

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 03 December 2024

Title: Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting Minutes (18.10.24)

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

Introduction

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's Youth Work and Engagement Team is responsible for coordinating Ceredigion Youth Council since it was first established in Autumn 2015. The Youth Council meet four times a year (once each term) for official meetings and host an event at the end of their year 'in office'. Youth Council meetings take place in the Chamber in Penmorfa. Minutes of each meeting are presented to both Learning Communities Scrutiny and Overview Committee and full Cabinet, ensuring the voice of young people feeds into the wider democratic process in Ceredigion.

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 18.10.24

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:

30.10.24

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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 18 October 2024**

(10:00 – 14.00)

Present:

Ysgol Penglais
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Ysgol Penglais (Youth Council Chairperson 2024-25)
Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron
Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron
Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron
Ysgol Bro Pedr & Goats Youth Hub
Ysgol Bro Pedr & Goats Youth Hub
Ysgol Bro Pedr
Ysgol Bro Teifi
Ysgol Bro Teifi
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig
Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig & Urdd Ceredigion (UK MYP 2024-25)
Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi
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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), Councillor Wyn Thomas (Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills), Elen James (Chief Education Officer, Ceredigion County Council) and Lowri Edwards (Corporate Lead Officer, Democratic Services)

Speakers: Joe Wilkins (Ceredigion Community Engagement Officer, West Wales Rivers Trust)

Apologies:

(Ysgol Penglais), (Ysgol Henry Richard), (Ysgol Henry Richard),
(Ysgol Bro Pedr), (Talybont Youth Club and Elected Home Educated),
(Aberystwyth Community Ambassadors and Hyfforddiant Ceredigion Training) and
(Post-16 Youth Work)

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 10th Youth Council.

GB introduced his role and provided context and background to Ceredigion Youth Council.

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.

GB referenced the two elections that will take place during the day. The Youth Council will elect a new Chairperson and new UK Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) for Ceredigion. GB mentioned the Senedd Ieuenctid Cymru elevation which is currently open for applicants, therefore those who intend to stand in the Senedd Ieuenctid Cymru elections, will not be able to stand for the UK MYP position, however they can stand for Chairperson all the same.

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

GB handed over to Councillor Wyn Thomas to welcome the new Youth Council. GB referenced Cllr Thomas' continuous support to the Youth Council and explained that minutes from each meeting is presented to Learning Communities Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet via Cllr Thomas. GB explained how this process ensures the voice of young people feeds into the wider democratic process in Ceredigion.

Cllr Thomas welcomed the new members as well as some existing members who have returned for a second term, to the Council Chamber. Cllr Thomas provided information on the work of Elected Members, Cabinet and the Chamber. Cllr Thomas explained the decision making processes that take place in the Chamber, and the [Council's Constitution](#). There are 38 councillors who attend various committees in the Chamber to discuss and

debate key issues put before them. Cllr Thomas encouraged all members to grasp this opportunity, to contribute, take part, debate and most importantly, enjoy the experience. Members were congratulated on their GCSE exam results and Cllr Thomas thanked them for their attendance and is looking forward to learning more about everyone.

3 What is our Youth Council and 2024/25 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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4 Presentation by Joe Wilkins, West Wales River Trust

GB introduced Joe Wilkins, Community Engagement Officer at West Wales River Trust.



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JW talked about his own journey from attending Ysgol Gynradd Llanilar and Ysgol Penglais before moving to London to study at University. JW reflected on his time as part of Ceredigion’s first Youth Council back in 2015. JW gave examples of how his experiences with Ceredigion Youth Council informed changes led by young people. JW encouraged the new members to use this opportunity to raise issues that are important to them, and how it’s a forum that can influence change and help others.

JW talked about his career path to date, and how his environmental work and activism has led to gaining valuable experiences all over the world. JW started his role with WWRT five months ago. JW engaged with Youth Council members and gave an informative presentation into the work of WWRT and the opportunities available to young people who wish to get involved. JW stayed until lunch time, to engage with the Environment Sub-Group.

5 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>
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Environment Sub-Group

During the Environment Subgroup workshop and as a starting point for discussion, GB shared some background to the group and their previous work.

Following a successful Youth Led Grant application (£500), the sub-group has the opportunity to lead on a 'litter tackling' project. The task in hand at the first meeting is to create a poster to target the littering problem, followed by two litter picking activities that will be supported by equipment purchased from the grant.

To design a suitable campaign poster to prevent littering, the group discussed different ideas for a possible slogan that could be included on a poster. There was a strong feeling that the slogan needs to attract young people to read it in the first place. A message such as "Do you care about Wales?" was one idea that was discussed, and it was agreed that the poster should draw attention to littering problems and how to tackle them. A poster can target young people in schools and other groups. A draft poster will be created ahead of the next meeting on 31/01/25.

