

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting: 09/05/2024

Title: Update - Sgilliau Bywyd Sgilliau Gwaith & Multiply

Purpose of the report: Provide Information on both projects

Reason Scrutiny have requested the information:

Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member: Wyn Thomas

Background

Sgilliau Bywyd Sgilliau Gwaith

The Sgilliau Bywyd Sgilliau Gwaith project is being funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF). This funding started on the 1st December 2022 and will end on the 31st of December 2024. This funding was preceded by the European Social Fund (ESF) which ended 31st of November 2022.

The Sgilliau Bywyd Sgilliau Gwaith project supports learners by offering access to the development of skills, paid work experience/opportunities, in work support and training opportunities etc which will lead onto accreditation, qualifications and employment.

The Sgilliau Bywyd Sgilliau Gwaith project is working with those aged between 13 and 25 years old who are at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training). It supports those at risk of disengaging with education or training by providing intensive interventions to improve their attendance and attainment at school. Demand has increased post pandemic with more young people disengaging with education, employment and training.

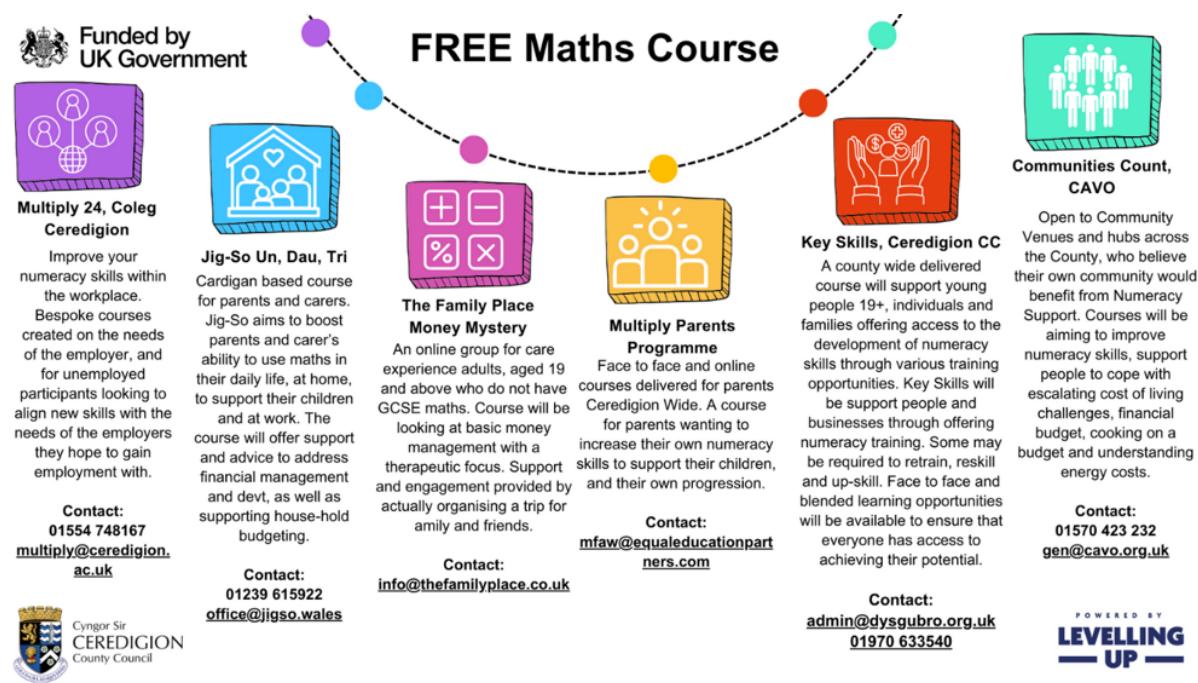
The aim of the Sgilliau Bywyd Sgilliau Gwaith project is to ensure that vulnerable learners have access to a tailored vocational curriculum to meet their needs with a range of different courses, being offered giving them the best opportunity to achieve and reach their full potential. We aim to develop learners social, emotional and behavioural skills and improve their attainment and attendance ensuring that they have appropriate progression opportunities to achieve higher levels of qualifications or work experience opportunities in order to gain employment.

