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Eryri National Eisteddfod

A number of voluntary/community groups were invited to participate in the planning and organising of the stall. Amongst those groups who took up location with Mantell Gwynedd on the Eisteddfod field were Pesda Roc, GISDA, Tabernacl, Cyswilt Teulu, Cerddoriaeth Gymunedol, Gwalltgofiaid, Antur Waunfawr, Gwynedd Gynladwy, NSPCC and ASBA. This was an excellent opportunity for some of the smaller groups in Gwynedd to locate themselves on the Eisteddfod field. They certainly would not have been able to afford an opportunity like this had we not all worked together to chip in and plan the whole event.

The vast array of activities organised on the stall throughout the week created a real buzz. Everything from jembe playing to face painting, salsa dancing and quizzes. The stall was officially opened by Dewi Pws.

It was an unexpected bonus to be awarded the first prize for the best stall in the Voluntary Sector on the Eisteddfod field. A glass trophy (courtesy of Sefydliad y Merched Cymru) was awarded to Mantell Gwynedd in a formal ceremony on the main pavilion stage.

The Eisteddfod event really shows what can be achieved when the entire sector pulls together and works co-operatively and enthusiastically for such an event. It gives a positive message to the outside world and gives a clear message that despite all odds sometimes the Voluntary Sector can still reach the top!