There was also an opportunity to discuss a suitable date for a partnership activity with WWRT. It was agreed that some potential dates should be offered to the sub-group to choose the most convenient time. The dates will include school time and school holiday, working towards a date before Christmas.

Period Dignity Sub-Group

LE shared information around what has been achieved to date by the last Youth Council.



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

LE talked about Welsh Government's Period Dignity Action Plan and the Period Dignity Grant that each Local Authority receives. In Ceredigion, the Period Dignity Sub-Group play an active role in deciding how the grant is spent each year.

LIN and LE referenced the 'Period Positive Schools Guidance' that has been prepared to aid schools in ensuring Period Dignity for pupils. 3 members of the Youth Council 2023-24 presented the guidance pack to a Secondary Head Teachers Forum in June 2024. The document has been translated and will be 'launched' in schools after the half term.

The sub-group discussed ideas and shared their thoughts around what the group would like to focus on for this year, and these ideas will be explored further in future meetings. The group intends to meet more regularly to progress with identified areas of work, and members stated their preference for face-to-face meetings rather than online.

The group discussed some of the main barriers that continue to be present when it comes to tackling period poverty and understanding and stigma sometimes associated with menstrual health.

Several areas of priority were shared and discussed, and it was generally noted that achievable goals to work towards (as well as work that is already in progress) this year could include:

- Creating a Period Product survey for pupils, to review the product stock to ensure that pupils can choose the type, style, colour or products available to them in schools and communities.
- Engage parents/cares in awareness sessions again this year.
- Members to present the Period Positive Guidance in school assemblies (group to create a PowerPoint condensing the information).
- Create / or work with one of Ceredigion's suppliers of period products to create 'product cards' so people can be better informed when choosing certain products.
- Invest in a literature list and purchase suitable books on periods and menstrual health for each school and community library.


The group will set a date to meet before the next meeting to make a start on some of the work highlighted above.

6 Youth Council Chairperson Election 2024/25

GB presented the opportunity to become the Youth Council Chairperson for 2024-25. GB explained the role, and its responsibilities.



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	<p>GB explained the election process and thanked everyone who put their names forward to become Chairperson (KO, RN, LIN, ZW, BT, MT, PLI, GM, CM, FfG, CJ.)</p> <p>A vote was held, and it was announced that Bronwen Tuson (Year 12) Ysgol Penglais was successful in being elected by the Youth Council as Ceredigion Youth Council Chairperson for 2024-25. BT was congratulated on her appointment. They will work closely alongside the new UK MYP who will be elected after lunch. The new Chairperson will be invited to chair the last part of the meeting after lunch with GB.</p>
7	<p>United Kingdom Youth Parliament (UKYP) Presentation and Ceredigion UKYP Member election</p>
	<p>GB presented the opportunity for the Youth Council to elect Ceredigion’s next UK Youth Parliament, Member of Youth Parliament. Aeron Dafydd (Year 13, Ysgol Bro Teifi) is Ceredigion’s current UKYP MYP and will finish their term at the end of November 2024, with some parts to complete in early 2025.</p> <div data-bbox="746 891 957 1016" style="text-align: center;">  <p>Cyflwyniad ASI - MYP Presentation 2024.ppt</p> </div> <p>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.</p> <p>Eight 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 (KO, MT, CM, CJ, RN, FfG, LIN, RhS).</p> <p>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: Lleucu Nest (Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig). LIN was congratulated, and others were acknowledged for putting themselves forward.</p>
8	<p>Senedd Ieuenctid Cymru</p>
	<p>GB shared information of the upcoming Senedd Ieuenctid Cymru election. GB explained how this is a standalone process to Ceredigion Youth Council that is held by the Senedd, whereas the UK Youth Parliament programme is delivered directly through the Youth Council.</p>



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9 Senedd Cymru Visit 2024-25

GB gave some context to the proposed visit, which forms part of the Youth Council programme. GB asked members their interest in attending, and the general consensus was that it should be held during term time as opposed to school holiday time.

GB explained that the visit includes a tour of the Senedd and a question-and-answer session with Elin Jones, Llywydd. Members will have the opportunity to have lunch in Cardiff Bay and transport will be provided by bus. GB and LE will look to organise the visit this side of Christmas, avoiding mock exams where possible.



Taith Senedd Cymru
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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 about the next meeting which will be held again in the Chamber on the 31/01/25.

Dates of 2024-25 meetings:

Meeting 1; 18/10/24

Meeting 2; 31/01/25

Meeting 3; 28/03/25

End of office, Pawb a'i Farn Event; 11/07/25



Youth Council Flyer
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GB explained that sub-groups are likely to meet before the next Youth Council meeting. Sub-groups may meet more regularly to ensure project / campaign work can progress.

