



## **Ceredigion Youth Council Environment Sub-Group TERMS OF REFERENCE January 2023**

### **Ceredigion Youth Council Environment Sub-Group Aim:**

In accordance with Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), the Ceredigion Youth Council Environment sub-group will have a focus on environmental and climate change matters that affect Young People living within the County of Ceredigion and further afield.

### **In Context of UNCRC**

The commitment to support children and young people to have their voices heard and influence decision-making has enjoyed a long historical standing in Wales. One that is supported by the Ceredigion County Youth Council.

**United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child** - The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) outlines the minimum requirements of protection, provision and participation that all children and young people should expect to receive in order to lead safe, happy and fulfilled lives. Article 12 of the UNCRC guarantees to children the right to be heard in all decision-making processes that might affect them:

*“1.) States Parties shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child.”*

### **Purpose of the Environment Sub-group**

The purpose of the Environment Sub-group is to ensure a platform for young people to raise awareness, educate, advocate and campaign on behalf of other young people with regards to a positive sustainable approach to improving their local environment and climate in Ceredigion (and from time to time further afield).

### **Key Sub-Group priorities 2022/23**

Ceredigion Youth Council will support an Environment Sub-group that will:

- 1) Establish a new Environment Sub-group for the Ceredigion Youth Council
- 2) Decide a name for the Environment sub-group that is appropriate to its purpose
- 3) Agree an annual programme that will include both virtual and in-person meetings
- 4) Prioritise one area of work that will highlight a positive impact for change on the environment and climate in Ceredigion
- 5) Welcome guest speakers and attend a venue/event/activity that will enhance knowledge of a subject matter

### **Membership of the Environment Sub-group:**

Membership of the forum will be open to any Ceredigion Youth Council members and young person(s) that represent statutory youth services or third sector youth organisations that support children and youth participation in Ceredigion.

Or

Membership of the forum will be open to any Ceredigion Youth Council members and any young person(s) living in Ceredigion on a universal basis. There will be no upper limit to the number of members.

Or

Membership of the forum will be open to any Ceredigion Youth Council members and past Youth Council members

### **Meetings and Program**

The Ceredigion Youth Council Environment Sub-group will meet both virtually and in-person. Meetings will be scheduled as agreed in the program of activities. Virtual meetings will take place on ....., whilst in-person activities will be agreed whilst meeting virtually.

<b>Rhaglen Ddrafft Is-Grwp Amgylchedd Cyngor Ieuentid Ceredigion</b> <b>Ceredigion Youth Council: Tymor 2022/23</b> <b>Ceredigion Youth Council Environment Subgroup Draft Program: Term 2022/23</b>	
<b>Gweithgaredd / Activity</b>	<b>Amserlen / Timetable</b>
Cyfarfod Cychwynnol rhithiol Is-grwp Amgylchedd Environment Sub-group Initial virtual meeting	Rhagfyr 2022 December 2022 7/12/22 a/and 15/12/22
Paratoi Cylch Gorchwyl ddrafft gydag aelodau'r Is-grŵp amgylchedd bydd yn cynnwys rhaglen a chyfeiriad i Flaenoriaeth 1  Prepare draft Terms of Reference with Environment Sub-group members that will include proposed program and reference to Priority 1	Ionawr 2023  January 2023
Cyfarfod Cyngor Ieuentid Ceredigion: Eitem Agenda Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting: Agenda Item	3ydd Chwefror 2023 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023
Cyfarfod rhithiol Is-Grwp Amgylchedd: Blaenoriaeth 1 Environment Sub-Group virtual meeting: Priority 1	Mawrth 2023 March 2023
Cyfarfod Cyngor Ieuentid Ceredigion: Eitem Agenda Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting: Agenda Item	17eg Mawrth 2023 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Cyfarfod rhithiol/yn bersonol Is-Grwp Amgylchedd: Blaenoriaeth 1 Environment Sub-Group virtual/in person meeting: Priority 1	Ebrill/Mai 2023 April/May 2023
<b>Arholiadau</b> <b>Exams</b>	<b>Mai – Mehefin 2023</b> <b>May – June 2023</b>
Digwyddiad Cyngor Ieuentid: Pawb A'i Farn Ceredigion 2023 Youth Council Event: Pawb A'i Farn Ceredigion 2023	14eg Gorffennaf 2023 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Cyfarfod rhithiol/yn bersonol Is-Grwp Amgylchedd: Blaenoriaeth 1 Environment Sub-Group virtual/in person meeting: Priority 1	Gorffennaf 2023
Taith/Ymweliad Gwyliau Haf Summer Holidays Trip/Visit	Awst 2023 August 2023
Cyfarfod rhithiol Is-Grwp Amgylchedd: Adolygu Blaenoriaeth 1 Environment Sub-Group virtual meeting: Review of Priority 1	Hydref 2023 October 2023
Cyfarfod rhithiol Is-Grwp Amgylchedd: Grwp newydd Environment Sub-Group virtual meeting: New group	Rhagfyr 2023 December 2023

## SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat function of the meeting will be carried out by Ceredigion Youth Service who will propose an annual programme that will include arranging the venue for in person meetings. Ceredigion Youth Service will support creating agenda for the meetings, issue papers and take notes during the meetings.

## Chairperson

Sub-group meetings will be chaired by an elected member of the group and their term will run for 1 year

Or

Sub-group meetings will be chaired on rotation of youth council members in attendance at the meetings.

### **Environment Sub-group Terms of Reference Annual Review**

An annual review of the terms of reference will enable the environment sub-group to propose new annual priorities and a programme of events to be agreed for each year. The next review date is proposed for the Sub-group meeting scheduled for December 2023.

**Terms of Reference agreed by Ceredigion Youth Council on .....**

**Signed by Ceredigion Youth Council Chairperson: .....**

**Date: .....**