

Children & Young People

Gwynedd Third Sector Bulletin



SPRING 2011

Young people have their say



On Friday 11 February, young people from Anglesey and Gwynedd came together to question a panel of prominent figureheads about what was important to them in their society today.

The audience comprised of a cross-section of pupils from schools on Anglesey and Gwynedd, local students, youth club members, local agencies, charities and associations that work with young people and members of the public.

The panel members were Eleanor Burnham AM, Hywel Williams MP, Keith Jones, North Wales Police, Irfon Williams, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Councillor Brian Jones, Children and Young People's Partnership, Iwan Trefor Jones, Corporate Director, Gwynedd Council, Gwern Ap Rhisiart, Gwynedd Education Department and Sharon Williams, Careers Wales.

The evening was chaired by Gwyn Llewelyn, Broadcaster and Presenter.

The audience feedback was that the evening had been very successful and that they would relish the opportunity to do this again. Ilan Llŷr Williams from Gwynedd youth club said "Very interesting. I have had the questions that I wanted information about answered." Tomos Guto Davies from 'Llais Ni' in Anglesey said "A good evening with lots of information. The Galeri was a good venue and there were some good answers to varying topics and questions."

Hywel Williams MP, a panel member said "I was very glad to take part in the event. It's important that all of us who are involved in the decision-making process listen to the views of young people. Gisda should be congratulated for their excellent work and for giving young people an opportunity to have their voice heard."

Mair Richards from Gisda said "Our young people decided that they would like to mark our 25th year by positively engaging with other young people in Gwynedd and Anglesey to let people know what it is like to be a young person in our community today."

Gisda would like to thank all those who took part in the evening and will continue to support young people to live independent and fulfilled lives.



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Free technology hire service!

Mantell Gwynedd secured a sum of money via the youth service capital funding grant following a successful bid in 2008 which was co-ordinated by the Statutory Youth Service in Gwynedd.

These grants are offered in order to improve access to services and to purchase new mobile provision which will enhance youth service delivery and contact with young people across all sectors. We submitted a bid in order to purchase mobile computer and digital equipment that will be loaned out to voluntary organisations for use with young people during events and activities organised e.g. photography workshops, training sessions, focus groups, competitions etc.



So remember, this is your opportunity for this unique service, it is offered for free for organisations working in the field of children and young people!

On loan will be: laptops, wi-fi printers (multi purpose) one PC projector, video cameras and digital cameras.

Diary Marker

A Statutory Duty for Play – Have your say

North West Wales Play Forum, North Wales Play Association, NEW Play and Conwy Voluntary Services Council bring you:

Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Event -

“Developing the Standards and Guidance for the statutory duty to provide for play”

The Interchange, Old Colwyn

Thursday 10th March 2011

1300 - 1530

Mary Nicholls, Senior Manager for The Child and Families Programmes Team with the Welsh Assembly Government and policy lead on the development of the standards and guidance, will be facilitating a workshop aimed to:

- Provide the most up to date information on developments relating to the statutory duty to provide sufficient play opportunities

- Give an overview of the development of the standards and guidance to date

- Provide you, the stakeholders, with the opportunity to have your say on what constitutes sufficient play and therefore what should be in the guidance

The event is open to anyone in North Wales. There has already been significant engagement from the Welsh Assembly Government with the playwork and out of school childcare sectors in Wales and so, would be of particular use to:

Elected Members, Chief Executives, Senior Managers, Heads of Service, and those responsible for: Parks and Open Spaces, Planning, Highways and Transport, Safe Routes, Community Safety, Early Years, Education, Leisure Provision, Voluntary Sector and Community based provision for Children and Young People

For further information or to book your place please contact: Simon Bazley on 01352-702487 or email si.bazley@flintshire.gov.uk

Mantell Gwynedd Mobile Unit!

