

HUW EVANS OBE



In December 2011, Huw Evans retired as Principal of Llandrillo College in North Wales, following twenty two years in post. During this time he had overseen the growth of the institution to become the largest in Wales with over 25000 students. His experience includes leading and implementing two institutional mergers, becoming the first post-16 institution in Wales to achieve an "outstanding" quality rating across all areas of delivery. The college was unique in Wales in offering both further and higher education and facilities included a University Centre in partnership with Bangor University. In 2011 the College was awarded a Queens Award for industry.

Huw is a social science graduate of Bradford University, awarded an M.Phil for socio-economic based research in the West of Ireland. He gained a Graduate Certificate in Education from the University of Leeds. His experience as a lecturer was mainly acquired at Salford College of Technology, promoted to Head of Department at Bradford and Ilkley College and Vice Principal at Pontypool College. In 2003, he was awarded the OBE in recognition of his services to Further Education.

For the past twenty five years, he has been involved at National policy level and since 2006 has been a member of the Ministers Advisory Group. He has been a member of the Further Education Funding Council and was the founding Chair of the colleges representative body in Wales (Colleges Wales). He has extensive experience of Board level positions in Wales and England including the Association of Colleges, JISC and the University for Industry (UFI).

On retirement, he was invited to Chair the Review of Qualifications in Wales, and steered an evidence based review to implement a far more distinctive qualification system. This was followed by his appointment to Chair the Advisory Board to establish Qualifications Wales which was one of the recommendations of the Review. Since the completion of that work in March 2015, Huw has been engaged as a freelance consultant and most recently has completed a feasibility study underpinning institutional merger.

As a former Principal and Chair operating at a national policy level he has gathered extensive experience and expertise of change management, policy implementation and governance. He is respected in his field both as a mentor and advisor in the areas of institutional development, education reform and development.