

Gyrfa Cymru Ar-lein

Careers Wales Online E-Portfolio Project



The Context

- Careers Wales (CW), an all age guidance service was established April 2001 with services delivered by 7 Careers Companies
- 4 learndirect call centres run by Careers Wales manage the Wales learning opportunities database – *Dewis Dysgu*: Learning Choices
- Initial task for Careers Wales to establish an all age ICT-based guidance service for Wales

The Vision

- to develop virtual bilingual guidance services complimenting Careers Wales services and products, working with strategic partners
- to create a client-led web service which will enable everyone to hold an e-portfolio of achievements, qualifications, experiences (incorporating the Progress File)

Timescales

- Development Phase until Mid November 2003
- Piloting Phase from November 2003 until March 2004
- Training for professionals July 2004
- Schools & Colleges to introduce CWOL in September 2004

Bilingual Content Management

- Authored by information manager with input from specialist work groups
- Tailored for different audiences
- New products
- Careers Web Directory,
- KeyClips/Dewis online,
- Regional LMI - Job Outlooks,
- Learning Choices Database

User led content

- Section for Young people - school & 16 to 19, Adults & Employers
- Informational articles & topical features
- Profiles of celebrities & local heroes
- Journalistic & dynamic style
- Features changed regularly

Professionals Section

- Curriculum Support section - Careers Education in Guidance, Work Related Education, Personal & Social Education, Progress File...
- Support, good practice, case studies
- Linked with the Credit and Qualification Framework for Wales
- Topical features
- Document library



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The Long Term Vision

Every child in Wales will have the opportunity to start their life long learning journey by opening their 'e-portfolio' on their school computer. From primary to secondary school to college individuals will continue on their online lifelong learning journey via the integrated delivery of careers education, work-related education and the Progress File.



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The Journey

- The e-portfolio will grow with the individual, allowing them to develop a habit of recording and understanding their learning achievements and progress which will be stored in a central digital location.
- For the first time every personal achievement, new skill, educational success will be available at any time without the risk of losing important documents over the years.



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Progress File e-portfolio

- Online Progress File
- Who am I - self assessment tests
- Results can populate CV, Action Plans
- CVs, Action Plans, personal statements
- Interactive interview games
- My documents & presentation folders
- Focus on the PROCESS



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Technical Solution

3 layered model developed by Illumina Digital and Arc Software

Web Interface

Management Layer

Application Layer



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