

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 05 December 2023

Title: Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting Minutes (20.10.23)

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

For: Information

Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member:

Councillor Wyn Thomas, Cabinet Member for Schools, 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 take place in the Chamber in Penmorfa.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

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

N/A

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

Long term: N/A
Collaboration: N/A
Involvement: N/A
Prevention: N/A
Integration: N/A

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:

N/A

Corporate Well-being Objectives:

Corporate Strategy 2022-2027- Providing the best start in life and enabling learning at all ages

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:

None

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Appendix B- the Statutory Guidance on Children and Young People's Participation
Appendix 2- Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting Minutes 20.10.2023

Corporate Lead Officer:

Elen James, Corporate Lead Officer: Lifelong Learning & Greg Jones, Corporate Lead Officer: Porth Cymorth Cynnar

Reporting Officer:

Lowri Evans / Gwion Bowen

Date:

01 November 2023

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

This statutory guidance is issued in accordance with [Section 17\(3\) of the Children and Families \(Wales\) Measure 2010](#) 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 [United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child \(UNCRC\)](#)) 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.

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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;

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- adopt the [National Participation Standards](#). 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 '[Young Wales](#)'. 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

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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 [Children and Families \(Wales\) Measure 2010](#) relates only to Local Authorities, we would encourage them to work closely with each of their relevant partners. Working in a multi-agency way is good practice and Section 25 of the [Children Act 2004](#) places a legal duty on local authorities to promote cooperation with a view to improving the wellbeing of children in the area. Furthermore, [Section 38 of the Wellbeing of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#) 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.

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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

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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 www.childrensrights.wales or http://www.childrensrights.wales/images/PDF/Participation_En2.pdf

Information, resources, materials and good practice which support participation in Wales are also available at www.youngwales.wales

Meeting Minutes
Ceredigion Youth Council
Council Chamber, Penmorfa
Friday 20 October 2023

(10:00 – 14.00)

Present:

Ysgol Bro Pedr & Urdd Ceredigion (YC Chairperson 2022-23)
Ysgol Bro Teifi
Ysgol Bro Teifi
Ysgol Penglais & Goats Youth Hub
Ysgol Penglais & Goats Youth Hub
Coleg Ceredigion & Aberystwyth Community Ambassadors
Coleg Ceredigion & Aberystwyth Community Ambassadors
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig & Urdd Ceredigion
EHE & Talybont Youth Club
Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron
Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron
Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron
Ysgol Bro Pedr
Ysgol Bro Pedr
Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi

Also Present: Gwion Bowen (Children and Young People’s Participation Officer, Youth Work and Engagement Service), Lowri Evans (Team Manager, Youth Work and Engagement Service – Ceredigion County Council) and Councillor Wyn Thomas (Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

Speakers: Tesni Woodfall (Equality and Inclusion Officer, Policy and Performance Service – Ceredigion County Council) and Iestyn Morgan (Electoral Services Engagement & Processing Officer, Legal and Democracy Services – Ceredigion County Council)

Apologies:

(Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig), (Ysgol Penglais), (Ysgol Penglais),
(Ysgol Henry Richard), (Ysgol Henry Richard), (Ysgol Bro Pedr), (Ysgol
Bro Pedr), (Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron), (Ysgol Bro Teifi) and Elen James (Chief
Education Officer, Ceredigion County Council)

Meeting Agenda:



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MINUTES

1 Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

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

This year's membership will be Ceredigion's 9th Youth Council.

GB and LE 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

Youth Council members introduced themselves and which schools / organisations they are representing.

GB explained that a register will be going around during the meeting to collect e-mail addresses for correspondence, and asked if members could note any dietary requirements for future reference. Membership forms will also be distributed during the meeting and/or by e-mail in due course.

GB explained that following today's meeting a MS Teams Hwb Channel will be created to share information.

2 What is our Youth Council and 2023/24 Youth Council structure?

GB presented to the Youth Council, providing background information and explained the current structure of the Youth Council.



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3 Have your say on Second Home and Long-term Empty Property Council Tax Premiums

GB shared information around the consultation which has launched asking for views on what level of council tax premiums should be charged on long-term empty properties and second homes in Ceredigion.

Currently, there is a 25% extra charge on top of the normal level of council tax for second homes and long-term empty properties in the county.

In Ceredigion, 33,856 properties are responsible for paying council tax. Of these, 2,289 (6.8%) are either second homes or long-term empty properties. Most second homes are located around the coastal areas, with long-term empty properties generally being seen in more urban areas.

Ceredigion County Council wants to hear from citizens on the future level for these council tax premiums, including what impacts any change could have on local communities, the Welsh language, tourism, and the economy.



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Poster Second Home and Empty Property.p

Youth Council members shared their thoughts and opinions on the topic of second homes and long-term empty properties, which included influence on the economy, house prices and available housing for young people (rental / to buy). Young people provided with details to respond to the consultation.

4 Environment and Period Dignity Sub-groups Workshops

GB explained that there are two sub-groups to the Youth Council. Members can choose one in which to participate. The Youth Council split in order to undertake two sub-group workshops.

GB and LE presented information to both sub-groups and what has been undertaken by the last Youth Council.

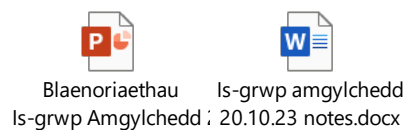
<u>Environment Sub-Group</u>	<u>Period Dignity Sub-Group</u>
Participants:	Participants:
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Environment Sub-Group

During the Environment Subgroup workshop and as a starting point for discussion, GB shared the Subgroup's priorities for the year 2022 - 2023.

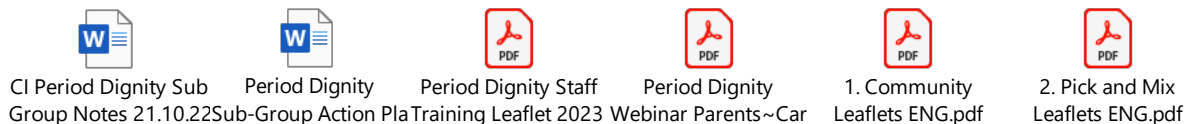
Having recognised what had worked well in 2022 - 2023 and what potentially needed to be done to progress the sub-group's work in 2023 - 2024; members decided to prioritise a £500 environment project for 2023 - 2024.

A brief task was provided by GB for the Environment Subgroup members to discuss and share ideas around an appropriate environment project to be prioritised for the forthcoming year. The Sub-Group will confirm which project to pursue at our next meeting in the new year on 02.02.24.



Period Dignity Sub-Group

LE shared information around what the last Youth Council's priorities were in terms of period dignity. LE shared a copy of their action plan, and the new sub-group members will have the opportunity to establish their own priorities for 2023-24.



[Period Dignity in Ceredigion - Ceredigion County Council](#)

Some ideas were shared around what the group would like to focus on for this year, and these ideas will be explored further in future meetings.

Period products samples were shared to understand which items young people preferred.

5 A word from Councillor Wyn Thomas, Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills

Councillor Wyn Thomas, Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills welcomed the new Youth Council for 2023-24.

Cllr Wyn Thomas explained his role within Cabinet and highlighted the important role of the Youth Council in Ceredigion as a platform for young people to have their voice and opinions heard. Adding that the Youth Council is also an opportunity for all members to represent the views and opinions of other young people living in Ceredigion.

	<p>Cllr Wyn Thomas explained that he was looking forward to the new annual programme and to have the opportunity to listen and engage with all youth council members during the forthcoming meetings.</p>
6	<p>Youth Council Chairperson Election 2023/24</p>
	<p>GB presented the opportunity to become the Youth Council Chairperson for 2023-24. GB explained the role, and its responsibilities.</p> <div data-bbox="751 524 951 645" data-label="Image"> <p>Etholiad Cadeirydd Cyngor Ieuenctid 202.</p> </div> <p>IM (Chairperson for 2022-23) talked of his experience as Chairperson and the skills he has developed from being in the role. IM encouraged new members to consider the opportunity.</p> <p>GB thanked IM for his commitment and efforts as Chairperson for 2022-23.</p> <p>GB explained the election process and thanked everyone who put their names forward to become Chairperson (JP; YUA, AD; YBT, RA; Penweddig, IH; Penweddig, CD; Penweddig, TD; Penglais).</p> <p>A vote was held and it was announced that Rosa Waby, (Year 12) Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig was successful in being elected by the Youth Council as Ceredigion Youth Council Chairperson for 2023-24. RW was congratulated on her appointment.</p>
7	<p>Ceredigion Draft Equality Plan 2024-28 Consultation</p>
	<p>Tesni Woodfall (Equality and Inclusion Officer, Policy and Performance Service – Ceredigion County Council) joined the Youth Council meeting to present Ceredigion’s Draft Equality Plan 2024-28 consultation.</p> <p>All public authorities must publish a set of objectives and a plan that describes what they will do to reduce inequality and address prejudice and discrimination.</p> <p>People were asked for their views about equality in the Dyfed-Powys area during the summer. The answers received have helped us to put together an important draft Strategic Equality Plan to make life better for those who are disadvantaged because of their characteristics.</p> <p>The Council’s draft equality objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be an equal opportunities employer. • foster good relations and tackle prejudice. • ensure engagement and participation, respect and access to services. • provide fair and inclusive education.