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 2024-25.

<p><i>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.</i></p>



Croeso i
Cyngor Ieuenctid
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 2024/25

- 1) Cyfarfod Rhagarweiniol - Heddiw
- 2) Taith Senedd: Rhagfyr 2024
- 3) 2ail Cyfarfod yn Siambr y Sir: 31/1/25
- 4) Ymgyrch 'Rhoi dy Farn 25'
- 5) 3ydd Cyfarfod yn Siambr y Sir: 28/3/25
- 6) Digwyddiad Cyngor Ieuenctid 'Pawb a'i Farn 2024':
11/07/25

Ceredigion County Council Youth Council Programme 2024/25

- 1) Introductory Meeting - Today
- 2) Senedd Trip: December 2024
- 3) 2nd Meeting in the County Council Chamber: 31/1/25
- 4) 'Rhoi dy Farn 25' Campaign
- 5) 3rd Meeting in the County Council Chamber: 28/3/25
- 6) Youth Council Event 'Pawb a'i Farn 2024': 11/07/25



'Rhoi dy Farn 2024' Campaign

- Youth Council Campaign that ran from 19th February – 13th March 2024
- Targeted all Ceredigion Secondary Schools, Coleg Ceredigion, PRU, Post 16 Inspire project and Hyfforddiant Ceredigion Training.
- Total Votes: 2031
- Turnout 47%
- Hot Topics: Affordable Housing, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Cost of Living Crisis and Transport

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We want to know what topic you care about the most. You have... te, please mark an X in the box next to the topic you would like... e for.

sg - gwella mynediad i gyfleoedd galwedigaethol a mwy o... s, gan gynnwys sgiliau bywyd / **Education** - improve access to... onal opportunities and greater choice that should include life

- dylid addysgu sgiliau busnes ac entrepreneuriaeth mewn... / **Education** - business and entrepreneurship skills should be... schools

fi - Tai fforddiadwy a mynediad i bobl ifanc lleol / **Second**... ffordable housing and access for local young people

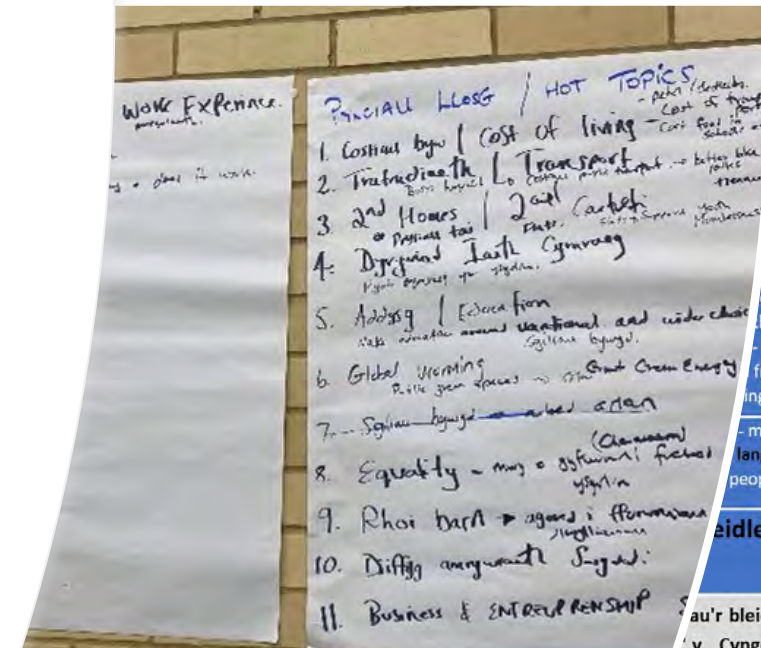
costau byw - mwy o gefnogaeth gyda chostau cludiant, ac ynni / **Cost of living Crisis** - more support with costs of school meals and energy

leib - mwy o gyfleoedd chwaraeon i ferched mewn... un y gymuned / **Equality** - more sports opportunities for

Ymgyrch Cyngor Ieuenctid Ceredigion
'Rhoi Dy Farn 2024'
Ceredigion Youth Council Campaign
Canlyniadau / Results



