#### **CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL**

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Title:** Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting Minutes (03.02.23)

Purpose of the report: To present the minutes from the last Ceredigion Youth

Council meeting

**For:** For information

Cabinet Portfolio and Councillor Wyn Thomas, Cabinet Member for Schools,

Cabinet Member: Lifelong Learning and Skills

### **BACKGROUND:**

One of the duties bestowed on Local Authorities within the Welsh Government - Shared Purpose: Shared Future: Statutory Guidance to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – is Annex B – the **Statutory Guidance on Children and Young People's Participation** 

In order to meet one of the requirements of the legislation, Local Authorities are expected to work with relevant partners to:

- Support a County Youth Forum/Council as a representative body of young people to act as a channel for young people's views across their local authority and represent those views to local and national decision-making bodies.
- They should aim to be as inclusive as possible in terms of geographical spread, age, gender and to represent specialist needs and more marginalised young people.
- For County Youth Forums/Councils to operate effectively, they will need to be adequately supported by Local Authorities who should consider what support is required to do this.
- They should be informed and linked to their local democratic structures.
- They will also need to be effectively linked into national participation structures such as Young Wales, the Children's Commissioner for Wales and the National Assembly for Wales.

Children and young people have the human right to have opinions and for these opinions to matter. It says that the opinions of children and young people should be considered when people make decisions about things that involve them, and they shouldn't be dismissed out of hand on the grounds of age. It also says children and young people should be given the information they need to make good decisions. Article 12 (Respect for the view of the child - United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

#### **CURRENT SITUATION:**

Ceredigion Youth Work and Engagement Team is responsible for coordinating and managing the Ceredigion Youth Council since it was first established in Autumn 2015. They meet four times a year (once each term) and host an event at the end of their year 'in office'. Youth Council meetings now take place once again in the Chamber in Penmorfa.

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why

Summary:

Long term: Balancing short term need with long-term

planning for the future

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Integration: Considering how young people's well-being

may impact upon each of the well-being goals

Collaboration: Working with others to create

opportunities for young people

**Involvement:** Involving young people and seeking their

views

Prevention: Providing early intervention to reduce

problems from developing

**Recommendation(s):** For Elected Members to view the minutes from the last

Ceredigion Youth Council meeting at Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and

Cabinet, for information.

Reasons for decision: To meet the requirements of the legislation as set out in

Annex B of Welsh Government - Shared Purpose: Shared Future: Statutory Guidance to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 - Statutory Guidance On

Children And Young People's Participation

Overview and

Scrutiny:

Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Policy Framework:** 

Corporate Priorities: Corporate Strategy 2022-2027 Investing in People's

**Futures** 

Finance and Procurement

implications:

None

Legal Implications: None

Staffing implications: None

Property / asset implications:

None

Risk(s): None

Statutory Powers: Statutory Guidance On Children And Young People's

Participation.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Background Papers: Dim

Appendices: Appendix 1: Appendix B- the Statutory Guidance on

Children and Young People's Participation

Appendix 2: Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting Minutes

03.02.2023

**Corporate Lead** 

Officer:

Elen James, Corporate Lead Officer: Porth Cymorth

Cynnar

**Reporting Officer:** Lowri Evans / Gwion Bowen

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## SPSF 3 - ANNEX B STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

This statutory guidance is issued in accordance with <u>Section 17(3) of</u>
<u>the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010</u> and applies to local
authorities both in respect of local well-being plans, and whenever they
take decisions which might affect children and young people.

Local Authorities have a duty to promote and facilitate participation by children and young people in decisions which might affect them. The legal basis for this duty is Section 12 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010. It requires Local Authorities to make such arrangements as they consider suitable to promote and facilitate participation by children in decisions of the authority which might affect them, and to publish and keep up to date information about its arrangements. These duties can be discharged via the local well-being plan.

The <u>United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)</u>) is an international convention which sets out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of children up to the age of 18. It recognises not only their basic human rights but gives them additional rights to protect them from harm as one of the most vulnerable groups in society. The UNCRC has 54 articles. Articles 1-41 set out how children and young people should be treated. The other 13 articles set out how governments and adults should work together to make sure children and young people can access their rights.

In Wales, the commitment to the UNCRC is enshrined in legislation with the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011. Section 1 of the Measure places a duty on the Welsh Ministers to have due regard to the UNCRC when exercising their functions. This means the Welsh Ministers must consider how what they are doing relates to the rights and obligations in the UNCRC and every opportunity has been taken to identify ways of realising the relevant rights before making decisions. Consequently, this filters down to the local level through legislation, regulation and statutory guidance.

This guidance relates to children and young people's right to participate which is a fundamental and enabling right as set out in Article 12 of the UNCRC:

Children have the right to say what they think should happen, when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken into account.

**Article 12 (Respect for the view of the child)** 

The articles of the UNCRC have been summarised into Seven Core Aims which should underpin the working practice of any service provision working with children and young people nationally and locally. Core Aim 5 in particular relates to children and young people's participation with the aim that:

All children and young people are listened to, treated with respect, and have their race and cultural identity recognised.