Youth Council members participated in the consultation and took part in a group discussion.



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8 Ceredigion Local Democracy Week

To recognise this year’s Local Democracy Week 2023, Iestyn Morgan (Electoral Services Engagement & Processing Officer, Legal and Democracy Services – Ceredigion County Council) presented to the Youth Council to highlight the political process in Ceredigion, especially for young people.

Local Democracy Week takes place on a national and local level and aims to encourage the public, particularly underrepresented groups such as young people, ethnic minorities, and disabled people, to get involved in the democratic process.

The Welsh Government defines local democracy as every person having an ‘equal opportunity to influence change...ensuring that local policies and services reflect the needs and preferences of local communities.’



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9 United Kingdom Youth Parliament (UKYP) Presentation and Ceredigion UKYP Member election

GB presented the opportunity for the Youth Council to elect Ceredigion’s next UK Youth Parliament, Member of Youth Parliament. Aled Lewis (Year 13, Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron) is Ceredigion’s current UKYP MYP and will finish his term at the end of November 2023.



Cylfwyniad ASI - MYP
Presentation 2023.ppt

GB explained that there is now the opportunity for young people to declare whether they wish to nominate themselves for the UKYP election. Young people who wish to do so will have 30 seconds to 'pitch' why they would like to take on the role to the rest of the Youth Council. The Youth Council will then vote, by placing their ballot papers into the ballot box at the front of the Chamber. Each young person has one vote. The votes will be counted during lunch and the successful candidate will be announced shortly after lunch.

Six young people put their names forward and were congratulated for doing so, as it is not an easy task to speak in front of so many others especially in a setting like the Chamber. Each young person gave a short explanation to support their application. Those who ran for election (JP; YUA, AD; YBT, IH; Penweddig, CD; Penweddig, BLI; YBT, CJ; CC).

The ballot was held, and it was announced that the successful candidate, who will be this year's Member of UK Youth Parliament for Ceredigion is: Aeron Dafydd (Ysgol Bro Teifi). AD was congratulated, and others were acknowledged for putting themselves forward.

10 Information Sharing and Date of Next Meeting

GB called for any other business from members. None reported.

GB shared copies of service membership form.

GB shared information and asked for interest in scheduling a visit to the Senedd in Cardiff into this year's Youth Council programme, likely to be during February Half Term 2024. Youth Council members demonstrated an interest in this activity.

GB shared information and materials around Hate Crime Awareness Week.

GB shared information about the next meeting which will be held again in the Chamber on the 02/02/2024.

Dates of 2023-24 meetings:

Meeting 1; 20/10/23

Meeting 2; 02/02/24

Meeting 3; 20/03/24

End of office, Pawb a'i Farn Event; 12/07/23



Youth Council Flyer
2023.24 (Eng).pdf

GB explained that sub-groups may meet before the next Youth Council meeting, most likely over MS Teams. Sub-groups may meet more regularly to ensure project / campaign work can progress. More information will follow to sub-groups in due course.

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 first meeting of the Youth Council 2023-24.

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.



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Cyngor Ieuencid
Cyngor Sir Ceredigion

Welcome to
Ceredigion County Council
Youth Council

Beth yw Cyngor Ieuenctid ni?

Grŵp o bobl ifanc unigol sydd wedi cael eu enwebu i gynrychioli pobl ifanc eraill sydd yn mynychu yr un ysgol, mudiad, gwasanaeth neu fforwm

What is our Youth Council?

A group of individual young people who have been nominated to represent other young people who attend the same school, organisation, service or forum



Pam fod angen Cyngor Ieuenctid?

Confensiwn y Cenedloedd Unedig ar Hawliau Plant (CCUHP)

Erthygl 12:

Eich hawl i ddweud eich barn ac i rhywun wrando arnoch

Deddfwriaeth yng Nghymru fel:

- Mesur Hawliau Plant a Phobl Ifanc (Cymru) 2011
- Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol (Cymru) 2015

Why do we need a Youth Council?

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

Article 12:

Your right to say your opinion and be listened to.

Legislation in Wales such as:

- *Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011*
- *Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015*



Beth yw rôl Cyngor Ieuenctid Sir Ceredigion?

- 1) I rhoi barn pobl ifanc am newidiadau i wasanaethau Cyngor Sir Ceredigion a gwasanaethau cyhoeddus
- 2) I drafod pwnciau sydd yn effeithio pobl ifanc yn Ceredigion
- 3) I rhoi croeso i siaradwyr gwadd
- 4) I weithio tuag at digwyddiad diwedd tymor 'Pawb a'i farn'

What is the role of Ceredigion County Council Youth Council?

- 1) To provide young people's opinion on proposed changes to Ceredigion County Council services and public services
- 2) To discuss topics that affect young people in Ceredigion
- 3) To welcome guest speakers
- 4) To work towards an end of year event 'Pawb a'i Farn'



Rhaglen Cyngor Ieuenctid Sir Ceredigion 2023/24

- 1) Cyfarfod Rhagarweiniol - Heddiw
- 2) 2ail Cyfarfod yn Siambr y Sir: 02/2/24
- 3) 3ydd Cyfarfod yn Siambr y Sir: 20/3/24
- 4) Digwyddiad Cyngor Ieuenctid 'Pawb a'i Farn 2024':
12/07/24

Ceredigion County Council Youth Council Programme 2023/24

- 1) Introductory Meeting - Today
- 2) 2nd Meeting in the County Council Chamber: 02/2/24
- 3) 3rd Meeting in the County Council Chamber: 20/3/24
- 4) Youth Council Event 'Pawb a'i Farn 2024': 12/07/24



'Rhoi dy Farn 2023' Campaign

- Youth Council Campaign that ran from 1st March – 14th March 2023
- Targeted all Ceredigion Secondary Schools, Coleg Ceredigion, PRU, Post 16 Inspire project and Hyfforddiant Ceredigion Training.
- Total Votes: 2184
- Turnout 36%
- Hot Topics: Cost of Living Crisis, Careers, Education and Transport

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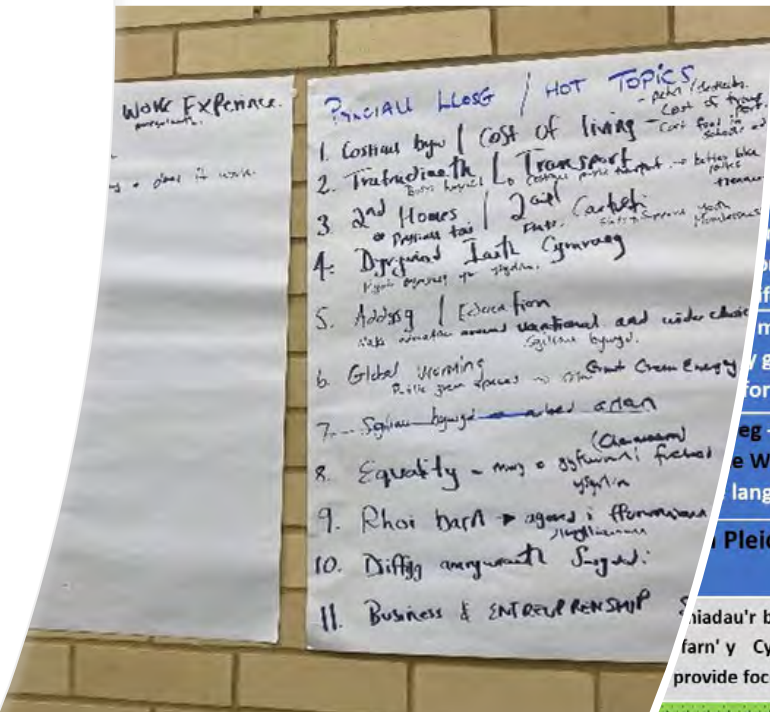
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 onal opportunities and greater choice that should include life

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 / **Education** - business and entrepreneurship skills should be...
 schools

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 ac ynni / **Cost of living Crisis** - more support with costs of...
 school meals and energy