Topic	Cyfanswm / Total	Safle / Rank
angen mwy o fynediad ar bobl ifanc i dai fforddiadwy	415	1a
ng people need greater access to affordable homes		
ae angen gwneud mwy i fynd i'r afael â fêpio a bwlio (in)ing - more needs to be done to tackle vaping and (bullying online)	405	2a
ie angen adolygu a gostwng y trothwy i gael alliaeth Addysg (LCA) - threshold to access the Education Maintenance Allowance should be reviewed and lowered	404	3y
ysiau redeg yn rheolaidd a bod yn fwy fforddiadwy, sbws teithio disgownt - regular and be more affordable, let's support a	250	4y
dd - mae angen mwy o wybodaeth arnom am ddedd targed 'Cymru Sero Net' erbyn 2050	215	5e
ge - we need more information on appropriate steps 'es' target by 2050		
angen mwy o 'fannau diogel' i bobl ifanc gyfarfod yn	145	6e
s to be more 'safe spaces' for young people to meet in		
uenctid - mwy o gefnogaeth i ofalwyr ifanc, pobl ifanc ddi wrth aelodau teulu a mwy o gyfleoedd i ddysgu a chwnsela - more support for young carers, young people who are from family members and greater opportunities for learning services	105	7fe
- mae angen gwneud mwy i hybu'r iaith gyda phobl ifanc / language - more needs to be done to promote the Welsh language	92	8fe
Canlyniadau / Total Votes	2031	



Sau'r bleidlais flynyddol yn nodi'r blaenoriaethau a fydd yn rhoi ffocws i ddigwyddia... y Cyngor Ieuenctid adeg tymor yr haf. / The results of the annual ballot sets out th... 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 2024/25

Youth Council Structure 2024/25

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Subgroup



Is-grwp Urddas
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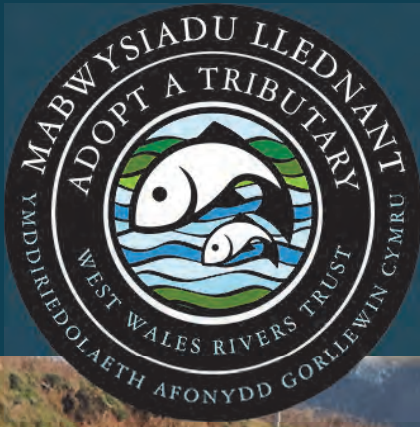
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Welcome to
Ceredigion County Council
Youth Council

Ethol Cadeirydd Cyngor Ieuenctid / Electing a Youth Council Chairperson

- Cadeirio Cyfarfodydd Cyngor Ieuenctid /
Chair Youth Council Meeting
- Rôl adeg Digwyddiad Pawb A'i Farn 2025 /
A role during Pawb A'i Farn 2025 Event
- Cynrychioli aelodau'r Cyngor Ieuenctid tu allan i gyfarfodydd / Represent
Youth Council members outside of meetings
- Taith I Lundain I gyfarfod Ben Lake AS / A visit to London to meet Ben Lake
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?



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INTRODUCTIONS

SHWMAE!

My name is Joe Wilkins.

I'm a proud Cardi and have lived around Aberystwyth my whole life (other than university).

If I'm not at my desk, you'll probably find me near/on/in water!



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I went to Ysgol Llanilar and Ysgol Penglais.

GCSEs - Triple Science, History, Geography, French

A-Levels - Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Maths, Welsh Bacc



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BSc Ecology and Environmental Biology at Imperial College London.

MSc Environmental Change, Impact, and Adaptation at Aberystwyth University.



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WEST WALES RIVERS TRUST

A charity formed in 2017 with the aim of restoring and safeguarding the rivers, lakes and wetlands of West Wales to:

- Promote awareness of environmental issues and best practice
- Promote recreational enjoyment of rivers, lakes and wetlands
- Undertake research and development to help restore damaged habitats

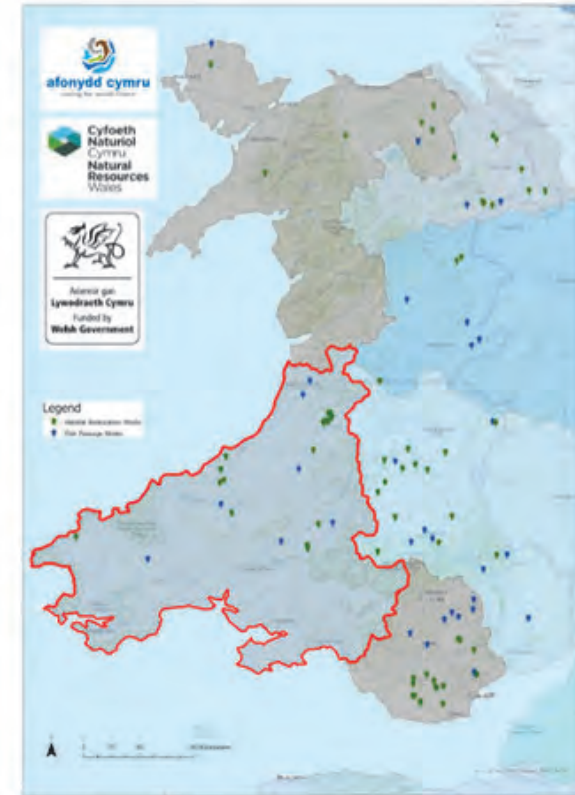


Figure 1 All Fisheries Passage Easement & Habitat Restoration Works Undertaken 2020-2021