Core Aim 5

#### Requirements

In order to meet the requirements the legislation, Local Authorities are expected to work with relevant partners to:

- promote and facilitate children and young people's participation within
  the broad context of the UNCRC, as part of their policies, services and
  wider citizen engagement. Local Authorities are expected to make sure
  as many children and young people as possible are aware of their
  rights as set out in the UNCRC, including their right to participate and
  for their opinion to be heard, and to be involved in decision-making
  about policies and services which affect their lives.
- embed children and young people's participation into all aspects of planning, delivering and reviewing services. This should include the assessment of local well-being, the local well-being plan and relevant sub plans;

- adopt the <u>National Participation Standards</u>. Support for the National
  Participation Standards reinforces the commitment to children's rights
  in Wales and there are many examples of good practice of
  organisations which have adopted the standards as a means of
  ensuring participation happens meaningfully and effectively. The
  expectation is all Local Authorities adopt the Standards when meeting
  their statutory duty regarding participation of children and young
  people.
- publish information about the benefits of and arrangements for promoting and facilitating participation in the authority, and disseminating examples of good practice, for instance through websites and newsletters as well as social media and linking in/working with <u>'Young Wales'</u>. Children and young people themselves can be actively involved in raising awareness of the importance of participation. The Welsh Government has many resources which could support this and could be adapted to suit local needs. As well as using resources and media which is accessible to children and young people information can be included in the public services board's annual progress report;
- ensure information and materials aimed at children and young people
  are clear and easy to understand, answer their questions and identified
  needs as well as being accurate, up-to-date, relevant and accessible in
  terms of language and format;
- ensure a range of opportunities and the appropriate required support are provided for effective participation. The opportunities for children and young people as individuals to participate should be integrated into day to day services as well as specific participation structures such as forums for children, forums for young people, or groups/forums which represent children and young people who are marginalised, vulnerable or have a special interest in a particular issue.
   These forums and groups have a key role to play in supporting children

and young people to have a voice and to access their rights as set out in the UNCRC;

- support a County Youth Forum/Council as a representative body of young people to act as a channel for young people's views across their local authority and represent those views to local and national decision-making bodies. They should aim to be as inclusive as possible in terms of geographical spread, age, gender and to represent specialist needs and more marginalised young people. For County Youth Forums/Councils to operate effectively, they will need to be adequately supported by Local Authorities who should consider what support is required to do this. They should be informed and linked to their local democratic structures. They will also need to be effectively linked into national participation structures such as Young Wales, the Children's Commissioner for Wales and the National Assembly for Wales.
- give due consideration to the Welsh language in the promotion and facilitation of participation and as part of preparing the local wellbeing plan, reflecting its official status in Wales and the national well-being goal of 'a thriving Welsh language'.

#### Working with partners

Whilst this statutory guidance, issued under the <u>Children and Families</u> (Wales) Measure 2010 relates only to Local Authorities, we would encourage them to work closely with each of their relevant partners. Working in a multiagency way is good practice and Section 25 of the <u>Children Act 2004</u> places a legal duty on local authorities to promote cooperation with a view to improving the wellbeing of children in the area. Furthermore, <u>Section 38 of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015</u> also places a requirement for public services boards to consult in assessing the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area.

There are many examples of partners contributing to children and young people's participation and mainstreaming it into their areas of work and their arrangements for citizen engagement. Some of these can be found on www.youngwales.wales and www.pupilvoicewales.org.uk.

### What happens now?

The scope of the duty to promote and facilitate children and young people's participation is wider than involvement in the local well-being plan. It is important participation becomes part of policy and practice of all local partners. Local Authorities should work with local partners, including children and young people, to ensure participation is promoted and facilitated.

However, the well-being plan could set out how children and young people's participation and engagement is embedded into all aspects of planning, delivering and reviewing services and their "arrangements for promoting and facilitating participation". The public services board's annual progress report could include a summary as to how these statutory duties have been met, and how they can be improved upon. The public services boards annual progress report could consider the protected characteristics in particular with reference to age, specifically reporting on outcomes for children and young people.

The Welsh Government will monitor local arrangements for children and young people's participation. In addition well-being plans provide evidence to Inspectorates and the Welsh Audit Office (WAO) when undertaking reviews of efficiency and effectiveness of local services. Inspectorates and the WAO may also review the outcomes achieved and procedures involved to demonstrate how effectively children and young people are being listened to, involved and engaged. Children and young people have a right to be listened to, have a voice and be able to access opportunities to play an active role in decision making wherever they are – in school, out and about in the community or as users of services.

Our ambition is for every child and young person in Wales to realise their rights as set out in the UNCRC. There may sometimes be barriers to

achieving this, however, working in a collaborative way, we all have a responsibility and a role in considering ways in which these barriers can be removed or overcome. Wales has been leading the way in children and young people's participation and momentum must be maintained.

