

Volunteers' Week 1st - 7th June 2009.



The first week in June is well established in the volunteering calendar as it is known nationally as Volunteers' Week. This year, it reached a special milestone as it celebrated its 25th anniversary. The three 'Rs' summarises the aims of the week in that it hopes to:-

- Recognise
- Reward
- Recruit Volunteers

The Gwynedd Volunteer Centre organised different activities to mark the occasion :-

Volunteering reaches the SUMMIT—a journey on the Snowdon Mountain Railway.



Starting from Llanberis station

The highlight of the Week in Gwynedd was the **4th of June** in Llanberis. On a fine June day, nearly a hundred volunteers and representatives from organisations enjoyed a trip on the Snowdon Mountain Railway to Clogwyn station ($\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up Snowdon). There was a fantastic atmosphere on the train, with magnificent views along the journey. At Clogwyn station, there was an opportunity to take photographs, eat a picnic and enjoy a chat with fellow volunteers before returning to Llanberis.



Enjoying the journey !



and the views !!!



Clogwyn station



Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones—Chair of Gwynedd Council and Gwenda Hughes (volunteer).

'Celebration and Thank you Tea'

To follow the train journey, a 'Celebration and Thank you Tea' was held at the Electric Mountain in Llanberis. This event provides an opportunity to acknowledge the valuable contribution made by volunteers throughout Gwynedd. Mr Aneurin Phillips – Chief Executive of the Snowdonia National Park was the guest speaker, and during the afternoon he presented certificates to a number of committed volunteers from Gwynedd who had been nominated for the "Wales Volunteer of the Year 2009" Awards. (Please find full details of all the Gwynedd nominees for this award in another article in the News section). Award 2009



Ms Margaret Griffith—Chair of the Gwynedd Volunteer Centre Sub-committee welcomes the guests.



The Birthday Cake !!!!

The Travelling information stall.

With the aim of attracting publicity and raising awareness of volunteering in general, the Gwynedd Volunteer Information stall visited Caernarfon, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Bangor, Pwllheli, Dolgellau and Tywyn during the week. Many thanks to representatives of other organisations who joined the stall at the various venues.



Monday—Caernarfon, by the fountain.



Wednesday - Pwllheli market.



Tuesday— by the clock in Bangor !