Mantell Gwynedd have been successful in their bid to obtain funding through the Rural Health Innovation Fund to purchase a mobile information unit. The mobile unit will be collaboration between Mantell Gwynedd and BCUHB. Organisations will be able to hire the unit, as sole or jointly with other organisations. Information about hiring/use will be posted on Mantell's website. If you're interested in hiring the vehicle, or require further information please contact Medwyn 01286 672 626 (Caernarfon Office) or enquiries@mantellgwynedd.com



Resources and Use of the Unit.

Notebook, Wi-Fi colour printer, mobile broadband, 32" television with built in DVD player, exhibition space, small kitchen, toilet, small room suitable for one to one consultations or for medical use e.g. blood tests, diabetic screenings etc. Ideal for sharing information and promoting services within rural communities.

LIKE DRIVING AND MEETING PEOPLE? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Mantell Gwynedd would like to recruit volunteers to drive the Mobile Unit and assist with sharing information. If you are interested please contact Rhiannon or Medwyn 01286 672 626 (Caernarfon Office)



New Workshop Raised at Felin Uchaf, Rhoshirwaun.

Over 100 people recently gathered for the weekend to help raise five oak wood frames into place to a very special build on the Llyn Peninsula. The project is part of the volunteering and training skills opportunities at the centre which is funded by Galluogi Gwynedd. They have been receiving support from Tilhill Economic Forestry and Ffestiniog Railway who assisted in transporting the local oak wood from Maentwrog down to Porthmadog and onwards to Rhoshirwaun. The



magnificent wood work has been constructed entirely by volunteers under the supervision of experienced staff at the centre. The next step is to position the sedge roof and wood along the sides of the building before workshops can commence. The second part of the oak wood framework will start next year.

If you're interested in taking part in the project, contact us 01758 780280 or via e-mail felinuchaf@tiscali.co.uk and our website www.felinuchaf.org



Update from Gwynedd Children and Young People's Partnership

CYMORTH Arrangements 2011-2012

In October 2010 the Deputy Minister announced that CYMORTH in its present form will end in March 2011. The Gwynedd CYP Partnership created a Task Group in November 2010 in order to have a full review of all present CYMORTH funded projects. The Task Group presented their proposals on which schemes should continue to be funded in 2011/2012 to the Partnership on 24th January 2011 where an unopposed agreement was made. All present projects will continue to be funded in 2011/2012 within the Third Sector except for the Young Volunteers Scheme at Mantell Gwynedd.

In terms of budget, the Gwynedd CYP Partnership is investing £380.050 in 2011/12 for Third Sector projects that offer services to children, young people and families. This is an increase of 15.6% from the 2010/11 budget. Relevant providers have received confirmation of the CYP Partnership's decision, however, these recommendations are pending WAG's approval of Gwynedd's CYMORTH Scheme for 2011/12.



Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14

The CYP Partnership agreed in November 2010 as a result of numerous results and sub-results for the next CYP "Our Plan". It was agreed to extend the date for publishing the next CYP plan to May/ June 2011. The evaluation work of 'Children and Young People in Gwynedd Today' (the assessment of wellbeing and needs of CYP) is ongoing and the Strategic Partnership is currently conducting a review of CYP's opinions through the 'Viewpoint' software.

The draft version of the CYP's Plan is intended to be released by end of March 2011 as part of the draft Community Strategy. Workshops will be organised during the consultation period to offer people's views on the content and to contribute towards the work of developing and refining the strategic priorities and interventions. The finalised version will hopefully be released by May/June.



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Pfforwm Ieuenctid **Gwynedd** *Youth Forum*



Our Rights states that children and young people have the right to voice opinions about issues that affect their lives. The Partnership wants to see where this is happening currently and evidence any good practice.

Here is a template for the mapping work being undertaken across Gwynedd in order to see where and what type of forum activities are being held for children and young people. The main purpose of forums are to include the voice of children and young people themselves in the process of making decisions about issues that affect them.

I ask you to fill in the attached template, noting the forum(s) that are taking place in your organisation. The main details that are needed are the kind of forum it is- who and how many are attending and what is the nature of the forum. I will be grateful if you could send this email on to anyone else you are aware of who doing this kind of work.

Forms to be returned by the 22 March 2011.

Please contact Carwyn Humphreys in Mantell Gwynedd or equally (Participation and Rights Strategic Officer) on 01286 679 648

Gwawr Davies



Hello everybody,

As a service, 'Clust i'r Ifanc' is available to listen and support children and young people about good and bad experiences of using a service within Gwynedd.

In addition, we do like to receive comments or even suggestions about new services which are needed within the county for children and young people (to 25 years old).

We are hoping to promote and develop the service with as many children, young people and young families as possible. Therefore we are looking for various methods which are suitable for everybody. We have an idea of conducting 'Drop In' sessions all over Gwynedd in order for Children, Young People and Young Families to come over and have a chat or convey their complaints, comments or suggestions regarding services used from day to day.



If you're interested in allowing us to hold a 'Drop In' session, please contact:

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Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru
Welsh Assembly Government

Children's rights measure moves forward in Wales

The rights of children in Wales took another step forward this week when the National Assembly for Wales approved the Proposed Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure. This week Assembly Members unanimously supported the Measure which will now go forward for Royal Assent.

The proposed Measure is to place a duty on the Assembly Government to have due regard in taking strategic decisions to the rights and obligations in respect of children that are enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). This will strengthen our existing rights based approach for children and young people in policy making in Wales, and also strengthen children and young people's position in Welsh society.

Welcoming this step Huw Lewis said: "This week marked another step forward for realising the rights of children and young people in Wales. As I have said many times before this Measure will take Wales' commitment to its children and young people further than any other country in the UK.

"Embedding the UNCRC into domestic law in

Wales will ensure that it becomes integral to devolved government policy making and the development of legislative proposals in Wales.

"Over time, it will help children and young people to understand and claim their rights. In doing so, they can fulfil their potential and become more responsible citizens, more able and willing to contribute fully to community life and the social capital of Wales. In turn I believe this will enhance our future economic prosperity as a nation.

"More importantly, I can see that this Measure will provide children and young people with an increased enjoyment of their rights. It will put them in a stronger position to access the support and services available to them and through doing so overcome barriers and achieve a brighter future."

(Source: Assembly Press)

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Training

Youth Mental Health First Aid

A FREE training course for members of the Gwynedd CYP Network.

There are still a few places left for the training that is held between 9:30 and 4pm over two days, on the 24th and 25th March.

Contact Carwyn Humphreys (CYP Facilitator) for further details.



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Aims of the course:

The developing mental health problems in young people covered are:

- Depression
- Anxiety disorder
- Psychosis
- Substance use disorders
- Eating disorders

Participants will learn:

- The signs and symptoms of these mental health problems
- Where and how to get help
- What sort of help has been shown by research to be effective



New Logo!

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW LOGO?
FORWARD YOUR FEEDBACK TO ME.

To reduce our carbon footprint, we would like to send you a copy of this bulletin electronically in the future.

If you have access to e-mail let us know here at Mantell Gwynedd and we will send you any future information direct to your computer.



Your Bulletin Needs You!

One of the Facilitator's duties is to notify the sector on new enterprises, feedback on matters from organisations to those who make decisions and to infer the voice of the sector in relation to new policies, guidelines or documents. There will also be opportunities to arrange consultation events on strategic issues. The sector is being represented through the role on relevant partnerships and committees in the field of chil-

dren and young people ensuring that the sector has a strong voice. There are opportunities to elect representatives through the Network to attend sub-groups for these committees. The role also engages in promoting the high standard of work and the range of projects within the county.

Would you like to share your work and/or successes with the sector?

Whatever you wish to share, this column is here for you!



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