Further information on good practice in relation to children and young people's participation can be found on <a href="http://www.childrensrights.wales/images/PDF/Participation">www.childrensrights.wales/images/PDF/Participation</a> En2.pdf

Information, resources, materials and good practice which support participation in Wales are also available at <a href="https://www.youngwales.wales">www.youngwales.wales</a>

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# Meeting Minutes Ceredigion Youth Council Council Chamber, Penmorfa Friday 03 February 2023

(10:00 - 13.45)

#### Present:

Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron

Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron & UKYP MYP

Ysgol Bro Pedr

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Ysgol Penglais

Ysgol Penglais

Ysgol Henry Richard

Ysgol Henry Richard

Coleg Ceredigion & Aberystwyth Community Ambassadors

Also Present: Gwion Bowen (Chair and Children and Young People's Participation Officer, Youth Work and Engagement Service), Lowri Evans (Team Manager, Youth Work and Engagement Service – Ceredigion County Council), Elen James (Corporate Lead Officer, Porth Cymorth Cynnar – Ceredigion County Council), Gethin Jones (Corporate Manager, Support and Prevention Service – Ceredigion County Council), Councillor Wyn Thomas (Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills) and Councillor Alun Williams (Deputy Council Leader and Cabinet Member for Through-age and Wellbeing Services)

**Speakers:** Rhidian Harries (Team Manager, Wellbeing Centre Mid and South Ceredigion - Ceredigion County Council), Becca Head and Devion McKenzie (Area 43) and Carys Huntly (Equalities and Inclusion Officer – Ceredigion County Council)

**Apologies:** Lloyd Warburton (MYP - Senedd Cymru), (Coleg Ceredigion & Aberystwyth Community Ambassadors), (Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi), (Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi), (Ysgol Penglais) and (Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron)

#### **Meeting Agenda:**



#### **MINUTES**

#### 1 Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

Gwion Bowen opened the meeting by welcoming the Youth Council to the Chamber.

Youth Council members introduced themselves and which schools / organisations they are representing. Other present introduced themselves and their roles.

Apologies noted.

GB informed the Youth Council of 'housekeeping' arrangements.

- Speakers
- Translation devices
- Fire Exits
- Toilet facilities
- Lunch and refreshments

GB explained that a register will be going around during the meeting for members to complete.

#### 2 Youth Council Chairperson Election 2022/23

Due to time constraints, it was not possible to hold the Youth Council Chairperson election during the last meeting.

GB gave a short presentation to explain the role of a Youth Council Chairperson and the main duties associated with the role.



There was the opportunity for any members interested in standing for election, to give a 30 second pitch to share why they feel they are a suitable candidate to represent Ceredigion Youth Council as their Chairperson for 2022-23.

Each member has 1 vote and votes should be placed in the ballot box at the front of the Chamber.

A show of hands was made, and 3 Youth Council members stood for election.

- 1. Ioan Evans (Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron)
- 2. Michael Bray (Ysgol Penglais)
- 3. Ifan Meredith (Ysgol Bro Pedr)

The successful candidate will be announced after lunch.

Following lunch, the successful candidate was announced and congratulated.

**Ifan Meredith (Ysgol Bro Pedr)** was elected as Ceredigion Youth Council Chairperson 2022-23 and chaired the remainder of the meeting after lunch.

# **3** Workshops: Environment and Period Dignity Sub-Groups

New Youth Council members were invited to chose between the two sub-groups and to participate in the one of their choice.

The Youth Council split in order to undertake two sub-group workshops and continued with work undertaken during last Youth Council meeting and during follow-up meetings since then.

During the meeting the environment sub-group focused on agreeing the proposed draft Terms of Reference for the new sub-group that will be amended following the groups feedback. The sub-group's next meeting is scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> of March on HWB Teams. This meeting will provide an opportunity for members to discuss an environmental priority for the sub-group in the forthcoming academic year.



The period dignity subgroup reviewed its progress and decided on which sanitary products to purchase for schools and community groups. The group also has a discussion around locations of period products in schools, and ideas of how they can be best distributed to pupils.

# 4 Wales Youth Parliament Member Update - Information

Lloyd Warburton (MYP) absent from meeting, therefore no update was shared.

# 5 United Kingdom Youth Parliament (UKYP) Ceredigion MYP Update - Information

Aled Lewis (MYP) gave an update of his work since being elected as MYP for Ceredigion in the UKYP.

Aled recently met with Ben Lake MP; Councillor Bryan Davies, Leader of Ceredigion County Council; Councillor Wyn Thomas; Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills and Elen James; Corporate Lead Officer, Ceredigion County Council. Aled updated members on what was discussed. The cost-of-living crisis is high on the agenda for Ceredigion's MP and matters associated with the cost-of-living crisis, such as increasing energy bills has been raised by Ben Lake MP in parliament. Other topics discussed included; transport, policing and the relationship between the police and young people, 'stop and search' in Ceredigion, education and work experience for young people.

IE asked for further information about transport, echoed by MB who asked whether the issue around the time of day some buses return, especially to rural villages. MB talked about issues facing young people in particular, whom are often unable to participate in afterschool activities or social interaction with friends after school, as the last bus home is at 5.30pm, and it would be helpful if there are later buses, to avoid some young people being excluded from these opportunities that may not impact some of their peers that live in the main towns or have means of getting home without using public transport. AL agreed with these points and explained that this was something that had been raised in the meeting and is recognised as a barrier for young people. AL touched on a potential idea that could be piloted in one school or area, whereby a bus route is organised and activities in that school or area are delivered on that evening, to see whether this would help those currently unable to participate. Ysgol Henry Richard pupils voiced that transport and getting home from afterschool clubs is something they see in their local area. Furthermore, IM raised a potential issue around school buses not being available for some other young people, for example college students when there is an active bus running and whether there are any solutions to this. AL said he will be continuing to work alongside officers to advocate what is important to young people.

