

Introduction to Taith in Youth

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What is Taith?

- Taith is Wales' new international learning exchange programme, creating life-changing opportunities to travel, volunteer, learn and experience.
- Funded by an allocation of £65 million from the Welsh Government between 2022 to 2026.
 - youth organisations
 - schools
 - further education
 - vocational education and training
 - adult education
 - higher education
- 15,000 outward mobilities from Wales and 10,000 inward mobilities from countries across the world coming to study, train, volunteer or work in Wales.

Aims



50 long-term partnerships

40 countries

Aug 2024



15,000 participants from Wales

10,000 participants from around the world to Wales

Aug 2026

“We want to take Wales to the world, and bring the world to Wales.”



Background and timeline

December 2020: Trade and Cooperation Agreement ratified, (Erasmus+ association is not secured for the UK).

March 2021: A new Welsh scheme for international exchange is announced with a programme budget of £65 million allocated over 5 years.

October 2021: Kirsty Williams (former Education Minister for Wales) appointed Advisory Board Chair and policy development enters phase 2.

February 2022: Programme launch as Taith with Susana Galván Hernandez, former Director of the British Council in South Africa, commences as Executive Director of Taith.

March 2022: First funding call (Pathway 1 Mobility of Individuals) launches.

September 2022: First Taith mobilities commence!

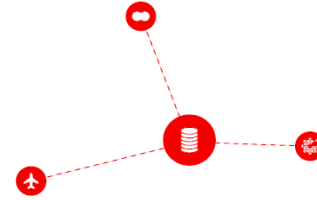
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Underlying principles

- Enable some **reciprocal exchanges** (whether based on physical mobility or co-operation remotely);
- Support, as far as possible, the **entire range of activities** which have been available to learners in Wales **under the EU's Erasmus +** programme 2014 – 2020;
- Ensure that opportunities are **available to the widest range of learners and young people**, including those with additional learning needs and underrepresented groups;
- Include additional flexibilities, e.g. allowing for **shorter exchanges**;
- Support **capacity building** necessary to facilitate a wide range of participation in the Programme;
- Support exchanges for **international research partnerships**;
- Align closely with the **Welsh Government's International Strategy**
- Synergies with **Global Wales, including promoting Welsh language and culture**



Structure



- ***Pathway 1 – Mobility of participants***

Projects deliver **physical, virtual and blended outward and inward mobility** of individuals or groups, providing flexible short- and long-term opportunities to learn, study, work or volunteer abroad.

- ***Pathway 2 – Partnership and strategic collaboration***

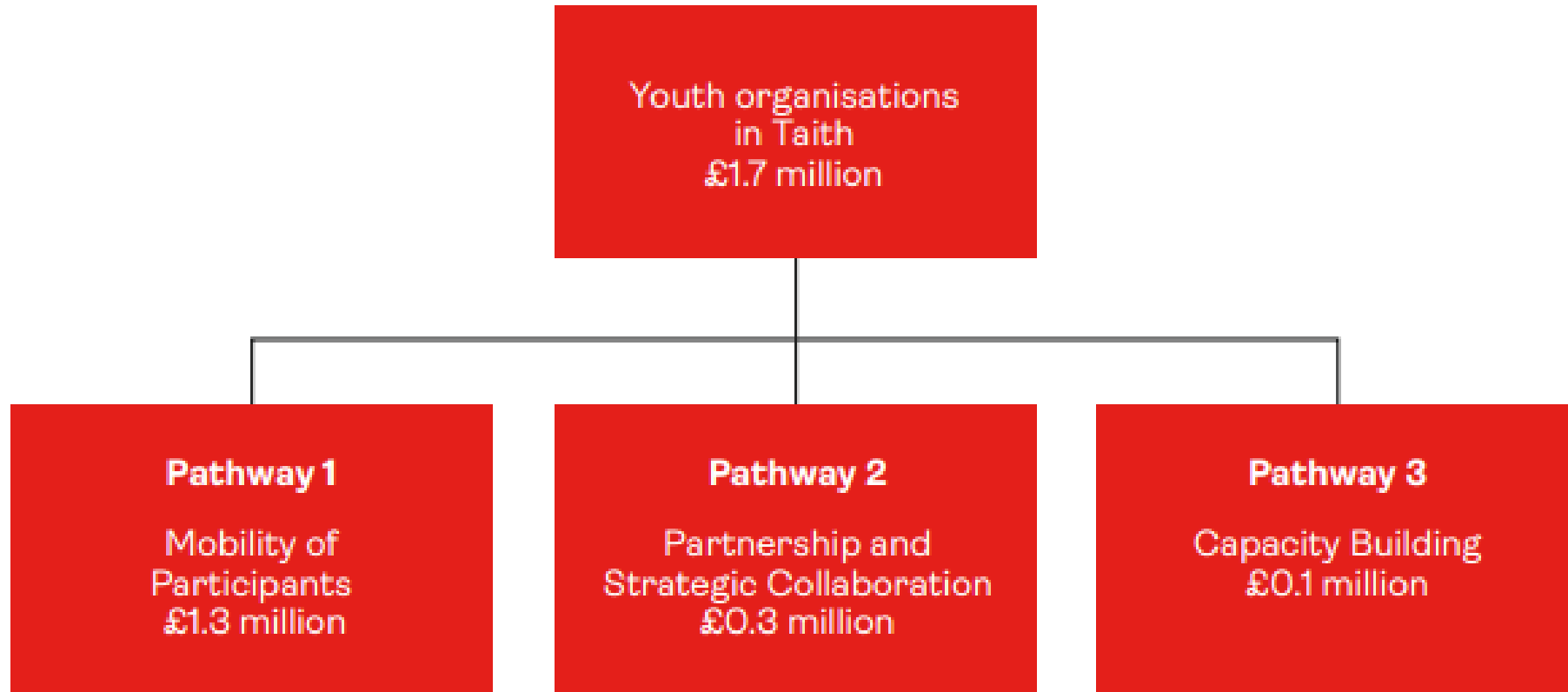
International collaborative projects led by education and training organisations in Wales to develop enhancement-led international learning exchange activities and practices.