We also work with people 16+ to offer in work support and wrap around packages, which can include purchasing PPE, appropriate clothing, travel costs etc. Support also includes mentoring, coaching, and provision of training courses to improve basic skills and life skills. Learners on the Sgilliau Bywyd, Sgilliau Gwaith programme also have the opportunity to undertake paid work experience / volunteering opportunities. As part of this programme, we also offer in work support to participants who have found work to ensure they are successful in remaining in post. This includes intensive support for first 3 months then slowly reducing until final check at 12 months stage.

The Sgilliau Bywyd Sgilliau Gwaith project is delivered county wide. We work collaboratively with the Support and Prevention team, Early Intervention team, PRU and all seven Secondary / Through-Age Schools in Ceredigion. Delivery of all vocational courses takes place at Hyfforddiant Ceredigion at Llanbadarn Learning Centre and Cwrtnewydd Centre.

Multiply

The Multiply project is also being funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF). This funding started on the 1st October 2022 and will end on the 31st of December 2024. The Lifelong Learning and Skills Service of the Local Authority is one of six providers currently offering this project in Ceredigion. (See roadmap below)



Multiply has multiple interventions and bespoke training opportunities, which supports young people 19+, individuals and families, by offering access to the development of numeracy skills through various training opportunities etc which leads onto accreditation, qualifications and enhanced employment opportunities. The Lifelong Learning and Skills Service is responsible for developing skills which will enable people to make effective life changes and reach their full potential.

Multiply is also supporting people and businesses through offering numeracy training. Some may be required to retrain, reskill and up-skill. Face to face & blended learning opportunities are available to ensure that everyone has access to achieving their potential.

The Lifelong Learning and Skills Service works collaboratively with Porth Cymorth Cynnar colleagues to ensure we deliver provision to reach our most vulnerable learners i.e.-

- *Looked after Children aged 19+ and Care leavers.*
- *Young people 19+ linked with the Youth Offending Service.*
- *Young people with Additional Learning Needs*
- *Young people at risk of becoming NEET.*
- *Vulnerable young people 19+ who are disengaged from the labour market.*
- *People affected by work limiting health conditions and disabilities.*
- *People with caring responsibilities.*
- *Over 50s unemployed e.g. due to the pandemic.*

Multiply Training Advisors and Community Youth Workers support young people 19+, individuals and families to identify potential barriers and agree and implement realistic plans

to assist them into numeracy training opportunities, which can lead onto employment. A number of proven techniques and strategies are used to ensure that each individual has the tools and skills to grow and sustain education and / or employment.

The Multiply project is delivered county wide. We are currently working collaboratively with a number of partners to deliver numeracy / literacy / digital skills within the communities e.g. community / village halls, community schools, church halls etc.

Current Situation

Sgilliau Bywyd Sgilliau Gwaith

We currently deliver a range of accredited level 1 and level 2 qualification for year 10 and 11 learners. During the academic year of 2022/2023 72 learners achieved accreditations and 81 learners attended the Alternative Curriculum from across the seven Secondary / Through-Age Schools in Ceredigion and the PRU.

Work experience placements were offered to 36 learners.

Please see below courses currently been delivered by the Sgilliau Bywyd Sgilliau Gwaith project.

Cwrs / Course	HCT Llanbadarn	Cwrtnewydd	ICY Tregaron
Mecanwaith / <i>Mechanics</i>	x2	x2	
Astudiaethau Tir / <i>Land-based Studies</i>	x1	x1	
Adeiladwaith / <i>Construction</i>	x1	x1	
Gwaith Coed / <i>Carpentry</i>	x1	x1	
Lletygarwch / <i>Hospitality</i>	x1	x2	
Gofal Plant / <i>Childcare</i>	x1	x1	
Celf a Dylunio / <i>Art and Design</i>	x1	x1	
Chwaraeon / <i>Sports</i>			x2
Trin Gwallt / <i>Hairdressing</i>	x1	x1	
Cyfryngau Digidol / <i>Digital Media</i>	x1		
Gwaith Plymwr / <i>Plumbing</i>	x1		
Peirianeg / <i>Engineering</i>	x1		

Multiply

Over 170 individual learners have been engaged with the Multiply project to date, with some taking part in multiple learning opportunities.