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CURRENT ISSUES AND THREATS FACING RIVERS IN WEST WALES



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LACK OF RIPARIAN (RIVERSIDE) HABITATS



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SILTATION OF RIVERS



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CONIFER PLANTATIONS CAN LEAD TO ACIDIFICATION



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DIFFUSE POLLUTION



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POINT SOURCE POLLUTION *from various sources*



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EUTROPHICATION

1. EXCESS NUTRIENTS
2. ALGAL BLOOM
3. OXYGEN DEPLETION
4. DEAD ZONES



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EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS *of all varieties*



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LITTER

- THROWN
- TIPPED
- FLOODED



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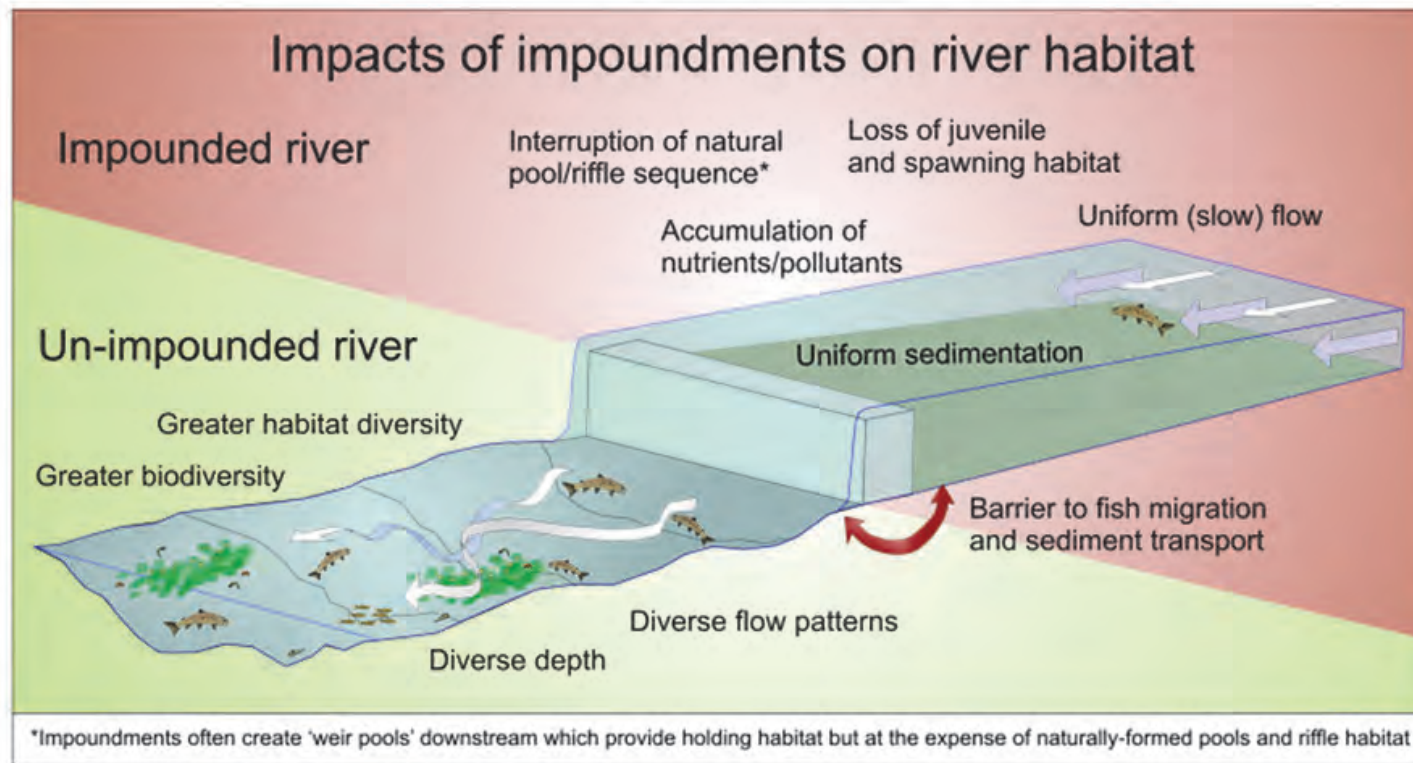
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BARRIERS



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A **tributary** is a river or stream that flows into a larger river or lake.



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What does it mean to “adopt” a tributary?



As we've seen, rivers and their tributaries are everywhere in West Wales. You really are never too far from one!

We've also seen the number of threats they face!

Rivers need our help and every community can play a role in being the “eyes and ears” for their local river.