- ***Pathway 3 – Capacity building***

Supports the **capacity-building for international exchanges**, allowing organisations to develop their structures, knowledge base, experience and staffing to develop and grow international education activities and increase learning exchanges.



'Pathway' opportunities for youth organisations in 2022



Further Information

Pathway 1 'Mobility of Individuals' calls are now open for each sector.

Pathways 2 and 3 will be open within the next few months.

Visit [Taith.wales](https://www.taith.wales) for more information and to sign up to our mailing list



Pathway 1 for Youth Organisations



Pathway 1 – Youth Overview

- The total indicative budget available to eligible organisations under the **Pathway 1 – Youth mobility 2022 call is £1.3 million.**
- The deadline to submit an application to **Pathway 1 – Youth mobility is 12:00 (noon) on 12 May 2022.** Applications received after this deadline will not be assessed.
- Pathway 1 will fund the **mobility of young people** and the **mobility of staff.**

Pathway 1 – Youth Overview

- Opportunities for a range of different project lengths in the 2022 call:
 - **6 months**
 - **9 months**
 - **12 months**
 - **18 months**
 - **24 months**
- Participants do **not** need to be UK nationals.

Eligibility - Youth

- Organisations and groups regulated or registered in, and operating from, Wales working in the field of youth
- Organisations working in the field of youth, which are not regulated or registered in Wales but are (i) regulated or registered in the UK or a part of it, and (ii) fully or partially operate from Wales, may also be eligible to apply provided they meet the following criteria:
 - Satisfactory evidence is submitted to demonstrate:
 - how the proposed programme activity will benefit Wales and
 - that the intended participants are either (i) for outward mobility, participants who are undertaking learning activity in Wales, or (ii) for inward mobility, the participants will be undertaking learning activity in Wales.
- Individual participants cannot apply directly for a grant.

Eligible young people activities

1. Group mobilities

Activities led by youth organisations, facilitating group and project work, centered around informal, non-formal or formal learning experiences

- Learning exchanges
- Young people participation
- Introductory travel experiences
- **Minimum 3 days – maximum 1 month.**
- **For UK based introductory mobilities (outside Wales): Minimum 3 days – maximum 5 days.**

2. Individual Mobilities

Individual traineeship or volunteering mobilities for young people to study, volunteer or train at an institution or organisation abroad.

- Young people aged 16 – 25
- **Minimum 2 weeks – maximum 12 months**

Eligible young people activities

3. Blended Group Mobilities

Activities combining a mixture of physical and virtual mobility

- Physical element = Minimum 3 days – maximum 1 month
- Virtual element = Minimum 20 hours – no maximum

4. Virtual Exchanges

These are virtual (wholly non-physical exchanges) which will allow the virtual engagement of a group of young people where physical mobility or travel for participants would otherwise not be possible/feasible

- Minimum 20 hours – no maximum

Eligible staff activities

1. **Training/Facilitation Placements and Job Shadowing**
 - Teaching placements – minimum 3 days – maximum 12 months
 - Job shadowing – minimum 3 days – maximum 2 months
2. **Training Courses and Professional Development**
 - Minimum 2 days – maximum 4 weeks
3. **System Development Projects**
 - Minimum 3 days – maximum 2 months
4. **Preparatory Visits**
 - Minimum 2 days – maximum 2 weeks

Funding



Funding

Organisational Support

£330 (for first 100 participants) / £195 (from 101st participant).

Subsistence

A daily rate depending on country category 1, 2 or 3. (see Taith Programme Guide for exact rates).