## 6 Lampeter Wellbeing Centre - Update

During the last Youth Council meeting, it was agreed to invite an officer from the Wellbeing Centres Service to provide an update of the development at this meeting.

Rhidian Harries attended as Team Manager Wellbeing Centre; Mid and South Ceredigion and gave a presentation demonstrating the purpose and progress of transforming Lampeter Leisure Centre into a wider Wellbeing Hub, providing health, fitness, and wider community benefits.



RhH explained that the Youth Room is in development and a graffiti artist will be coming along to create a bespoke art piece for the space with pupils from Ysgol Bro Pedr. Unfortunately, due to the building work that is ongoing at the venue, pupils will be unable to go in to do the painting but will be responsible for choosing the design.

LJ thanks RhH for the presentation and update, and felt it gave young people a better understanding of the development's progress. IM asked about the availability of the Youth Room during school hours, as sixth form students at Ysgol Bro Pedr currently do not have a common room within the school. RhH explained that they would be interested to have a discussion with the school about how it could be utilised, whilst ensuring the health and safety of both pupils and centre users during this time.

### 7 Presenting Ceredigion Young People's Hot Topics Campaign 2023

GB introduced Ceredigion's Hot Topics Campaign 2023 and shared some background to the Make Your Mark campaign which has been held in Ceredigion for a number of years and is hosted by the British Youth Council. GB explained that due to changes within BYC's annual programme, it is unclear whether the Make Your Mark campaign will take place this year.



Therefore, it has been decided that Ceredigion will create a local ballot, following a similar format to the official MYM, which will give young people the opportunity to vote on topics that are important to them. The results of this ballot will form a basis for this year's Pawb a'i Farn event, and it will also steer other campaign work with the MYPs. The local campaign will need a name, and its hot topics will be chosen today by Youth Council members. GB asked members to start considering what they feel is important over lunch. Once the topics are defined, GB will create and distribute the ballot papers to all Secondary Schools, PRU, Coleg Ceredigion, HCT and other voluntary groups by end of February 2023. The ballot will run for two weeks, and results will then be available for the next Youth Council meeting on 17/03/23.

# 8 Consultation: Community Fund 'Dyfodol Ni' Project

Becca and Devion visited from Area 43, Cardigan. They gave some background to the 'Dyfodol Ni' project, which is funded by the National Lottery's Community Fund. The project is delivered for young people, by young people with a Young People's Management Committee formed to steer it, from the consultation to the decision making.



Becca asked; What do you do after school?

Answers included sports such as hockey, football, rugby and going to the gym.

Young people generally shared the impression that there is a lot for young people to do after school, but it was access to transports and means of getting home from clubs and activities that is the main barrier.

IM suggested that more 3G pitches would be beneficial to young people.

Becca asked; Has anyone been to a Youth Club before?

Members from Ysgol Henry Richard said they used to attend a cooking club after-school which has now finished. Generally, all other members stated they had not attended a Youth Club before.

Becca asked; What do you feel can be improved for young people?

Members suggested; a casual space to catch-up on schoolwork, communication to schools about Youth Clubs, community cafes for a place to sit and talk with friends, advertising including on social media and flyers, pop-up spaces in towns that you can stay for a while.

Becca thanked the Youth Council for sharing their thoughts.

# 9 Ceredigion Local Well-being Plan 2023 - 2028 Consultation

Carys Huntly, Equalities and Inclusion Officer from Ceredigion County Council presented the Local Well-being Plan consultation to the Youth Council and explained the importance of gathering young people's views to ensure the Well-being Plan is reflective of the needs of all residents living in Ceredigion.

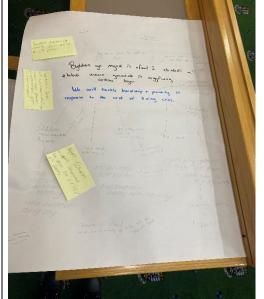


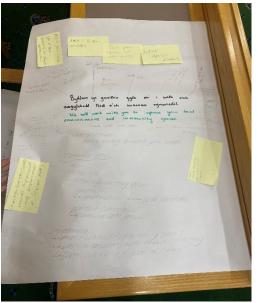
The Youth Council split into 5 groups and on a carousel basis has the opportunity to feedback on the following key priorities;

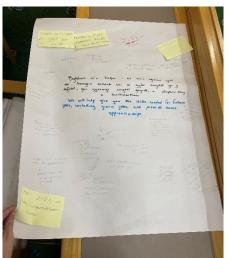
- We will tackle hardship and poverty in response to the living crisis
- We will reduce pollution to improve air, water and environmental quality
- We will celebrate the Welsh language and cultural diversity in our communities
- We will work with you to improve your local environment and community spaces
- We will help give you the skills needed for future jobs, including green jobs, and provide more apprenticeships











CH asked members to share any further comments to be captured in the consultation on post-it notes to be placed on the wall before the end of the Youth Council meeting.

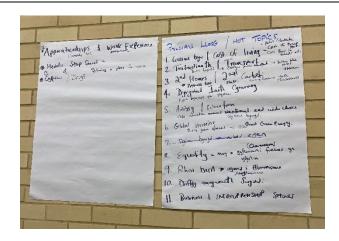




# 10 Ceredigion Young People's Hot Topics Campaign 2023

Chaired by Ifan Meredith, this workshop identified the hot topics which will be included in the ballot papers for this year's local campaign work.

