

Optometry newsletter

Summer 2024

Neidio i'r Gymraeg

Report on "EYES on HEIW" North Wales Conference

HEIW Optometry took their "EYES on HEIW" conference to North Wales, at the Oriol Hotel on 13 March 2024. It was a fantastic turnout with a great mix of practitioners.

Nik Sheen, Head of Optometry at HEIW said, "It was a pleasure to see colleagues from North Wales and we had a great turnout, we look forward to providing further educational events in North Wales on a yearly basis".

HEIW Optometry were pleased to welcome Catrin Bertalot, Consultant Ophthalmologist, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, who gave an impressive keynote on OCT Scans;

Feedback from the conference included the following:

'This was a great opportunity to bring clinicians together to learn and discuss a new pathway that we are all adapting to.'

'Well put together conference, good to be pre-allocated seating so there is a mix on each table. I particularly enjoyed Catrin Bertalot's presentation.'



The HEIW North Wales conference received an overall rating of 4.77/5.0



WGOS Optometrist Practitioner Accreditation

HEIW Optometry held their first in-house training event for Optometrists in Ty Dysgu on Friday 12th April 2024 using specialist equipment which will allow small group training sessions to be delivered to optometrists from HEIW headquarters.

Sasha and Laura – HEIW Optometry Tutor's said...

'We are very pleased to have delivered training to Optometrists from HEIW, Ty Dysgu. After many years of delivering events in other premises, it was a pleasure to showcase Ty Dysgu facilities. The event was a success and the eleven attendees showed great enthusiasm with the face-to-face sessions. We look forward to more Optometry events in HEIW headquarters.'



Internship 2024:

HEIW Optometry are very pleased to have recruited an intern for this summer's internship programme. Lewis is a student at Cardiff University and will be researching and investigating the environmental impact of optometry in Wales and what we can do to reduce our carbon footprint.

Read more about the internship programme here:

[HEIW Summer Internship - Heiw Leadership Portal](#)

The internship programme has been very well received in previous years and we look forward to Lewis starting with us in July.

Y Ty Dysgu Update - Basic Life Support (BLS) CPD



You can now access the BLS module on Y Ty Dysgu. There is 1 CPD point attached covering the domain Leadership & Accountability.

<https://ytydysgu.heiw.wales/courses/ac54d0ad-8db3-4295-bac2-3cae8edae900>

Sponsored Course Places

Thank you to everyone who took the time to express your interest in our recent HEIW sponsored course places.

Please be reminded that future opportunities will be circulated via Tractivity only.

To hear about these opportunities please use the following self-subscriber form for our new communications system, Tractivity:

<https://heiw.tractivity.co.uk/ExternalFormViewer/Form.aspx?ExternalFormID=2>

In addition to course sponsorship opportunities, we will be using Tractivity for our HEIW Optometry newsletters, surveys, consultations and any other useful information/updates.

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- [SightLife](#)

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