



## THE ROLE OF THE OPEN UNIVERSITY IN THE GWLAD PROJECT

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### The Open University in Wales

- Part of the OU nationwide, but funded by WAG through HEFCW.
- We enrol more than 6,000 students in Wales each year.
- Great flexibility in payments with financial support for low income.
- Massive range of programme opportunities.

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- HEFCW/OU appointment for two years.

### Work with GWLAD thus far

- Utilise distance learning expertise.
- Openings Programme.
- Questionnaires.
- Telephone interviews.

### The future of the partnership

- Delivering courses to rural communities
- Empowerment
- Innovation
- Partnerships within the partnership