13 topics were initially shared as being of importance to young people in Ceredigion, which then needed to be narrowed down to around 8 hot topics.



### Discussion and Brain Storming;

- 1. Cost of Living (energy price hikes, cost of fuel, transport and school meals)
- 2. **Transport** (cost of transport, rural bus routes, lack of buses running later in the evenings, not all cycling routes are accessible and safe, not enough use of rail networks)
- 3. Second Homes (impact of second homes on local communities, driving up house prices for local young people and families, rent prices of houses and flats unaffordable for young people after university, lack of housing altogether in some areas of the County, the risk of homelessness for care leavers as lack of affordable housing is increasing. The impact of this on care leavers' education, if there is family breakdown or foster care breakdown, there is no suitable alternative accommodation for 17 and 18 year olds that need it, which means there is the risk that they are either housed in unsuitable places or are driven out of County)
- 4. **Welsh language** (the need for better promotion of Welsh in bilingual schools to reach the target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050)
- 5. **Education and Life Skills** (the need for more practical lessons to help you in the future, things like mechanics, plumbing, psychology and other vocations. The need to be taught around behavioural psychology for all pupils, to help pupils understand their emotions which will help them with their mental health and wellbeing. Wellbeing and life skills need to have more of a focus in schools, including money management)
- 6. **Climate Change** (more green spaces such as parks. More grants for solar panels for homes, to reduce fossil fuels and increase green energy)
- 7. **Life Skills** (merged this topis with number 5)
- 8. **Equality** (more opportunities for girls to do sports in schools and the community)
- 9. **Prejudice** (tackle prejudice of minority or underrepresented groups)
- 10. **Variety of Jobs** (lack of jobs in all different fields a barrier for young people wishing to return to Ceredigion)
- 11. **Business and Entrepreneurship Skills** (the need to offer business and entrepreneurship in schools to encourage young people to learn about other non-traditional career routes, such as self-employment)
- 12. **Apprenticeships and Work Experience** (work experience for school pupils no longer offered. Rate of pay for apprentices should be improved to encourage more to think about this route. Apprenticeships aren't available in all fields, such as ICT or coding and more variety is needed to meet the need of young people)

13. **Stop and Search / Substance Misuse** (young people's perception of the police and the stop and search protocol in Dyfed Powys, as well as the increase of drugs in communities impacting young people and families)

A 'vote with your feet' exercise was used to narrow down and prioritise the 13 identified topics. As a result, the following 8 topics were selected for this year's local ballot;

Numbers; 12 / 8 / 5 / 4 / 3 / 2 / 1 / 11

# 11 Information Sharing and Date of Next Meeting

GB shared information about AOB items;

- 'Sgwrs' Consultation PCC Dyfed Powys Police
- Young Person's Guarantee Welsh Government

GB shared information about the next meeting which will be held again in the Chamber on the 17/03/2023.

Dates of meetings:

Meeting 1; 21/10/22 Meeting 2; 03/02/23 Meeting 3; 17/03/23

End of office, Pawb a'i Farn Event; 14/07/23

GB asked all members to sign out on their way out of Penmorfa and wait for their transport in the reception area.

GB thanked the group for a productive and positive meeting of the Youth Council 2022-23.

Youth Council meeting minutes are presented to both the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Full Cabinet, in order to ensure that the views of young people are fed into the democratic process in Ceredigion.

Etholiad Cadeirydd Cyngor Ieuenctid 2022/23 Youth Council Chair Person Election 2022/23

# **Fthol** Cadeirydd Cyngor leuenctid / Electing a Youth Council Chairperson

- Cadeirio Cyfarfodydd Cyngor Ieuenctid/ Chair Youth Council Meeting
- Rôl adeg Digwyddiad Pawb A'i Farn 2023 / A role during Pawb A'i Farn 2023 Event
- Cynrychioli aelodau'r Cyngor Ieuenctid tu allan i gyfarfodydd / Represent Youth Council members outside of meetings
- Cwestiwn/Question:
- Pam i chi'n teimlo mai chi yw'r aelod orau i fod yn gadeirydd y Cyngor Ieuenctid?
- Why do you feel you are the best member to chair the Youth Council?