Travel Grant

Based on distance, including a 'green top-up' for greener travel options. Exceptional costs for travel from/to a remote area will also be considered.

Additional support for participants with disabilities and/or ALN

100% of actual identified inclusion costs for students with disabilities and additional needs. Funding will be held centrally by Taith at grant award stage for this purpose.

Additional Funding

Covid related exceptional costs

COVID disruption where country category changes specifically **during mobility**, incurring additional costs to participants.

Course/ training fees (all participants)

Costs covering fees for courses and training in association with staff international training/CPD mobilities; training opportunities, or international volunteering programmes for young people

Virtual exchanges development costs

Up to £1,200 per Grant Agreement (project)

Inclusion Support

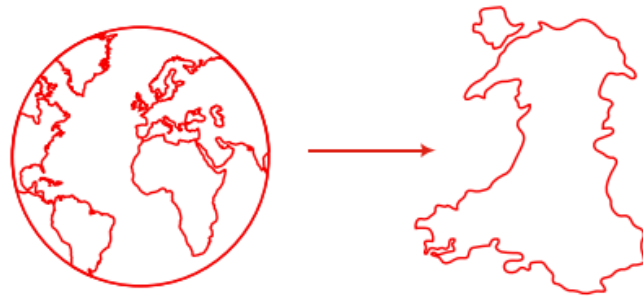
Participants who meet one or more of the following criteria will be classified as 'disadvantaged' and will be eligible for additional financial support:

- Young people with an annual household income of £25,000 or less.
- Young people receiving Universal Credit or income-related benefits because they are financially supporting themselves, or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them, such as a child or partner.
- Young people who are care experienced.
- Young people who have caring responsibilities.
- Refugees and asylum seekers.

Funding = 100% of actual eligible costs related to exceptional travel costs - including costs of visas, passports, vaccinations, COVID-19 test(s), health insurance, appropriate clothing and luggage, as necessary.

Inward Mobility

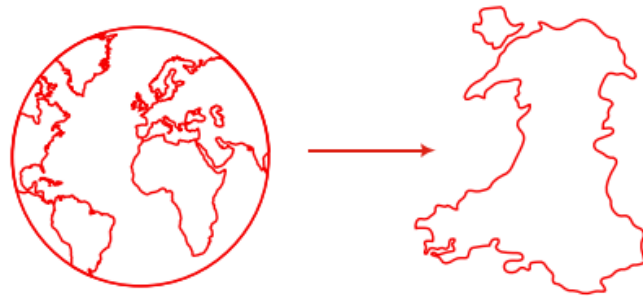
- Taith will offer the option for the applying organisations to request additional grant funding, on top of their outward mobilities project grant, to be utilised solely **for the purposes of funding inward mobility to Wales.**
- At the application stage, an applying organisation can request any amount up to **30%** (calculated as a percentage of the total amount awarded for outward mobility and paid on top of the grant for outward mobility), in order to fund inward mobility to Wales.



Mobilities from International partners to Wales
(Inbound to Wales)

Inward Mobility (2)

- **'Taith contribution to the costs of mobility'**, paid by the Welsh beneficiary directly to inward participants as a reimbursement for costs incurred, or as a direct payment for local costs incurred, including a stipend payment as a contribution towards daily subsistence.
- Where the maximum 30% has been requested for the purposes of inward mobility, the indicative target number of inward participants will be set at 30% of the project's target for outward mobilities participants



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Sector Organising Bodies

The sector organising body for youth is a consortium of three organisations who together combine a huge amount of experience and knowledge of youth work and international volunteer and exchange projects, both in Wales and abroad. The consortium partners are:

- CWVYS (the Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services) – the independent representative body for the voluntary youth work sector in Wales.
- WCIA (the Welsh Centre for International Affairs) – a charity with 60 years of organising international volunteer and exchange projects in Wales and abroad.
- BCGW (Boys and Girls Club Wales) – a national youth work charity providing opportunities, training and support to young people across Wales.

For more information on the consortium and how they can support your organisation, please contact Helen – Helen@cwvys.org.uk.

Next Steps – additional resources

- Taith Programme Guide
- Pathway 1 application form qualitative questions and assessment criteria
- Step-by-step application guide
- Application guidance tutorial video

Calculation tool to be published on **25th March**

Further information on the Taith website:

<https://www.taith.wales/apply-for-funding/mobility-pathway-youth-overview/>



Next Steps – upcoming events

- **24 March, 3pm:** Taith – Application Support for Youth
(addressing qualitative questions and navigating through the application form)
 - **6 April, 1pm:** Taith – Progressing your Application, Q&A
 - **26 April, 3.30pm:** Taith – Progressing your Application, Q&A
 - <https://www.taith.wales/events/>
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Reminder – the deadline to submit an application is
12:00 (noon), 12 May 2022

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