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**The Wales Youth Agency and the State Council of Youth Affairs of Republic of Lithuania:  
An Agreement made in Cardiff, Wales on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2005**

The Wales Youth Agency and the State Council of Youth Affairs have begun a cordial relationship. They look forward to the exchange of professional experience, scholarship and research, in mutual respect for the special contributions which derive from one another's history and culture, and believe that the benefits of their developing relationships will include the sharing of the understanding which has resulted from their links with other partners in the European Community.

Looking forward to purposeful and constructive co-operation, they have agreed focus on:

- Enhancing opportunities for young people to participate actively in the events that influence their lives;
- Improving youth information systems;
- Encouraging a culture of youth entrepreneurship;
- Improving partnership-working opportunities between those working with young people.

It was agreed to work on specific priorities and developed the attached action plan.

*Specific priorities in this Action Plan include:*

1. The development of a shared understanding of the concept of “non-formal community based teaching and learning” as described by its purpose, principles, values and ethics;
2. The development of quality standards and quality assurance systems for the training of Youth Workers to the appropriate levels of academic achievement and good practice;
3. The delivery of Youth Work training programmes at agreed venues in both Lithuania and Wales;
4. The sharing of best practice in curriculum development and shared programmes;

5. The introduction of information exchange systems which can be shared between those involved in working with young people in Lithuania and Wales;
6. The encouragement of the movement and exchange of young people between both countries;
7. Exchange of ideas on youth policy development and implementation.

*Finance:*

It is understood that any action agreed between the State Council of Youth Affairs and the Wales Youth Agency shall be funded in the following ways, unless specific exceptions to these arrangements are required in respect of nominated activities or events.

- Travel costs between the two countries will be the responsibility of the country representatives who have to travel;
- Internal travel, accommodation and agreed subsistence costs will be met by the representatives of the host country;
- Salary costs for trainers will be met by the country from which they come;
- Training and programme costs will be met by the country in which the activity is delivered.
- Both parties of this Agreement obligate to inform each other if the funding for the indicated activities is gained from the third parties.

*Concluding remarks:*

1. In case of institutional reorganizations of any party, the new institutions will continue to implement Agreement and Action Plan.
2. Decisions on specific activities and details of the activities can be awarded during preparatory/evaluation meetings.

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