# 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.

Rhaglen Ddrafft Is-Grwp Amgylchedd Cyngor Ieuenctid Ceredigion Ceredigion Youth Council: Tymor 2022/23 Ceredigion Youth Council Environment Subgroup Draft Program: Term 2022/23				
Gweithgaredd / Activity	Amserlen / Timetable			
Cyfarfod Cychwynnol rhithiol Is-grwp Amgylchedd	Rhagfyr 2022			
Environment Sub-group Initial virtual meeting	December 2022			
	7/12/22 a/and 15/12/22			
Paratoi Cylch Gorchwyl ddrafft gydag aelodau'r Is-grŵp amgylchedd	Ionawr 2023			
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	January 2023			
Cyfarfod Cyngor Ieuenctid Ceredigion: Eitem Agenda	3ydd Chwefror 2023			
Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting: Agenda Item	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023			
Cyfarfod rhithiol Is-Grwp Amgylchedd: Blaenoriaeth 1	Mawrth 2023			
Environment Sub-Group virtual meeting: Priority 1	March 2023			
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Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting: Agenda Item	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023			
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Arholiadau	Mai – Mehefin 2023			
Exams	May – June 2023			
Digwyddiad Cyngor Ieuenctid: Pawb A'i Farn Ceredigion 2023	14eg Gorffennaf 2023			
Youth Council Event: Pawb A'i Farn Ceredigion 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	Awst 2023			
Summer Holidays Trip/Visit	August 2023			
Cyfarfod rhithiol Is-Grwp Amgylchedd: Adolygu Blaenoriaeth 1	Hydref 2023			
Environment Sub-Group virtual meeting: Review of Priority 1	October 2023			
Cyfarfod rhithiol Is-Grwp Amgylchedd: Grwp newydd	Rhagfyr 2023			
Environment Sub-Group virtual meeting: New group	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 Refere	nce agreed by Ceredigion Youth Council on	
Signed by Cered	igion Youth Council Chairperson:	••••
Date:		

# Canolfan Lles, Llambed Wellbeing Centre, Lampeter





















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# MAKE YOUR MARK

CANLYNIADAU / RESULTS 2022





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# CANLYNIADAU GWNEUD EICH MARC CEREDIGION 2022 / CEREDIGION MAKE YOUR MARK RESULTS 2022

Pwnc Llosg / Hot Topic	Nifer
lechyd a Lles / Health and Wellbeing	483
Swyddi, Arian, Cartrefi a Chyfleoedd / Jobs, Money, Homes and Opportunities	451
Amgylchedd / Environment	405
Addysg a Dysgu / Education and Learning	371
Tlodi / Poverty	183
Adfer wedi Covid-19 / Covid-19 Recovery	154
Ein Hawliau a Democratiaeth / Our Rights and Democracy	113
CYFANSWM / TOTAL	2,160

Amserlen
Ymgyrch
Lleol /
Local
Campaign
Timeline

Awgrymu Enw ymgyrch a phynciau llosg Suggest campaign name and hot topics	3/2/23
Paratoi a dosbarthu papurau pleidleisio Prepare and distribute ballot papers	6/2/23 – 28/2/23
Ymgyrch leol yn ysgolion ar gymuned Local campaign in schools and the community	1/3/23 – 14/3/23
Cyflwyno canlyniadau Present results	17/3/23

Ymgyrch Leol Cyngor **leuenctid Sir** Ceredigion / Ceredigion Youth Council local campaign

Pa enw sydd yn addas ar gyfer yr ymgyrch drwy gofio mai 'Gwneud eich Marc' yw'r enw wreiddiol? Which name is suitable for the campaign bearing in mind that 'Make your Mark' is the original name?

Pa bynciau llosg sydd angen i ni roi ar y papur bleidlais?

What hot topics do we need to put on the ballot paper?





## DYFODOL NI OUR FUTURE

A document detailing the purpose of the Dyfodol Ni Partnership within The National Lottery's Mind Our Future Programme.



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Dyfodol Ni is a funded Partnership of youth-focussed organisations and trusted professionals across Ceredigion County. Funded by the National Lottery Community Fund's Mind Our Future Programme, Dyfodol Ni has come together to deliver joined-up, co-produced services, putting young people at the forefront in order to deliver mental health services and interventions for young people in Ceredigion. The programme will run for six years, with a development period for the first twelve months to design and create a service delivery plan for the remaining five years of the programme.

Our research shows that young people in our area are concerned about the lack of mental-health and wellbeing support, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour, rural isolation and poverty. Mental health was widely identified as having the biggest impact on other areas of their lives.

The ethos at the heart of the Ceredigion Partnership will be to listen to the voice of our young people, provide opportunities for them to express themselves, shape the direction of the project and co-produce future activities to improve the resilience and mental health of young people across Ceredigion as a whole. Therefore, through youth engagement and consultation, the Dyfodol Ni partnership will work together to tackle the barriers that young people in Ceredigion are facing head on in order to bring our services up to their full potential.



#### YOUTH-LED

We are youth led. We aim to work together as a partnership to meet needs, as defined by young people, in a way that suits them. As youth workers and service providers, our role is to inspire young people to be the change makers they deserve and provide safe spaces for them to amplify their voices. They are the decision makers of the programme and are empowered to bring their ideas to the partnership.

### TARGET AUDIENCE

The development phase will be delivered over one year, and during this period, the young people will determine the age range the project will work with, in terms of what the project will look like and who it's aimed at. They wanted to be flexible and not preclude any age at this stage. To achieve this, the partner organisations that form the partnership, between them, reach out and support a wide age range from 4-25 years and diverse backgrounds.





The Mind Our Future Programme runs between September 2022 and March 2028. The timeline is as follows:





The Dyfodol Ni Partnership pledge was created by young people in order to set the agreement of partner organisations in maintaining the youth-led focus of the partnership activities. All proposed partner organisations must sign up to the below pledge. Organisations agree to ensure the following:

## YOUTH-LED

Young people's voices are central to the service offered to them. They can use their preferred service to build independence and trust in youth-led services, encouraging engagement and enthusiasm in what we do.

Services respond to the needs of local young people, as defined by them, offering accessible support wherever possible, with targeted support for those considered more at-risk, disadvantaged or with higher needs.