Please see below the current Engagement activities, Learning activities and Publicity activities that are in progress for the Multiply project.

Engagement activities

Ongoing attendance at various Warm Spaces drop-ins across county and links with community connectors and Age Cymru.
Rural communities' event in Tregaron and weekly sessions being held.
Carers event in Felinfach was attended with some engagement.
Contact with family centres (ongoing) + preparing workshop on Budgeting for a Party at Tregaron family centre.
Ongoing flower arranging workshops being held.
Ongoing Excel courses for council staff being held.
Planned course on using Forms and linking to Spreadsheets for Carers Team (Carers' Fund tracking).
Workshop on Budgeting for a Party delivered at Tregaron and Borth family centres
Planned courses for club treasurers (in conjunction with Ceredigion Actif and CAVO).
Regular presence at Aberystwyth and Cardigan job centres.
Support to existing ALN group at Ray Ceredigion, potentially leading to substantive learning. Possibility of also working with dementia group.
Contact being made with Employment Support Team to have presence at Aberystwyth and Cardigan job centres.
Planned coach trip to family history exhibition.
Presentation has been made to Lampeter Chamber of Trade to generate interest.
Presentation given to Pathfinders Network Event, including NHS public health professionals
Would-be trainee social workers are also being referred to us by CCC L&D team.
Contact made with West Wales Housing.
Planned collaboration with National Trust Llanerchaeron to collaborate on various initiatives.
Planned collaboration with Gŵyl Crug Mawr family festival – investigating feasibility of setting a Guinness World Record.
Contact made with Tregaron YFC regarding possible collaboration and courses.
Collaboration with Jig So planned for family courses in Cardigan.

Learning activities

Working with the Youth Service Inspire group projects, including Cooking on a Budget.
1-1 support for Employment Support Team -referred learners (using Excel) – progression onto ICDL qualification.
Planned weekly courses with family centres at Tregaron, Borth and Llandysul, including embedding numeracy in creating murals and community gardens.
Weekly 1-1 support for referrals from NHS Gorwelion
Planned courses for three groups at Ray Ceredigion, embedding numeracy in cooking and gardening due to start in May.
Weekly Tregaron course.
Weekly Aberaeron course
Weekly 1-1 support for learners with ALN.
1-1 session being offered online.
Weekly group for learners with moderate additional learning needs hosted at Ray Ceredigion.
NHS Gorwelion gardening course learners referred by NHS.
2 x workshops as part of Employment Support Team Hospitality Course on Handling Money.
Numeracy practitioner courses are being offered Pan Wales.
Workshops delivered on behalf of Mencap on handling money.
Childcare sector – numeracy embedded in delivery of childminder course.

Publicity activities
Nation radio advert.
Ego advert.
Carers magazine advert.
Posters in towns and villages.
Events posted on Dewis Cymru.
Presentations/contact with key teams in CCC and outside stakeholders.
Stand outside M&S Aberystwyth.
Social media through Lifelong Learning and Skills Instagram and Facebook.
Cynnal Y Cardi Multiply roadmap poster.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

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

Not applicable at this time

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

Long term: Not applicable at this time

Collaboration: Not applicable at this time

Involvement: Not applicable at this time

Prevention: Not applicable at this time

Integration: Not applicable at this time

Recommendation(s):

Not applicable at this time

Reasons for decision:

Not applicable at this time

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Date of Report: 22/04/2024

Acronyms:

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF)

European Social Fund (ESF)

Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET)