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# Skills Profiles on the Web for Wales

## The Challenge

To develop a bi-lingual, web-based environment for planning, recording and reporting learners' skills development for use by schools in Wales.



## The Solution

The Skills Profiles system is a tool for planning, recording and reporting learners' skills development in Thinking, Number and Communication. Over the two year contract, Connect is delivering a fully bi-lingual tool which also meets accessibility guidelines to ensure access for all.

The system is being created through a phased development approach. The first phase involved a pilot group of teachers in Wales being able to access the infrastructure of the web environment and trial some early functionality. The second phase allows teachers to upload multi-media materials as supporting evidence of learner achievement and also generate multi-media reports. The third phase (due December 2009) will focus on the administration and management of the large-scale data set.

## Results

Feedback from the pilot to date has been extremely positive, identifying the ease of use and simplicity of navigation around this complex system. Janet Symes, Connect's Deputy CEO says "This is a very high profile project in Wales and a very exciting one for Connect. By being involved from the inception of this innovation and by using a phased approach we are able to evolve the system as the needs of users and the Welsh Assembly Government emerge."

## The Client

Connect is contracted by the University of Liverpool, specifically CRIPSAT (the Centre for Research in Primary Science and Technology), as part of their contracts with the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) to develop the Skills Profiles and to prepare optional materials to assess the development of learners' thinking.

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