# INCLUSIVITY, EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Young people feel welcomed and included in their local area and can access the support they decide they need as they head towards adulthood. They should not feel isolated or different because of preferred language, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, nationality, socio-economic status, special educational needs, mental health issues, religion or any other characteristic.

The local youth services should help to improve life circumstances for young people from all backgrounds by offering support to develop the skills, knowledge and networks they need to access and take advantage of opportunities.

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### RESPECT

The needs and wishes of local young people are considered as much as any other community group. They should feel heard, valued and respected. Local youth are actively encouraged to participate in their communities and enjoy opportunities in their area without worrying about judgement or negative stereotyping.



## QUALITY, SAFETY & WELL-BEING

Good quality, open access services are delivered by staff with safeguarding training who have links to further support if needed. Our services help to keep young people safe and support their mental, emotional and physical health, improve their social and economic wellbeing, and make sure they can access education, non-formal learning and activities of their choice.



#### **EMPOWERMENT**

Services empower young people to progress and engage in employment, education and training, and to take an active role in their local communities. Young people are listened to and can make positive changes to their communities, and understand how to engage with choice making.



### POSITIVITY

Services are focused on bringing out the best in each individual, helping them to develop their skills and attributes, rather than attempting to 'fix a problem'.







## JOIN OUR PARTNERSHIP

We're stronger together, so if you're an organisation that is interested in joining the Dyfodol Ni Partnership, please get in touch with Becca Head at DyfodolNi@area43.co.uk

## Byrddau Gwasanathau Cyhoeddus

## Public Service Boards















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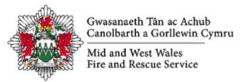
















#### Yr Amcanion

- Byddwn yn mynd i'r afael â chaledi a thlodi mewn ymateb i'r argyfwng costau byw
- Byddwn ni'n helpu i roi ichi'r sgiliau sydd eu hangen arnoch chi ar gyfer swyddi yn y dyfodol, gan gynnwys swyddi gwyrdd, a darparu mwy o brentisiaethau
- Byddwn yn gweithio gyda chi i wella eich amgylchedd lleol a'ch mannau cymunedol
- Byddwn ni'n lleihau llygredd i wella ansawdd aer, dŵr a'r amgylchedd
- Byddwn yn dathlu'r Gymraeg ac amrywiaeth ddiwylliannol ein cymunedau

#### The Objectives

- We will tackle hardship and poverty in response to the cost-of-living crisis
- We will help give you the skills needed for future jobs, including green jobs, and provide more apprenticeships
- We will work with you to improve your local environment and community spaces
- We will reduce pollution to improve air, water and environmental quality
- We will celebrate the Welsh language and cultural diversity of our communities

#### **TLODI- TRAWSTORRI / POVERTY- CROSS-CUTTING**

Statement	Agreements	
Increase council housing available		
Lessons in school about saving money		1
Life skills that help with finance		
New buildings, more efficient		
Better insulation		
Environmentally friends heat / electricity		
Non School buses should be free for GCSE and 6th form		
School dinners		
-more available		
-more variety		1
Free school meals		
Clwb Brecwast		
available in morning		
Water available during the day		
Heat and electric		
More pay for teachers		
-less strikes		
Working conditions need improving		1
Petrol + diesel		
Schools being open for longer after hours		
Somewhere to go and stay warm		
Community Centres and charities		
Free period products		3
NHS		
Food banks and donations more accesible		1
Minimum wage to atleast the living wage		
Nationalise energy companies		
Pay rises in general for needed jobs (30%)		
Cap on rent prices		
Student discount cards for GCSE + 6th form		
Services such as bus / school meals / gym leisure centre		
should be discounted or free for low income children		

Statement Agreements

More jobs in tech / computer / IT sector

Make syre students are aware of apprenticeships

Promotoe apprenticeships like universities are promoted

How to look good in an interview

-suff ymddwyn

-sefyll mas

Practical work + experience

-tactile learning

mwy o cymorth addysgiadol

cyflwyniadau ar gyfer wahanol swyddi

financial training for green jobs

more training for people who come from a farming background - help keep up with the change in economic structure

gwersi penodal am rhain fel pwnc yn yr ysgol

life skills - money, savings, lide, things we need to know about the future that we don't currently know

1

better pay for apprenticeships - attract more people to do an apprenticeship

More information about career paths

Workshops

Work experience

More life lessons (management)

Hefyd mwy o aprentisiathau yn y diwydiant creadigol

Learn relevant legal information

Sgiliau a profiad yn cael eu darparu I swyddi mwy creadigol

Adnoddau cryfach ar gyfer pbol sy'n delio â diffyg gwaith e.e job centres

learning more important things in school for self-employment

better transport to get to a job

Safer Cycle paths

Statement **Agreements** More accesible grants and funding to improve youth support Community spaces -clubs -activities -electricity - charging spaces -cymorth -period products -food donations parks and fitness areas communal open spaces environments -public walks / dog walking paths -bins - inconsistency with rubbish collecting -safer outside e.g. glas on floors Fund raising in communities for community spaces (sports, cake sales, tug of war etc) Public water fountains to refill plastic bottles Community gardens -good for mental health -any age -locally grown food -community involvement 3 make people more aware More environmentally friendly community space -more plantation Community cafes -with computer access myw o pathiau cerdded (nature trails) 2 not pay for public toilets + more toilets homeless shelters bee sanctuary 4G (astroturff) around Ceredigion Youth clubs (Aberystwyth and Aberaeron) More funding for public gardens in small communiities BMX / bike tracks Cycle paths (more and better quality)