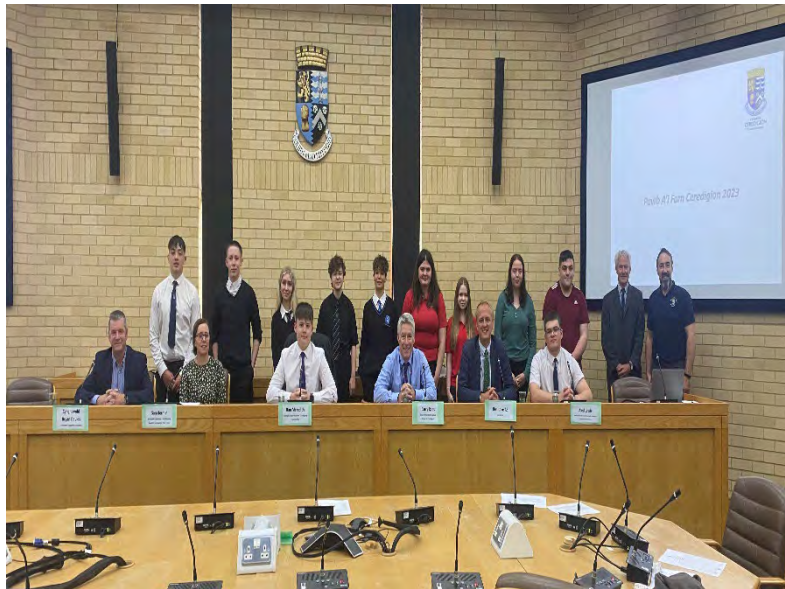
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 yn y gymuned / **Equality** - more sports opportunities for



Hot Topic	Cyfanswm / Total	Safon / Rank
Costau byw - mwy o gefnogaeth gyda chostau cludiant, sgol ac ynni / Cost of living Crisis - more support with costs of transport, school meals and energy	515	1
Mwy o ddewis o brentisiaethau sy'n talu'n well a gwybodaeth o gyfleoedd profiad gwaith / Education - more choice of better paid apprenticeships and work experience opportunities	372	2
Dysgu sgiliau busnes ac entrepreneuriaeth yn ysgol / Education - business and entrepreneurship taught in schools	267	3
Mae angen i fysiau redeg yn hwyrach a bod yn gwell cysylltiadau trên a gwell llwybrau / Transport - buses need to run later and be more frequent and improved bike routes	256	4
Tai fforddiadwy a mynediad i bobl ifanc lleol / Affordable housing and access for local young people	244	5
Mynediad i gyfleoedd galwedigaethol a mwy o gyfleoedd sgiliau bywyd / Education - improve access to vocational opportunities and greater choice that should include life skills	234	6
Mwy o gyfleoedd chwaraeon i ferched mewn ysgol / Equality - more sports opportunities for girls in schools and in the community	201	7
Reg - mae angen gwneud mwy i hybu'r iaith / Welsh language - more needs to be done to support the Welsh language	95	8
Pleidleisiau / Total Votes	2184	

niadau'r bleidlais flynyddol yn nodi'r blaenoriaethau a fydd yn rhoi ffocws i ddigwyddiadau'r farn y Cyngor Ieuenctid adeg tymor yr haf. / The results of the annual ballot sets out the priorities that will provide focus for the Youth Council's annual 'pawb a'i farn' event in the summer.

Digwyddiad 'Pawb A'i Farn' Event



Strwythur Cyngor Ieuenctid 2022/23

Youth Council Structure 2022/23

Cyngor Ieuenctid /
Youth Council

Aelod Senedd
Ieuenctid
Cymru / Wales
Youth
Parliament
Member



SIDU/UKYP –
ASI/MYP
Ceredigion

Is-grwp
Amgylchedd /
Environment
Subgroup



Is-grwp Urddas
Mislif / Period
Dignity
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Cyfarfodydd rhithiol / Virtual
Meetings

Ffurflen Aelodaeth / Membership
Form

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Croeso i
Cyngor Ieuencid
Cyngor Sir Ceredigion

Welcome to
Ceredigion County Council
Youth Council

Ethol Cadeirydd Cyngor Ieuenctid / Electing a Youth Council Chairperson

- Cadeirio Cyfarfodydd Cyngor Ieuenctid /
Chair Youth Council Meeting
- Rôl adeg Digwyddiad Pawb A'i Farn 2024 /
A role during Pawb A'i Farn 2024 Event
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MP

- 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?



Cyngor Sir
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Dweud eich dweud ar
Bremiymau Treth Gyngor Ail Gartrefi
ac Eiddo Gwag Hirdymor / Have your say on
Second Home and Long-term Empty
Property Council Tax Premiums

Trafodaeth Siambr / Chamber Discussion

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-59938949>

Cwestiwn 1 / Question 1

- **Fel person ifanc, beth yw eich barn chi am brynnu ty yng Ngheredigion?**
- **As a young person, what do you think about buying a house in Ceredigion?**

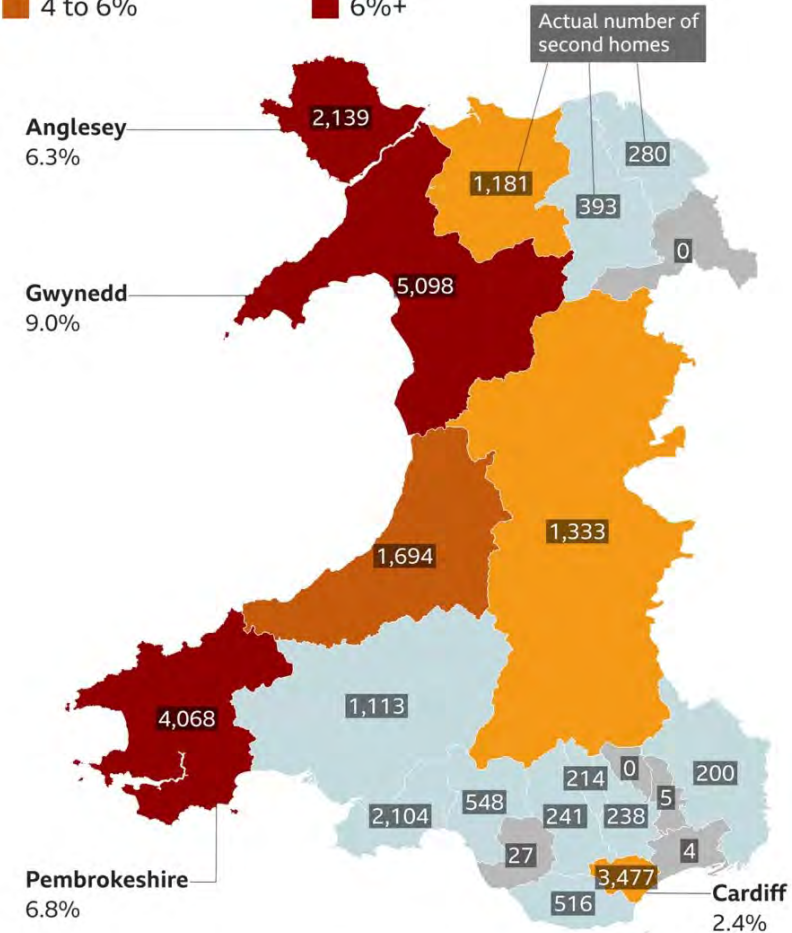


Cwestiwn 2 / Question 2

- Ydych chi'n meddwl bydd codi treth uwch ar dai gwag ac ail gartrefi yn helpu chi i brynu tŷ yng Ngheredigion?
- Do you think raising tax on empty houses and second homes will help you buy a house in Ceredigion?

Wales' second homes

Percentage taxed as second homes



Source: Statswales 2021 to 2022

BBC

Second Home and Long-term Empty Property Council Tax Premiums

Cwestiwn 3 / Question 3

• Ydych chi'n meddwl bydd codi treth cyngor uchel ar dai gwag ac ailgartrefu yn mynd i gael effaith positif neu negyddol ar economi Ceredigion?

• Do you think raising a high council tax on empty and second homes will have a positive or negative effect on Ceredigion's economy?

Dewiswch y cod QR am ragor o wybodaeth ac i lenwi'r ffurflen on-linell. (Dewiswch 'Cymraeg' o'r rhestr o'r ddeheuol neu ffoniwch y nifer ffôn ar y dudalen).

Click on the QR code for more information and to complete the online form.

Yn eiddoedd a gwyddwrthodau, hysbysu i'r swyddogion Ceredigion Council am gopi papur o un o'r ffurflen on-linell neu ganolfannau Ceredigion Council yn y ddwy o'r ddiwydion y sir, neu ffoniwch y nifer ffôn 01263 570 881 am gopi trwy'r post.



**Dyddiad cau/
Closing date:**
29/10/2023

Dweud eich dweud ar Bremiymau Treth Gyngor Ail Gartrefi ac Eiddo Gwag Hirdymor

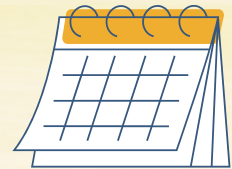


Have your say on
Second Home and Long-term Empty
Property Council Tax Premiums



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Closing date:**
29/10/2023

Gallwch gasglu copi papur o un o
lyfrgelloedd neu ganolfannau
hamdden y sir, neu ffoniwch
01545 570 881 am gopi trwy'r post.

You can collect a paper copy from
one of the county's libraries or
leisure centres, or call
01545 570 881 to request
a copy by post.



