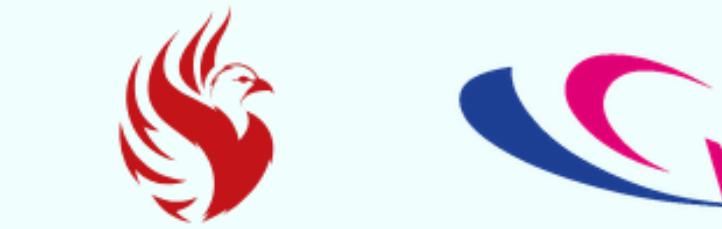
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# Adult Learning Partnership Swansea

## Adult Learning Partnership Swansea Membership



Cyngor **Abertawe**  
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Prifysgol Cymru  
Y Drindod Dewi Sant  
**University of Wales**  
Trinity Saint David

Cymraeg

The provision of adult learning in Swansea is co-ordinated through the Adult Learning Partnership Swansea (ALPS). The main adult learning funded by the Welsh Government is delivered by the Council's Lifelong Learning Service and Adult Learning Wales. Gower College Swansea provides a programme of adult courses delivered using part-time further education funding. The partnership brings together a range of other organisations providing adult learning including Swansea University, University of Wales Trinity Saint David's, Swansea Council for Volunteer Service (SCVS) and Learn Welsh - Swansea Bay Region.



# Swansea ALPS Highlights

- Sharing good practice events
- Website
- Progression opportunities throughout partnership
- Partnership events i.e. airshow, open evenings etc.
- Taster sessions in Adult Learners week
- ALPS celebratory event and Inspire Awards
- UNESCO City of Learning – 10 years
- Established UK Learning City Network 2025



# Adult Learners Week and Inspire Awards





# Inspire Awards – Guildhall Swansea





# Launching the UK Learning City Network



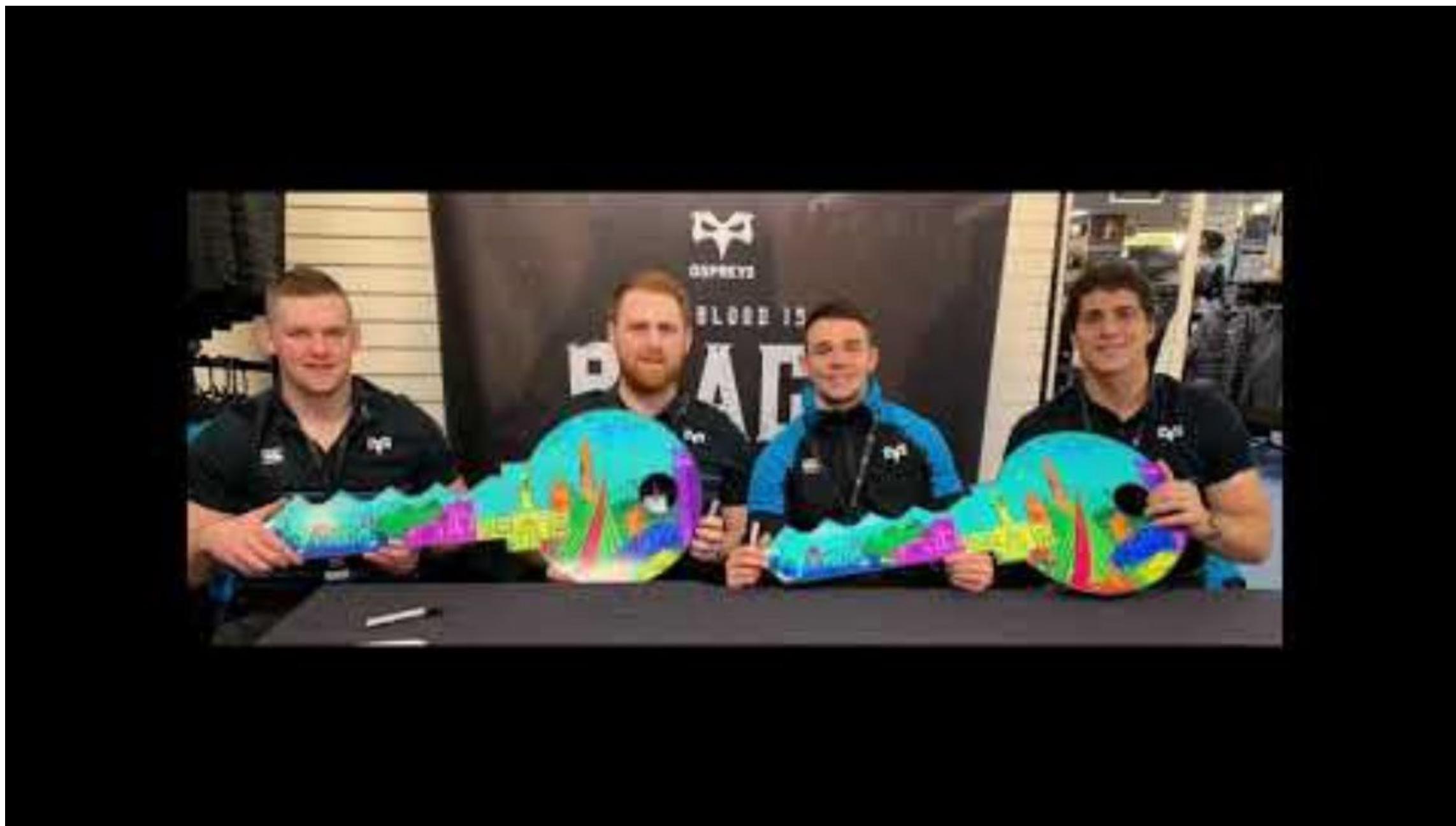


# Launching Swansea Learning Festival 2025





# Swansea Learning Festival 2019



<https://youtu.be/z8IXxv-BffQ?si=lDgzrxn0j4PpQ5Tl>



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Dinas Dysg UNESCO drwy gynnig blwyddyn o  
gyfleoedd dysgu am ddim drwy gydol 2025.**



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Rydym hefyd yn falch o lansio  
Rhwydwaith Dinasoedd Dysg  
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Ionawr.



**Swansea celebrates ten years as a UNESCO  
Learning City with a year of free learning  
opportunities throughout 2025.**



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We are also proud to launch the  
first UK UNESCO Learning City  
Network on January the 24<sup>th</sup>.