Statement Agreements

Dog parks

Increase pedestrianised areas

-green spaces

Increase knowledge on the environment (eg. Why it should be respectedm like not standing on dunes, sand - wildlife lived)

Plannu mwy o blanhigion I hybu bywyd gwyllt

Green public transport

Little swampy area (good for water life etc)

Plant more trees

Stop cutting down trees for building

Plant more trees / plants / flowers

Public allotment / gardens

Community greenhouses

Public packaging (non plastic)

Meadow areas (better for biodiversity) (great for carbon)

Better drainage systems

More bins around schools / parks / public areas

Save the bees (more planters in commnal areas)

Bins for period products

Cyfyngu llygredd golau er mwyn coniatau bod anifeiliaid nosol yn gallu byw mewn heddwch ar bod ansawdd cwsg y bobl lleol yn gwella

wind turbines

public transport (buses)

more water fountains around the place - promote reusable bottles rather than buying bottles everywhere

Nets in seas

Reduce one use plastic products

car sharing programme

more green spaces

solar panels

more local food production

walking paths / nature trails

-public bikes "city bikes"

-more bins

mwy o "allotments" er mwyn plannu llysiau a thyfurn lleol

Reduce air miles exoanding local food production by diversifying what is grown, and the kinds of local fuel available

Statement Agreements

Mwy o hymyddo iaith a nelepwydelior iaith ar blatsomiau cymraeg Dysgu orn diwylliannau arall er mwyn taclo a derbyn pobl sy'n mudo o gwledydd arall ac o hîl gwahanol

learn more about communities within the welsh language gwersi trwy gyfrwng y cymraeg

- ( baccloniaeth cymraeg
- maths
- gwyddoniaeth)

Mwy o sideau Cymreig ar gyfer plant bach fell gellir tyfu lan yn hyderus yn siarad yr iaith

Hybu siarad Cymreag mewn ysgolion dwy-ieithog

All teachers in Wales must be able to speak Welsh

Two way respect between languages

-respecting and learning other languages / cultures + vice versa

Sicrhau pwyllgorau cymreitod yn pos ysgol

Mwy o weithwyr digwyddiaddau ee pel-droed ayyb yn defnyddio Cymraeg fel y iaith gyntaf.

More Welsh events

- -music
- -drama etc

Compulsory to learn Welsh in primary school over Wales

Mwy o llyfray Cymraeg mewn siopau a ysgolion

-diweddari llyfrau mwy modern

Celebrate Welsh schools

I think it is important to celebrate all cultures & diversity

How do we celebrate the Welsh language?

It should not be over - prioritising Welsh - speakers or idolising Welsh - speakers with bad opinions only because they speak Welsh

I think it's important to include all communities and help support diversity in Welsh speaking places, by using education to help join people together

Culture week - have a week in school to learn about different cultures in the school

Celebrate people of ethnic heritage in Wales

Celebrating cultural diversity: allwing and encouraging all identities and cultures (including Welsh) to celebrate and partake in their cultures and traditions

Making sure it does not impact or get prioritised over education, mental health, environment, world issues, public transport

Celebrate Welsh history, Welsh history month

We need to celebrate the Welsh language without alienating those who don't speak it. Inclusivity is key.

Pwysigrwydd Eisteddfod

More Welsh events - music

Availability of Welsh classes

- for older people

Dim on ysgolion Cymraeg neu ddwy weithog

#### YSTYRIAETHAU/ THOUGHTS

Open question to gather young people's views about what they like about Ceredigion and what they would change about Ceredigion. Phrased 1 thing I like about Ceredigion is.... 1 thing I wish I could change about Ceredigion is.... And 1 thing I wonder about the future of Ceredigion is.....

l like	l wish	I wonder
Ceredigion is slow paced and is somehere where you can escape from busy lives	There was more transport and opportunities especially in rural areas away from towns	gwell tratnidiaeth
Byd natur	Better transport, to visit more places - stop at more rural stops on the way to the destination	Use more of the Welsh language
The natural beauty and the different opportunities there are to explore it	We did not feel so disconnected from	Improve public transport connections to other area in Wales eg trains
Busnesau lleol	Fwy o trafnidiaeth I cefn gwlad Trafnidiaeth gwell, hybu Cymraeg yn fwy	Hybu'r iaith cymraeg ?
Sports / opportunity A lot of stuff available to do + spend time doing entertainment and leisure	More activities, more shops  More public transport in more rural areas.	If there could be less crime / drugs
The environment	More accessibility	
Sports opportunity	Police had different priorities	More opportunities outside of sports
Rugby	More accessibility	
	I wish Ceredigion produced more	
	green energy and had better transport	
	I wish Ceredigion had a different	
	education system that taught different and more modern skills	
	Yr amrywiaeth o drwydiannau	Mwy o drefnidiaeth I blant ysgol
Mwy o drafnidiaeth	Mwy o chwaraeon	Teimlad o cymuned di iaith Gymraeg