To become river guardians or champions



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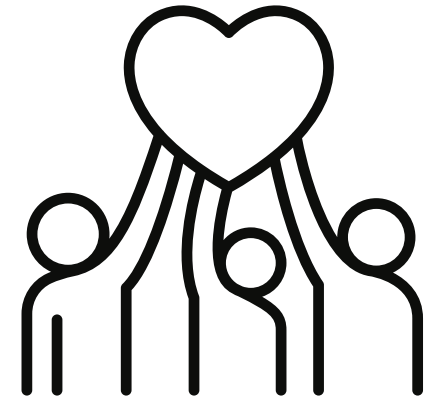
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Each community can decide on the specific actions they'd like to do and WWRT will be there to support you.

Actions include:

- River Habitat monitoring (incl. invasive species)
- Community events
- Litter picking
- Campaigning
- Habitat improvement (in collab with WWRT and landowners)



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River Habitat Monitoring and Recording



What to record:

- Barriers (natural and artificial)
- Livestock access
- Riverbed Health
- Invasive species such as Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed.
- Water Quality



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River Habitat Monitoring and Recording



What to record:

WILDLIFE



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River Habitat Monitoring and Recording

How to record:

We have an app!

Please note: all pollution incidents should be reported to Natural Resources Wales in the first instance on their 24/7 freephone hotline: 03000 65 3000. This form does not replace incident reports, but WWRT would be pleased to receive uploads of these on this form once they have been reported to NRW.



Adopt a Tributary

Survey form for Adopt a Tributary volunteers to log issues to WWRT.

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River name*

Date and time*

Location



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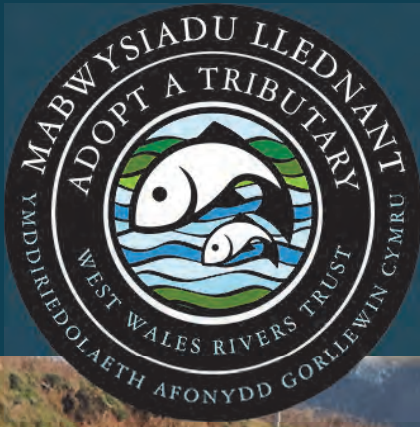
Community Events



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Urddas Mislif yng Ngheredigion Beth sydd wedi ei gyflawni hyd yn hyn?