Blaenoriaethau Is-grwp Amgylchedd 2022/23

Environment sub-group priorities 2022/23

- ▶ Sefydlu a chytuno ar gylch gorchwyl yr is-grŵp amgylchedd
- ▶ Sefydlu rhaglen dymor ar gyfer is-grŵp
- ▶ Canolbwyntio ar 1 flaenoriaeth allweddol ar gyfer newid
- ▶ Mynychu ymweliad/taith diwrnod (petai diddordeb)
- ▶ Establish and agree terms of reference of the environment sub-group
- ▶ Establish a term programme for sub-group
- ▶ Focus on 1 key priority for change
- ▶ Attend a day visit/trip (if there's interest)

Youth Council Environment Sub-Group Workshop Notes 20.10.23

At the time of the Environment Sub-Group workshop and as a starting point for discussion, the Sub-Group's priorities for the year 2022 - 2023 were shared. Following the discussion, it was decided to ensure that the work of the Subgroup develops, and to prioritise a £500 project for 2023 - 2024.

Based on this, there was discussion between members of the Environment Sub-Group about project ideas that will potentially be able to have development as the Sub-Group's main goal for this year. The Sub-Group will decide which project to follow at our next meeting in the new year on 2.2.24.

Project Ideas £500

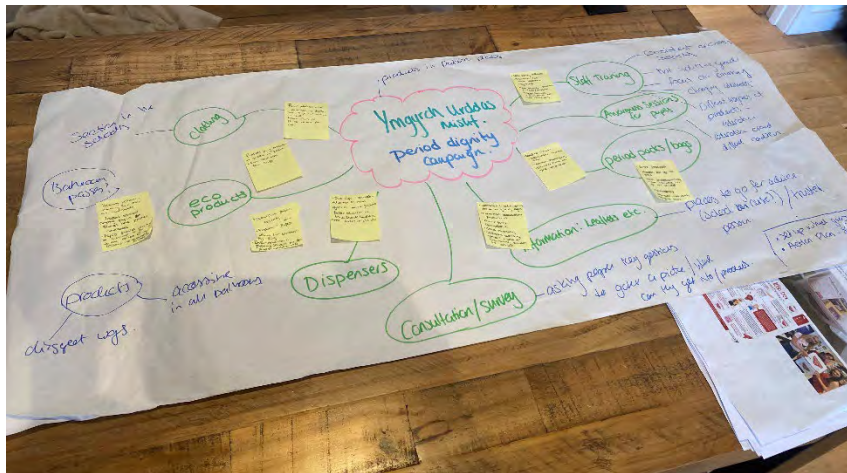
- Plants
 - Plastic Bottles – refund scheme
 - Community Cleaning
 - Red Kite
 - Re-wilding
 - Rubbish – more bins specifically in schools
 - Boosting tech use – reducing paper
 - Ceredigion Bay clean-up
 - Venues to get 'dog poo bags' – small sale codes and tougher rules around dog fouling penalties not cleared by owners
 - More and bigger bins – everywhere, school, town, seaside communities
- They don't need to be removed but rather some can be moved to more optimal locations in the community



Cyngor Ieuenctid Cyngor Sir Ceredigion

Ceredigion County Council Youth Council

Period Dignity Sub-Group Workshop Notes 21.10.22



- LE provided context to the sub-group.
- LE shared information around the Local Authority's Period Dignity Grant and how the group can have their say on how it's administered. Discussed terms and conditions (schedule 2 – appendices 1) and timescales.
- Referenced examples of work from other Counties in regards to targeting period poverty (appendices 2).
- Split into two and brainstormed. Shared ideas of how to distribute the grant and how the sub-group can make it a campaign / project for the year.
- Members shared experiences and ideas of what the current support looks like and what are the gaps.
- A broad range of areas talked about:
 - Training and Awareness for Teachers and School Staff (primary and secondary)
 - Products available in bathrooms without having to ask
 - Spare clothes available
 - 'trusted people' in schools who you can go to
 - Concern around being able to go to the bathroom during lessons without a 'bathroom pass'
 - Products available in primary schools as well as secondary schools



- Discreet ways to access products (like their packaging)
 - Eco products
 - Products being available in safe spaces within schools
 - Dispensers in the toilets
 - A list of public places where you can collect products like leisure centres and libraries
 - Better education in primary schools for all pupils to destigmatise periods and not splitting genders so everybody learns the same
 - Products available for transgender pupils
 - Places to go to talk
 - Better education on products available especially reusable products
 - Better education around toxic shock syndrome, endometriosis etc.
 - More understanding when asking to go to the toiler
 - Consistency across the county
 - Education from external professionals
 - School nurse / wellbeing officers available to support
 - Create a survey or questionnaire to gather a picture and get information
 - Leaflets / posters
- The next meeting of the sub-group will formalise an action plan of its priorities and what needs to be done to make it happen.



**SCHEDULE 2
The Targets**

Description of the Target
<p>Period products are to be made available to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all learners in all schools, free of charge and accessible in the most practical and dignified way possible. • those who menstruate, prioritising those from low income households, free of charge and accessible in the most practical and dignified way possible.
<p>A minimum of 65% of the total amount spent on period products must be used to purchase eco-friendly period products (i.e. re-usable products and/or plastic free) to allow maximum choice for users during 2022-2023. All Local Authorities should be making plans to ensure that by 2025 between 90 and 100% of products are eco-friendly.</p>
<p>The funding can also be used for the purchase of the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sanitary disposal bags; • storage purses / wet bags for use with reusable products; • clothing to be provided where learners and person(s) experiencing homelessness do not have a change of clean clothing available and menstrual bleeding has stained or soiled their clothing – limited to underwear, trousers, skirts, tights in school settings. • Period product dispensers
<p>Costs associated with the distribution of products to recipients (schools and communities) can be covered by the Grant e.g. postage to home addresses.</p>
<p>In very limited circumstances, local authorities may provide a voucher to individuals where products cannot be distributed to those in need through schools or community mechanisms and on the basis of their knowledge of their communities. Vouchers would be for a £10-15 value and cover a 3 month period.</p>
<p>Up to 20% of the total combined grant allocated to individual local authorities may be used for the purposes of training or education within schools and communities, for professionals, learners and community members. Any training and education must provide information and the opportunity to try (take home) reusable period products and should be aligned to existing training packages already on offer in the area.</p>
<p>A completed Welsh Government period dignity grant monitoring proforma must be provided to the Welsh Government twice per financial year (for the periods 1 April 2022 – 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022 – 31 March 2023) describing how the funding has been spent. These forms are due by 31 October 2022 and the 30 April 2023.</p>



Appendices #2

Youth Sir Gar – Period Dignity Campaign 2019

Youth Sir Gar created a ‘period dignity box’ and distributed them to primary and secondary schools across Carmarthenshire. It included a leaflet, pictured below.



How can a **little box** change Carmarthenshire?

Carmarthenshire Youth Council participated in the yearly **Making Your Mark** Ballot. It brought to our attention several issues in the county. One of which was: **Period Poverty**

A project was then initiated, led by Carmarthenshire Youth Council, with support from the council's Youth Service and Education Department, called **#PeriodPovertySirGar**

JOIN THE CONVERSATION.

The aim was to make sure that girls do not miss out on their education, due to not having adequate protection during their period, and to change people's attitudes towards menstruation so that it is no longer a 'taboo' subject.

CYC Executive Board Member Amber Treherne, aged 15 from Burry Port, said:

"It is heart-breaking to hear about stories where girls are missing out on education due to not having sufficient protection whilst on their period, so it is clear something needs to be done. I hope that this project makes a difference within Carmarthenshire so we can come one step closer to ending period poverty once and for all"

Council Deputy Leader Cllr. Mair Stephens agreed to become Carmarthenshire's **Period Poverty Champion**

"I was pleased and honoured when the Youth Council asked me if I would be the Period Poverty Champion. Figures show that 7 in 10 girls aged between 14 and 21 living in the UK are unable to afford sanitary items. When we think about poverty, we think about food and housing, but this is a genuine concern, and the fact that periods are still a taboo subject for many makes it even more difficult to ask for help"

Boxes containing sanitary products are being distributed to all **97 primary schools** and **12 secondary schools**, as well as **colleges** and **youth groups**.

This has been supported by a **£56k** feminine hygiene grant from Welsh Government.

The campaign was launched at the Carmarthenshire Youth Council Annual General Meeting at County Hall.

A total of: **177,760** sanitary products have been purchased to fill the **Period Poverty** boxes.

The work is ongoing and we are looking forward to continuing this great project. We will keep you updated.



Glasgow City Council – Period Dignity Campaign 2022

Glasgow City Council started their period dignity campaign in January 2022 by undertaking a survey in schools to gather views.

Period Dignity Pupil Consultation

1,425

total responses to the Pupil Consultation



Pads most popular product choice, but

25% of pupils would like to see **Period Pants** available.



18%

were primary pupils.



82%

were secondary pupils.



30%

of pupils had accessed **free** period products.



Three Quarters

of all pupils were aware that their school provided free period products.



48%

felt fine about accessing free period products.



37%

felt embarrassed about accessing free products.



