

Celebrating 'Make a Difference Day'- Ty Siamas, Dolgellau

Were you aware that the last Saturday in October is known as 'Make a Difference Day'? It began way back in 1995, and has since gone from strength to strength. The aim is to highlight the amazing impact volunteers can make just by giving the simple gifts of time, skills or muscle power! The Gwynedd Volunteer Centre organised a special event in **Ty Siamas, Dolgellau** to mark 'Make a Difference Day' on **Friday, 24th October**. With over 20 voluntary organisations present, the event celebrated volunteering and the contribution made by voluntary organisations in Gwynedd.

Linda Morgan (Dolgellau's mayor) opened the event at 10.00am, and extended a warm welcome to Dolgellau. Children from Dolgellau Primary school provided entertainment, and were followed by **Bethan Gwanas** – who spoke about her experiences of volunteering, and of how she had benefited from taking part. Pupils from Ysgol y Gader were next to entertain the audience, and they were followed by Lona Wyn Williams from Coleg Meirion Dwyfor playing the harp. Light refreshments were available - thanks to a group of catering students from Coleg Meirion Dwyfor and their teacher. Also, a raffle was drawn and 5 good prizes were kindly donated by local businesses.

Thank you to all who contributed to the day's success.



Margaret Griffith (Chair of the Gwynedd Volunteer Centre Sub-committee), Linda Morgan (Dolgellau's mayor) and Lona Wyn Williams playing the harp in the background.



Some of the information stall-holders.



Pupils from Ysgol Gynradd Dolgellau



Bethan Gwanas