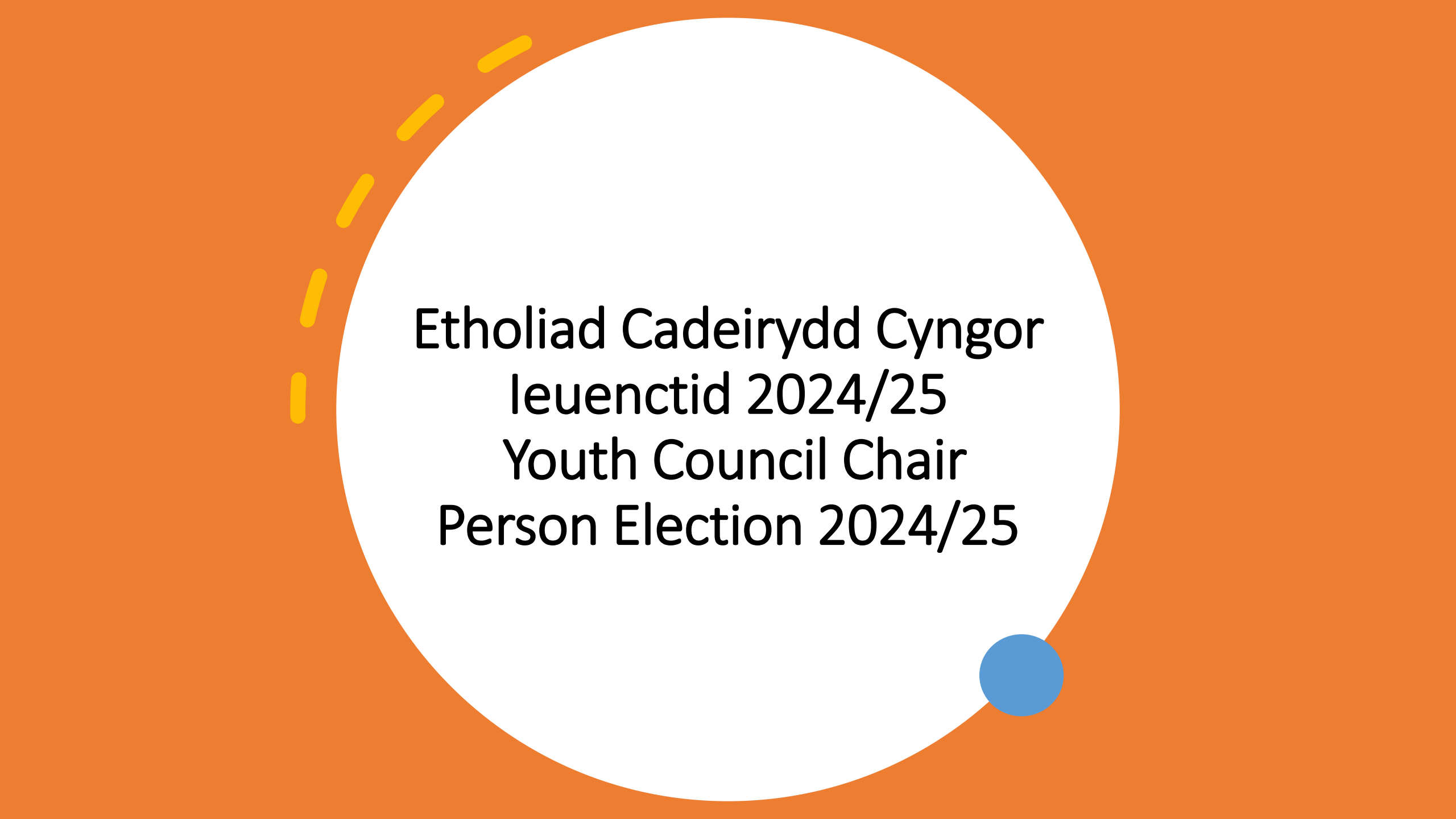
- Tudalen we ar gyfer Cynllun Urddas Mislif Ceredigion.
- Blwch e-bost dynodedig i Gynllun Urddas Mislif Ceredigion.
- Taflenni gwybodaeth mewn ysgolion a chymunedau, sy'n cynnwys 'QR code' i'r dudalen we.
- Cynnyrch mislif ar gael mewn dros 70 o leoliadau cymunedol.
- Cynnyrch mislif ar gael ym mhob Ysgol Uwchradd, Cynradd a'r UCD.
- 'My First Period Kits' ar gael i Ysgolion Cynradd.
- Nyrsys Ysgol wedi derbyn 'period product kits' i gefnogi eu darpariaeth.
- Stondin 'Cynnyrch Bach o Bopeth' ym mhob Ysgol Uwchradd.
- Hyfforddiant Urddas Mislif i staff yn 2023 (a 2025).
- Sesiynau Urddas Mislif i ddisgyblion Bl. 7-9 ar draws y Sir (2023-24).
- Sesiynau Urddas Mislif i ddisgyblion Bl.5-6 ar draws y Sir (2023-24).
- Trefn penodol o ddosbarthu cynnyrch mislif drwy'r post i blant sy'n cael eu haddysgu yn y cartref a ffoaduriaid.
- Dillad sbâr ar gael ym mhob Ysgol Uwchradd a UCD.
- Pecyn 'Urddas Mislif mewn Ysgolion' wedi'i chreu a'i chyflwyno i Fforwm Benaethiaid Uwchradd y Sir yn Mehefin 2024 i'w lansio mewn Ysgolion yn Tachwedd 2024.



Period Dignity in Ceredigion

What has been achieved so far?

- Web page for Ceredigion's Period Dignity Scheme.
- A designated inbox for Ceredigion's Period Dignity Scheme.
- Information leaflets in schools and communities, which include a 'QR code' to the web page.
- Period products available in over 70 community locations.
- Period products available in all Primary and Secondary Schools, and PRUs.
- 'My First Period Kits' available for Primary Schools.
- School Nurses have received 'period product kits' to support their provision.
- A 'Period Product Pick and Mix' stand in every Secondary School.
- Period Dignity Training for staff in 2023 (and 2025).
- Period Dignity Sessions for Year 7-9 pupils across the County (2023-24).
- Period Dignity sessions for Year 5-6 pupils across the County (2023-24).
- A tailored approach to ensuring period products are accessible to home-schooled children and refugees.
- Spare clothes available in all Secondary Schools and PRUs.
- A 'Period Positive Schools' guidance pack has been created and presented to the County's Secondary Headteachers' Forum in June 2024 to be launched in Schools in November 2024.



Etholiad Cadeirydd Cyngor
Ieuencid 2024/25
Youth Council Chair
Person Election 2024/25

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Aelod Senedd Ieuenctid Prydain

UK Youth Parliament Member

2024/25



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
- Ymweld a AS Ceredigion yn Llundain / Visit Ceredigion MP in London



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

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



Unrhyw gwestiynau?
Any Questions?

Yr Etholiad...
The Election...