Is-Grwp Urddas Mislif
 Cyngor Ieuenctid Ceredigion
 Cynllun Gweithredu 2022-23

Beth sydd i'w wneud?	Pwy sy'n arwain?	I'w gwblhau erbyn?
Cyflwyno'r Cynllun Gweithredu i'r Prif Athrawon a/neu Arweinwyr Lles o fewn Ysgolion	Xenith, Aled, Janie & Ioan	Ionawr 2023
Ymchwilio a dod o hyd i becyn(nau) hyfforddi i athrawon a staff ysgolion (e.e. gan Brook) Hyfforddiant i staff priffwrdd a a ADY. Gall hyd at 20% o cyfanswm y grant fynd ar hyfforddiant. Oes digon o gyllid i gynnig sesiwn i rieni / gofalwyr?		Ionawr 2023
Sicrhau bod y pecyn(nau) hyfforddiant wedi eu cwblhau gyda athrawon a staff ysgolion		Mawrth 2023
Prynnu pecynnau hyfforddi / adnoddau i ysgolion. Gall hyn gynnwys costau cyfieithu. (e.e. gan HeyGirls)		Mawrth 2023
Gofyn i ysgolion adnabod 'person/pobl y gellir ymddiried ynnddo' i arwain ar urddas mislif, a 'ardal diogel' lle gall disgyblion gael mynediad i gynnyrch a chymorth ar sail 'no questions asked'.		Ionawr 2023
Prynnu nifer penodol o ddillad sbâr i ysgolion Uwchradd i gynnwys dillad isaf, trowsus, sgertiau, teits.		Mawrth 2023
Adnabod a prynnu cynnyrch mislif i greu pecynnau mislif 'discreet' gan gynnwys pyrsiau / bagiau i fod ar gael ym mhob ysgol cynradd ac uwchradd, a'r UCD. Hefyd stoc ar gael i pobl ifanc sy'n cael eu haddysgu gartref. Lle ym mhob derbynfa i rieni / gofalwyr allu casglu cynnyrch. Rhaid defnyddio lleiafswm o 65% o'r cyfanswm sy'n cael ei wario ar gynhyrchion mislif i brynu cynhyrchion mislif ecogyfeillgar (h.y. cynhyrchion y gellir eu haildefnyddio a/neu heb blastig) er mwyn caniatáu'r dewis mwyaf posibl.		Mawrth 2023

Paratoi taflen gwybodaeth dwyieithog i bob ysgol fedru dosbarthu i'r disgyblion. Paratoi canllaw syml i ysgolion. Printio a dosbarthu.		Mawrth 2023
Gofyn i Bennaethiaid a/neu Arweinwyr Lles i ystyried adolygu eu polisi 'bathroom passes' pan mae'n dod i sicrhau urddas mislif. Oes modd cael dylanwad yma?		Mawrth 2023
Creu rhestr o leoliadau cymunedol sy'n cynnig nwyddau mislif am ddim	Lowri	Mawrth 2023
Cyflwyno llwyddiannau'r ymgyrch mewn gwasanaethau ysgol i gynyddu ymwybyddiaeth o'r gefnogaeth / cynnyrch sydd ar gael i ddisgyblion Datganiadau Wasg i hysbysebu'r gefnogaeth sydd ar gael.		March 2023

Period Dignity Sub-Group

Ceredigion Youth Council

Action Plan 2022-23

What needs to be done?	Who is leading?	Date to achieve by?
Present Action Plan to Head Teachers and/or School Wellbeing Leads	Xenith, Aled, Janie & Ioan	January 2023
Research and identify training package/s for teachers and school staff (e.g. Brook) Training for ALN staff and mainstream. Up to 20% of the total grant can be spent on training. Is there enough funding left to offer a session to parents / carers?		January 2023
Ensure training package/s is delivered to teachers and school staff		March 2023
Purchase training packs / resources for schools. This may also include translation of resources. (e.g. HeyGirls)		March 2023
Ask schools to identify a 'trusted person/s' to be period dignity lead and a 'safe space' where products and support can be accessed with 'no questions asked'.		January 2023
Purchase a set amount of spare clothing for secondary schools to include underwear, trousers, skirts, tights.		March 2023

<p>Identify and purchase period products to create discreet 'period packs' which include storage purses / bags to be available in all primary and secondary schools, including Pupil Referral Units. Also, products to be made available to home educated pupils.</p> <p>A space in each reception for parents / carers to collect products.</p> <p>A minimum of 65% of the total amount spent on period products must be used to purchase eco-friendly period products (i.e. re-usable products and/or plastic free) to allow maximum choice.</p>		<p>March 2023</p>
<p>Prepare a bilingual information leaflet for all schools to have available for pupils. Prepare a short guide for schools. Print and distribute.</p>		<p>March 2023</p>
<p>Ask Head Teachers and/or School Wellbeing Leads to consider their policy regarding 'bathroom passes' when it comes to ensuring period dignity. Can we influence this?</p>		<p>March 2023</p>
<p>Create a directory of community settings that stock free period products</p>	<p>Lowri</p>	<p>March 2023</p>
<p>Present campaign achievements at assemblies to develop greater awareness of the support / products available to pupils.</p> <p>Press releases to advertise the support that is available.</p>		<p>March 2023</p>

Puberty & Period Dignity Training

WITH
BROOK

For teachers, support staff and agencies
working with children and young people in
Ceredigion.

Choose from one of the following sessions:

25/04/23, 9.30am - 12.30pm
@ Ystafell Ystwyth, Penmorfa, Aberaeron

26/04/23, 9.30am - 12.30pm
@ Cardigan Leisure Centre, Cardigan

27/04/23, 9.30am - 12.30pm
@ Ystafell Medrus 3, Penbryn,
Penglais Campus, Aberystwyth University

End
Period
Poverty

To book your space or for more information, please
contact lowri.evans@ceredigion.gov.uk /
07966249004

In life, there are plenty of things to worry about,
periods shouldn't be one of them.

Training Aim:

To equip professionals with the knowledge and understanding on the process of menstruation, provide an understanding of what period dignity means, and provide professionals with practical skills to teach their pupils about periods.

Learning Outcomes:

- Recognise the statutory requirements for RSE and period education.
- Understand Welsh Government's 'Period Dignity Strategic Action Plan'.
- Understand the process of menstruation.
- Tackle myths and taboos concerning periods.
- Understand what products are available to people who menstruate, including reusable products.
- Understand what barriers could be experienced by those who menstruate and how to address these.
- Identify practical changes to ensure schools and other education settings are encouraging a culture of period dignity for pupils.

Funded by Welsh Government's Period Dignity Grant, this training is free to attend. Limited spaces available*

Period Dignity Webinar for Parents and Carers

WITH
BROOK

For parents and carers of children and
young people in Ceredigion.

Choose from one of
the following sessions:

25/04/23, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
~ via Zoom

26/04/23, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
~ via Zoom

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please contact lowri.evans@ceredigion.gov.uk

In life, there are plenty of things to worry about,
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Training Aim:

To provide parents and carers with an understanding of menstruation and period products, and explore how they can support their child/young person when it comes to periods.

Learning Outcomes:

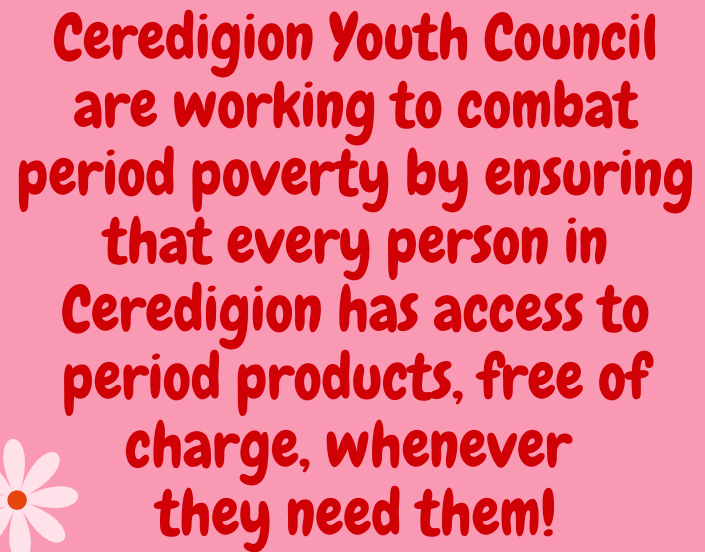
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- Understand what reusable products are, and what period products are available.
- Understand how to support those who menstruate.

Funded by Welsh Government's Period Dignity Grant, these webinars are free to attend. Zoom link will be shared with attendees. Limited spaces available*

COMMUNITY PERIOD PRODUCTS



 Take what you need,
whenever you need it.



**Ceredigion Youth Council
are working to combat
period poverty by ensuring
that every person in
Ceredigion has access to
period products, free of
charge, whenever
they need them!**



✿ Ceredigion Youth Council
think it's important that people can make
informed choices about what best suits their
bodies when it comes to periods.

The community period products scheme
offers the opportunity to try a variety of
sanitary products for **free**, allowing you to
choose the products that work best for you.

This scheme is designed to promote period
dignity and tackle period poverty.

