



Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Youth Entrepreneurship Annual Impact Report 2025-2026



Coleg Gwent remains fully committed to advancing and accelerating the creation of enterprise opportunities and the enhancement of entrepreneurial skills amongst our learners across all campuses.

With the support of Welsh Government funding we have delivered a blended programme of face-to-face and online activities designed around the Youth Entrepreneurship Strategy areas: Enabling our staff to champion entrepreneurship within their subject or department; Engaging learners with initiatives designed to raise awareness of entrepreneurship; Empowering learners with activities to help develop their entrepreneurial capacity; Equipping learners with the skills and opportunities to develop and launch their business ideas.

Enterprising learners in numbers...

2,759

**learners engaged
in enterprise events**

683

**learners empowered to
explore entrepreneurial skills**

106

**learners equipped to take
positive steps towards
self-employment**

10

**learners supported to
become self-employed**

How we've been Enabling & Accelerating Student Entrepreneurship:

- Delivered a full calendar of enterprise workshops and four-week business start-up clubs across all five campuses (including new online evening sessions for part-time learners) building practical business planning and self-employment skills.
- Engaged learners through Freshers' Fairs, Global Entrepreneurship Week, cross-campus Progression Fayres and International Women's Day events, supported throughout by a growing team of Big Ideas Wales role models.
- Supported over 70 Level 3 learners to complete the Future Destinations Task 2 project as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate, Advanced Skills.
- Delivered 1:1 and small-group business mentoring across all campuses, backed by an expanded role model network with five new Big Ideas Wales recommendations this year.
- Supported four Coleg Gwent learners across three businesses to undertake the Tafflab programme, accessing expert mentorship, peer collaboration and start-up support.
- Celebrated outstanding success through Young Enterprise, with our ALN team Calm and Colour progressing from the Crosskeys regional final to winning the Welsh Team Award in Swansea, then representing Wales at the National Finals in Cardiff.
- Appointed Karl O'Dare, Big Ideas Wales role model, as Entrepreneur in Residence for 2025-26, strengthening employer engagement and giving learners real-world business insight.