Senedd Ieuenctid Cymru / Wales Youth Parliament

Etholiad rhwng 4ydd – 25ain Tachwedd 2024

Election between 4th – 25th November 2024



Cofrestru i bleidleis o / Register to vote

- Dy lais di, dy Senedd di
- WYTTI'N BAROD I LUNIO'R DYFODOL?
- Cofia mai cofrestru i bleidleisio yn etholiadau Senedd Ieuenctid Cymru yw dy gam cyntaf tuag at wneud gwahaniaeth!
- Os wyt ti rhwng 11 a 17 mlwydd oed, dyma dy gyfle i bleidleisio ar y materion sy'n bwysig i ti.
- Pwy all gofrestru?
- I gofrestru i bleidleisio yn Etholiad Senedd Ieuenctid Cymru, rhaid i chi fod rhwng 11 a 17 oed, a naill ai'n byw, neu'n derbyn eich addysg, yng Nghymru.
- Cofrestru i bleidleisio ar-lein
- Fel arfer mae'n cymryd llai na munud i gofrestru.
- Bydd cofrestru i bleidleisio yn cau ar 20 Tachwedd.

<https://seneddieuenctid.senedd.cymru/cymryd-rhan/cofrestru-i-bleidleisio/>

- Your voice . Your Parliament
- READY TO SHAPE THE FUTURE?
- Registering to vote in the Welsh Youth Parliament elections is your first step towards making a difference!
- If you're aged 11 - 17, this is your chance to vote on the issues that matter to you. Take this opportunity to be heard and influence change.
- Who can register?
- To register to vote in the Welsh Youth Parliament Election you must be 11 to 17 years old, and either live, or receive your education, in Wales.
- Register to vote online
- It usually takes less than one minute to register.
- Register to vote will close on 20 November.
- <https://youthparliament.senedd.wales/get-involved/register-to-vote/>



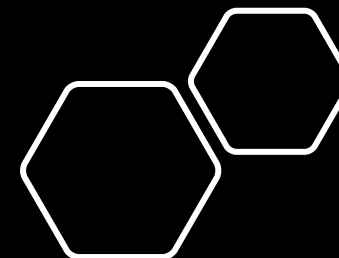
Senedd Wales

Taith 'Senedd Cymru' Trip

Proposed: December 2024

Example of trip itinerary:

Ceredigion Youth Council 'Senedd Cymru' Day Trip Itinerary (to include Cardiff Bay visit)	
Date 12.2.24	
Activity	Time
Meet Aberystwyth and district members at Penweddig School Car Park	08:30am
Collect Aberaeron and mid county members at Aberaeron Secondary School	09:00am
Collect South of County members at Synod Inn Square	09:15am
Collect Southeast of County members at Ysgol Bro Teifi, Llandysul	09:30am
Comfort break at Morrisons Carmarthen prior to travelling direct to Cardiff Bay	10.00am – 10.20am
Travel to Senedd Cymru, Cardiff Bay	10:20am – 11.50am
Arrive at Senedd Cymru for Tour and meeting with Elin Jones AS	11.55pm - 2.00pm
Visit Cardiff Bay Mermaid Quay for food and leisure time	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Leave Cardiff Bay to travel back to Aberystwyth, Ceredigion	4pm – 7pm
Calling at:	
Comfort break at Morrisons Carmarthen	5.15pm – 5.30pm
Drop off Southeast of County members at Ysgol Bro Teifi, Llandysul	6.00pm
Drop off South of County members at Synod Inn	6.15pm
Drop off Aberaeron and mid district members at Aberaeron Secondary School	6.30pm
Drop off Aberystwyth and district members at Penweddig School Car Park	7.00pm



Currently devolved powers

- Agriculture, forestry and fishing.
- Education.
- Environment.
- Health and social care.
- Housing.
- Local government.
- Highways and transport.
- Some control over income tax, stamp duty and landfill tax




Beth sydd yn digwydd nesaf? What happens next?



- Complete the Ceredigion Youth Service Membership and Medical Form 2024 – Only people with completed forms can attend!
- Your attendance will be confirmed, and an e-mail will be shared with an electronic copy of the itinerary, letter to parent/guardians, Security: Visitor Code of Conduct and details of your pickup point on the day of the trip.
- Please make sure that all relevant information is shared with parents/guardians and please read the Senedd: Visitor Code of Conduct which includes Security before travelling
- Consider the devolved matters for Wales, have you a question for Elin Jones AS?
- On the bus to Cardiff, we will collect a contact mobile number and confirm questions to Elin Jones AS

15 – 25 years old? Interested in making a positive change by representing the voices of Ceredigion's young people?
Join Ceredigion Youth Council

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



Meeting dates:	To include:
18.10.24	Elect New Chairperson
31.01.25	Ceredigion's 'Rhoi fy Farn' Local Ballot
28.03.25	Ceredigion's Local Ballot Results
11.07.25	'Pawb A'i Farn Ceredigion 2025' Event



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