Many of the options are eco-friendly, plastic
free or reusable.

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Etholiad Cadeirydd Cyngor
Ieuencid 2023/24
Youth Council Chair
Person Election 2023/24

Ethol Cadeirydd Cyngor leuenctid / Electing a Youth Council Chairperson

- Cadeirio Cyfarfodydd Cyngor leuenctid/
Chair Youth Council Meeting
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- Taith i Lundain I gyfarfod Ben Lake AS / Trip to
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- Cwestiwn/Question:
- **Pam i chi'n teimlo mai chi yw'r aelod orau i fod yn
gadeirydd y Cyngor leuenctid?**
- **Why do you feel you are the best member to
chair the Youth Council?**

Ceredigion County Council's draft equality plan submission to the Youth Council

What does equality mean to you?



The participation rate for this presentation on Menti was 79% of the young people in the youth council.

Objective 1. Working for the Council

Do you think 'Working for the Council' should be part of our Plan?

82% of the youth council agreed working for the council should be part of the scheme.

Do you think it will make the Council a fairer place to work?

88% agreed the actions in the scheme will make the council a fairer place to work.

Tell us more about how we can make the Council a fairer place to work

Have equality with everyone whether that's gender or your background. No pay gap. Everyone equal pay

To prevent discriminatory speech towards Welsh speaking and non Welsh speakers and have equal right, pay, voice and to ensure different people from different backgrounds get a say within the community

Report any bullying or racism or homophobia. Give everyone who wishes to join the council a fair chance. Ensure that there isn't a pay gap.

Equal pay for both men and women, ensure diversity, all voices should be heard,

zero tolerance for discrimination

Equal pay

Employ people with a minimum background check e.g. there is no requirements for a cleaner job. So everyone is able to be a part of the workforce

Equal pay and equal voices

ensure diversity, sicrhau bod dim pay gap

consider the needs of everyone

Gwneud yn siwr bod pobl o wahanol cefndiroedd y gwithle

Ensure that jobs not have bilingual as a need and more of a preference as it's commonly seen as a need.

All needs are met

Gwneud yn siwr fod addysg yn hanfodol i addysgu gweithwyr sut i drin pobl lleiafrifol yn hafal a theg

Ensure that it's a comfortable environment, that also makes sure everyone gets treated with respect.

give minorities more of a voice and ensure fair treatment

Objective 2. Being friends and respecting each other

Do you think this should be part of our Plan?

94% thought being friends and respecting each other should be in the plan.

Do you think the things we will do will help make Ceredigion a place where people are friends and respect each other?

Yes 64% agreed the actions we will do will help make Ceredigion a place where people are friends and respect each other

Open Mentimote

How can we make Ceredigion a more respectful and friendly place?

Good work environment, make sure any disturbances are dealt with	reinforce and educate about the importance of tolerance and equality	Agor ardaloedd saff er mwyn trafod unrhyw anhegwch mae person wedi'i wynebu. A gwneud yn siwr fod pethau yn cael eu wneud i yn erbyn y troseddwr
trust and equality	Place posters supporting LGBTQ rights as well as teaching in schools that bullying is wrong and to not discriminate against our peers	Less discrimination against the English population within the work place and schools. Especially with teachers being rude and discriminatory toward English students.
To advocate and educate about acceptance of appearance, race, gender, sexuality and disability		
Everyone treated equally	ensure that people are taught from a young age that discrimination is wrong	More education on equality from a young age
addysgu mwy am beidio discriminatio	Respect	More multi-cultural schools
Equality, no judgment	Addysgu pobl, cosbi pobl am anghydrddoldeb	Insure equal pay for everyone

Objective 3. Participation in decision making

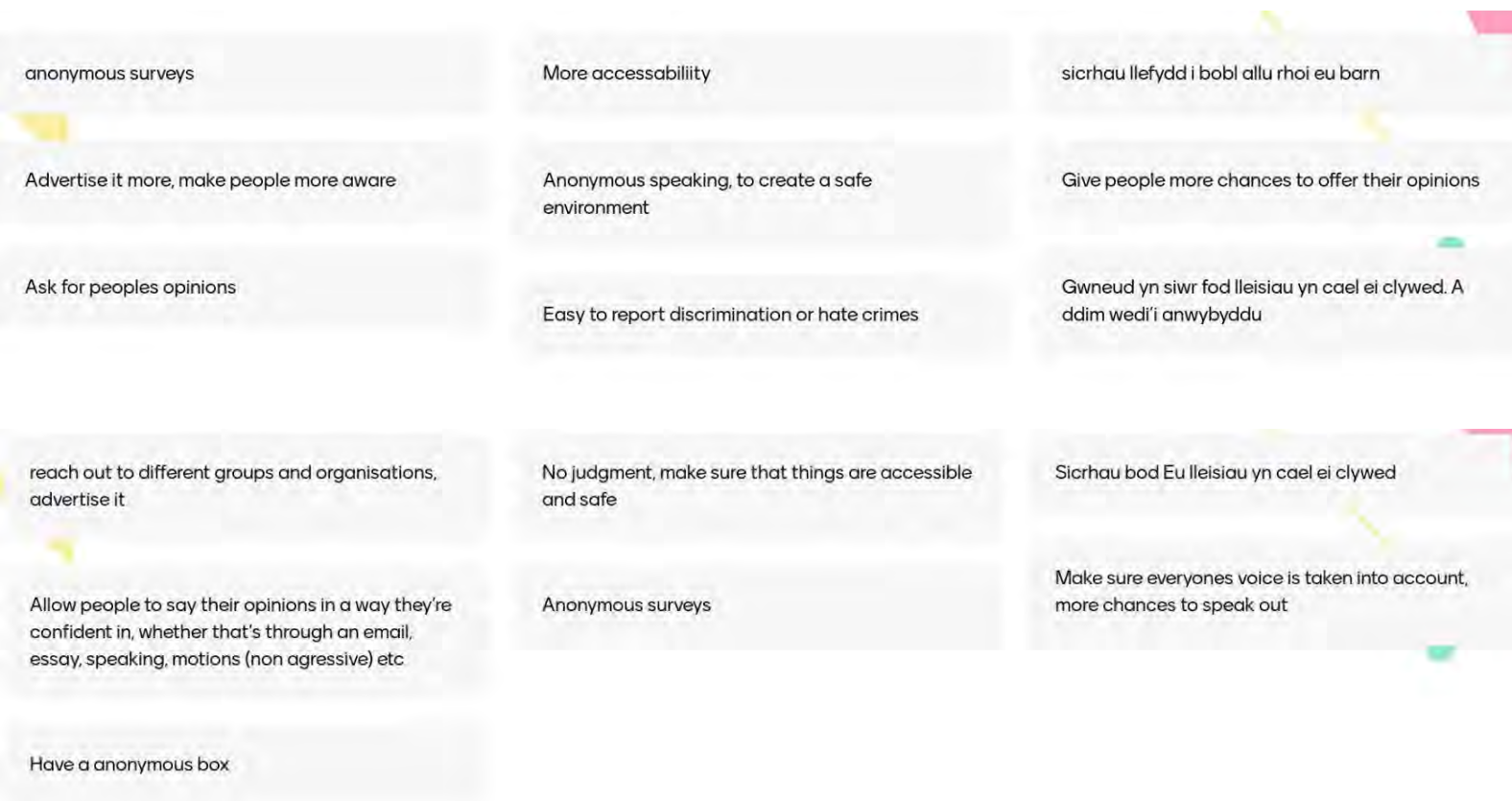
Do you think 'Participation in decisions' should be part of our Plan?

98% agreed that 'Participation in decisions' should be part of our plan.

Do you think the things we will do will help more people from different backgrounds to be involved in decisions we make?

73% agreed that the things we do will help more people from different backgrounds to be involved in decisions we make.

Tell us more about how we can make it easier for more people from different backgrounds to get involved in decisions



Objective 4. Access to services

Do you think 'being able to access services' should be part of our Plan?

88% agreed 'access to services' should be part of our plan

Do you think that the things that we will do will make it easier for people to access services in the Council?

Yes 72% agreed that the things we will do will make it easier for people to access services in the Council

Tell us more about how we can make it easier for people to access services at the Council.

Websites

bod ar y cyfryngau cymdeithasol

More information in more languages. Polish, Romaine etc

Ensure that there are ramps present for wheelchair users

Speak both English and Welsh

Talk about it in schools, fliers, adverts

Ar lein neu rhif ffon gall Ei ffonio am y manyliom

Angen sicrhau fod yr accesibility yn dda. A ddim wedi cael ei wneud yn will nill

More awareness of the services available on social media bilingually

Allow the option to have home visits for people with mental health problems or disabilities

social media, and accessibility for disabled people

Easy to website which accommodates for people with disabilities

Create online posts or news articles offering people opportunities

ask disabled people what would best benefit them

To create a forum or website where people could access these cservices online and anonymously. To advertise it to all ages, race ect. To make sure its known to be equal and diverse

Objective 5. Education

Do you think 'Education' should be part of our Plan?

90% thought education should be part of the scheme.

Do you think the things we will do will make education more fair and safe for everyone?

57% agreed that things we will do will make education more fair and safe for all

Tell us more about how we can make education fair and safe for all

Have places to report hate crimes

hyfforddi athrawon

Don't allow teachers to bully students or harass them

Educate children on societal issues from a younger age

Cosbi y rhai sy'n bwlio a hyfforddi athrawon

Safe spaces

restructure the way lessons are taught to be more inclusive of all students

Cael toledau unisex er mwyn fod ddim rhaid i pobl trawsrhywiol ddefnyddio toledau athrawon neu rhai anabl.

ensure the safety and security of minority students, and educate both students and teachers on important matters

Try and limit stigma to avoid bullying, safer space to report discrimination

addysgu plant am ymddygiad derbyniol

less priority placed on academic intelligence

Creating an accepting environmet, to educate about diversity and hate crime in a safe environment

Teach students are have knowledge about this topic

Educated people at a younger age

Third party services to help with hate crime and bullying

Pleidleisio mewn Etholiadau – Pobl Ifanc

Voting in Elections – Young People



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**Dy bleidlais
yw dy lais di**

Heb gofrestru i bleidleisio neu wedi
symud yn ddiweddar?
Cofrestru i bleidleisio yn
gov.uk/cofrestru-i-bleidleisio

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Codwch eich llaw os ydych chi'n meddwl...

Raise your hand if you think...

Dylid gwneud mwy i leihau gwastraff plastig yn ein cefnforoedd.

More should be done to reduce plastic waste in our oceans.



Codwch eich llaw os ydych chi'n meddwl...

Raise your hand if you think...

Dylai'r DU sicrhau bod gan bob plentyn yn y byd ddigon i fwyta.

The UK should ensure that every child in the world has enough to eat.



Codwch eich llaw os ydych chi'n meddwl...

Raise your hand if you think...

Dylai gwyliau ysgol fod yn fyrrach.

Summer holidays should be made shorter.



**“IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO
JUST WANT CHANGE...
YOU HAVE TO GO AND
MAKE CHANGE BY
VOTING.”**



**- TAYLOR
SWIFT**









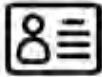




Beth yw Democratiaeth?

What is Democracy?

The word democracy comes from the Greek words "**demos**", meaning people, and "**kratos**" meaning power; so democracy can be thought of as "power of the people": a way of governing which depends on the will of the people.

Daw'r gair democratiaeth o'r geiriau Groeg "**demos**", sy'n golygu pobl, a "**kratos**" sy'n golygu pŵer; felly gellir meddwl am ddemocratiaeth fel "grym y bobl": ffordd o lywodraethu sy'n dibynnu ar ewylls y bobl.







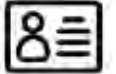






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Oedran		18 +	18 +	16 +	16 +
Cenedligrwydd		Dinasyddion Prydeinig a'r Gymanwlad yn unig (dinasyddion yr UE a dinasyddion tramor nad oes ganddynt hawl i bleidleisio)	Dinasyddion Prydeinig, y Gymanwlad a'r UE yn unig (dinasyddion tramor nad oes ganddynt hawl i bleidleisio)	Dinasyddion Prydeinig, y Gymanwlad, yr UE a Gwladolion Tramor Cymwys*	Dinasyddion Prydeinig, y Gymanwlad, yr UE a Gwladolion Tramor Cymwys*
Angen dull adnabod â llun					

*Gwladolion Tramor Cymwys: Gwladolion tramor sydd â chaniatâd i ddod i'r DU neu aros yn y DU neu nad oes angen caniatâd o'r fath arnynt. Er enghraifft:

myfyrwyr prifysgol rhyngwladol neu ffoaduriaid (y rhai y mae eu cals am loches wedi cael ei dderbyn / y rhai sydd wedi cael caniatâd i aros)



		UK Parliamentary Election	Police and Crime Commissioner Election	Senedd (Welsh Government) Election	Local Government Election
					
Age		18 +	18 +	16 +	16 +
Nationality		British & Commonwealth citizens only (EU citizens and foreign citizens not entitled to vote)	British, Commonwealth & EU citizens only (Foreign citizens not entitled to vote)	British, Commonwealth, EU and Qualifying Foreign National* Citizens	British, Commonwealth, EU and Qualifying Foreign National* Citizens*
Photo ID needed					

*Qualifying Foreign National Citizens: Citizens of foreign nations who have leave to enter or remain in the UK or who do not require such leave. For example: international university students or refugees (those who have been granted asylum/leave to remain)





<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/cy/croeso-i-dy-bleidlais/adnoddau-ar-gyfer-pobl-14-18-oed/dy-bleidlais-0>



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Pam ei bod hi'n bwysig i gofrestri i bleidleisio?

Why is it important to register to vote?

- I ddweud eich dweud.
- Yn creu galw.
- Sgôr Credyd - Benthyciadau banc, morgais, cyllid ceir ac ati.
- Tai Fforddiadwy / Prawf o gyfeiriad
- Mae 'landlords' yn aml yn gwirio'r Cofrestr Agored - gall eich helpu i gael tŷ / fflat.
- To have your say.
- Creates demand.
- Credit Score - Bank loans, mortgage, car finance etc.
- Affordable Housing / Proof of address.
- Landlords often check the Open Register – can help you get a house/flat.



Cofrestru i Bleidleisio

Registering to vote

Gwnewch yn siŵr fod gennych y canlynol:

- Eich cyfeiriad
- Eich enw llawn
- Eich dyddiad geni
- Eich rhif yswiriant gwladol

Make sure you have:

- Your address
- Your full name
- Your date of birth
- Your national insurance number



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Ewch i wefan GOV.UK.

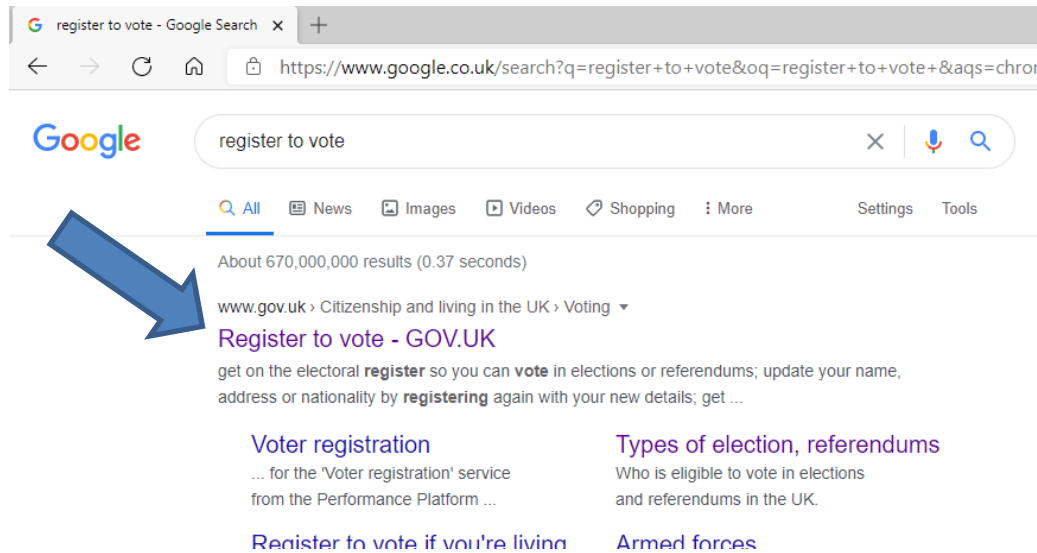
Go to the GOV.UK. website

Er mwyn dod o hyd i'r wefan:

- Teipiwch www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
- Neu chwiliwch am 'register to vote' a chliciwch ar y canlyniad cyntaf

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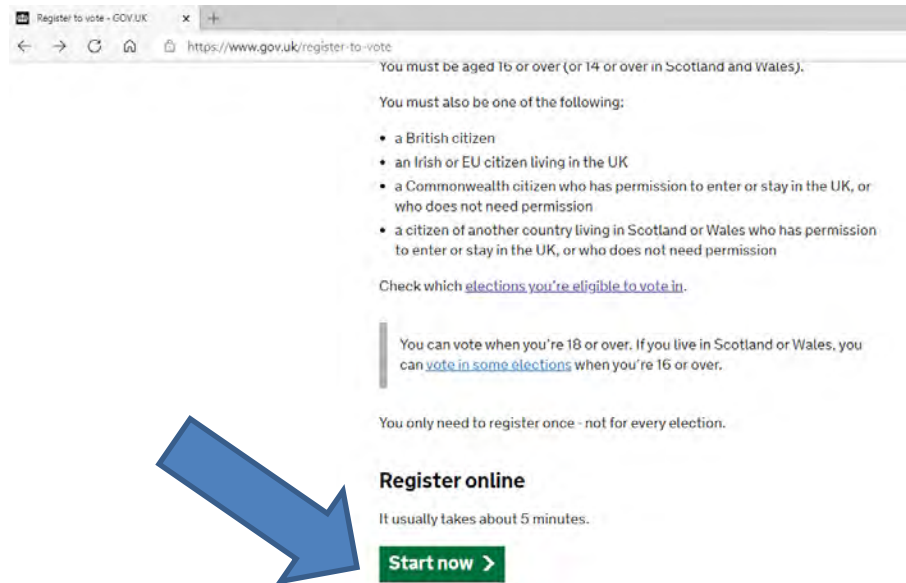
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Dechreuwch y broses gofrestru

Start the registration process

Sgroliwch i lawr a chliciwch ar 'start now' - ni ddylai hyn gymryd mwy na **5 munud**.

Scroll down and click 'start now' - it should take no more than **5 minutes**.



Register to vote - GOV.UK

https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

You must be aged 16 or over (or 14 or over in Scotland and Wales).

You must also be one of the following:

- a British citizen
- an Irish or EU citizen living in the UK
- a Commonwealth citizen who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need permission
- a citizen of another country living in Scotland or Wales who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need permission

Check which [elections you're eligible to vote in](#).

You can vote when you're 18 or over. If you live in Scotland or Wales, you can [vote in some elections](#) when you're 16 or over.

You only need to register once - not for every election.

Register online

It usually takes about 5 minutes.

[Start now >](#)



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Y gofrestr etholiadol a'r gofrestr agored

The electoral register and the open register

Mae yna 2 gofrestr

- Mae'r gofrestr etholiadol yn rhestru pawb sydd wedi cofrestru i bleidleisio.
- Caiff y gofrestr etholiadol ei ddefnyddio i gwirio ceisiadau am gredyd.
- Mae'r gofrestr agored yn rhan o'r gofrestr etholiadol. Gall unrhyw unigolyn, cwmni neu sefydliad ei phrynu.

There are 2 registers

- The electoral register is a list of everyone who is registered to vote.
- The electoral register is also used to check credit applications.
- The open register is an extract of the electoral register, but is not used for elections. It can be bought by any person, company or organisation.

Do you want to opt out of the 'open register'?

The electoral register lists the name and address of everyone who's registered to vote.

There are 2 versions of the electoral register - the full version and the 'open register' ('edited register' in Northern Ireland).

You can opt out of the open register. This is the version of the register that's available to anyone who wants to buy a copy.

Opting out will not affect your right to vote.

I do not want my name and address to appear in the open register



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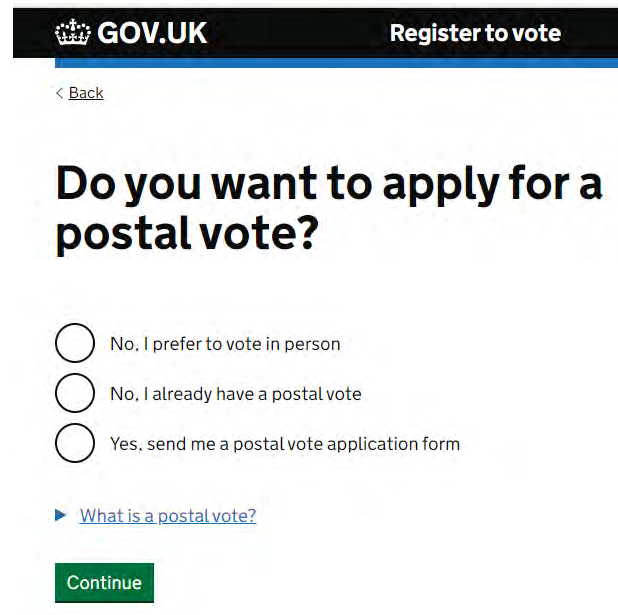
Apply to vote by post

Pe hoffech chi bleidleisio drwy'r post

- Cliciwch 'Yes, send me a postal vote application form'

If you would like to vote by post

- Select 'Yes, send me a postal vote application form'



GOV.UK Register to vote

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Do you want to apply for a postal vote?

No, I prefer to vote in person

No, I already have a postal vote

Yes, send me a postal vote application form

[▶ What is a postal vote?](#)

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UK Youth Parliament

2023/24

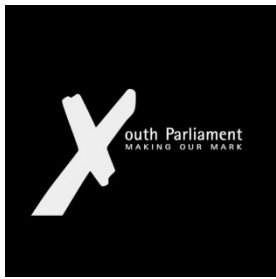


United Kingdom

Youth Parliament

MAKING OUR MARK





Beth yw ASI? What is an MYP?

Aelod Seneddol Ifanc (ASI) yw unigolyn sydd wedi cael ei ethol gan bobl ifanc i gynrychioli eu hardal lleol. Etholir ASI yn flynyddol ym mhob rhan o Brydain.

Yr agwedd bwysicaf o fod yn ASI yw i sicrhau eu bod yn cynrychioli barn pobl ifanc yn eu hardal.

A Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) is an individual elected by young people to represent their local area. Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) are elected *annually* in every part of the UK.

The most important aspect of any MYP's job is to make sure they represent the views of the young people in their constituency.



Sut i ddod yn ASI?

How to become an MYP?



- I ddod yn ASI, mae rhaid iddoch gael eich hethol gan bobl ifanc eraill.
- Rydym yn ethol ASI Ceredigion drwy Cyngor Ieuenctid y Sir ac mae angen i chi fod yn flywddyn 12 (petai'n mynychu ysgol) neu 16+ petai chi wedi gadael ysgol.
- Mae etholiadau fel arfer yn digwydd rhwng Mis Hydref a Mis Tachwedd (yn ddibynol ar ddydiadau cyfarfodydd y Cyngor Ieuenctid). Mae term ASI Ceredigion yn rhedeg am flwyddyn rhwng mis Rhagfyr a Tachwedd
- To become an MYP you have to be elected by other young people.
- We elect Ceredigion MYP through the Ceredigion Youth Council and you will need to be in Year 12 (if attending school) or 16+ if you have left school.
- Elections usually take place between October and November (depending on Youth Council meeting dates). Ceredigion's MYP term runs for a Year from December to November.



Faint o amser sydd angen i mi ymrwymo? How much time do I need to commit?

- Mae tymor ASI fel arfer yn para am flwyddyn.
- Bydd angen sicrhau eich bod ar gael i fynychu rhai digwyddiadau (yw gytuno), yn benodol y ddadl fyw yn y Tŷ Cyffredin **neu** taith i Lundain i gyfarfod AS Ceredigion.
- Bydd disgwyl i chi ymrwymo ychydig amser i godi proffil, casglu barn a chwrdd â gwahanol bobl.
- An MYP's term of office usually lasts for one year.
- You will need to ensure that you are available for some events (to be agreed), in particular the live debate in the House of Commons **or** a trip to London to visit our MP.
- You will be expected to commit some time to raise profile, gather opinions and meet with various people.

Blas ar weithgareddau ASI Ceredigion / A taste of Ceredigion MYP Activities

- Cyfarfod Arweinydd Y Sir a AS Ceredigion / Meet leader of the Council and Ceredigion MYP
- Cefnogi Ymgyrch Leol Pobl Ifanc Ceredigion / Support Ceredigion Local Young People's Campaign support
- Hybu llais pobl ifanc yn lleol / Promote young people's opinions locally
- Datganiadau Wasg / Press Releases
- Aelod Panel am wahanol ddigwyddiadau / Panel member for various events
- Mynychu rhai cyfarfodydd lleol yn rhithiol an yn bersonol / Attend some virtual and in person local meetings
- Cynnal sgwrsiau grwp / Hold group discussions
- Eistedd Tŷ'r Cyffredin SIDU / UKYP House of Commons Sitting neu/or Ymweld a AS Ceredigion yn Llundain / Visit Ceredigion MP in London
- Cofrestru gyda SIDU / Register with UKYP



Pa sgiliau y byddaf yn eu ddatblygu wrth fod yn ASI? What skills will I develop whilst being an MYP?

- Sgiliau Cyfathrebu – Communication skills
- Sgiliau Siarad Cyhoeddus – Public speaking skills
- Dealltwriaeth pellach o
wleidyddiaeth a materion
cyfoes – Greater knowledge of politics
and current affairs
- Y gallu i edrych ar faterion o
safbwynt rhywun arall – The ability to look at an issue
from someone else's perspective
- Sgiliau dadlau – Debating skills

Y Profiad... The Experience...



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6MdFw-6c-c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SK98WCTwfmQ>



Unrhyw gwestiynau?
Any Questions?

Yr Etholiad...
The Election...



Interested in making a positive change by representing the voices of Ceredigion's young people?

Join Ceredigion Youth Council 2023 - 2024!



Mae'r ddogfen hon hefyd ar gael yn Gymraeg
This document is also available in Welsh



Meeting dates:	To include:
20.10.23	Elect New Chairperson
02.02.24	Ceredigion's Young People Local Ballot
20.03.24	Ceredigion's Local Ballot Results
12.07.24	'Pawb A'i Farn Ceredigion 2024' Event

At Ceredigion County Council Chamber Penmorfa, Aberaeron



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