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Gwynedd Volunteer Awards 2026



As part of this year's Volunteers' Week celebrations, Mantell Gwynedd was proud to host the Gwynedd Volunteer Awards at the beautiful village of Portmeirion on 2 June.

Volunteers, community organisations, partners and supporters from across Gwynedd came together to celebrate the invaluable contribution that volunteers make to our communities every day.

This year's guest speaker was Llinos Angharad Owen, High Sheriff of Gwynedd, who delivered an inspiring address highlighting the vital role volunteers play in supporting individuals, strengthening communities and enriching lives across the county. Her heartfelt words of thanks and appreciation reflected the feelings of everyone present.



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1st – 7th June 2026



The awards recognised individuals and groups whose dedication, compassion and commitment have made a real difference to the lives of others. From supporting older people and young people to protecting the environment, promoting wellbeing and strengthening local communities, the inspiring stories shared throughout the celebration highlighted the incredible impact of volunteering across Gwynedd.

Guests enjoyed a wonderful afternoon in the unique surroundings of Portmeirion, where award winners and their supporters were recognised for their achievements. The event also provided an opportunity to thank every volunteer who gives their time, skills and energy to help others, often without seeking recognition.

Volunteers' Week is an annual UK-wide campaign that celebrates the millions of people who volunteer and encourages more people to get involved in their communities. Mantell Gwynedd is proud to support and champion volunteering across the county, working alongside voluntary organisations to build stronger, more connected communities.



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Summer Volunteering Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at our Summer Volunteering Fair in Caernarfon on 3 June. It was a pleasure to welcome local voluntary organisations and members of the public to discover the wide range of volunteering opportunities available across Gwynedd.

The fair provided a fantastic opportunity for organisations to showcase the valuable work they do, connect with potential volunteers, and build new relationships with other community groups. It was inspiring to see such a diverse range of organisations taking part, demonstrating the many different ways people can get involved, share their skills, and make a positive difference in their local communities. The event formed part of Mantell Gwynedd's Volunteers' Week celebrations, recognising and celebrating the incredible contribution volunteers make every day. Throughout the week, we thanked the individuals who generously give their time, skills, and enthusiasm to support others and help strengthen communities across Gwynedd.

We are grateful to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success, and we hope it has inspired even more people to explore the rewarding experience of volunteering.



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Building Connections at Our Speed Dating Networking Event

On 9th June, Mantell Gwynedd welcomed representatives from voluntary organisations and partner agencies from across Gwynedd to a lively Speed Dating Networking Event in Porthmadog.

The event provided a fun and interactive way for participants to meet new contacts, share information about their organisations, and explore opportunities to work together. Through a series of short, structured conversations, attendees were able to learn more about the valuable services and support available across the county while building relationships that can lead to future collaboration.

The event highlighted the strength of Gwynedd's voluntary sector and reinforced the importance of partnership working in meeting the needs of our communities. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the afternoon such a success. We look forward to seeing the new connections and collaborative projects that grow from these conversations.



Young People Bring Local History to Life



Thanks to funding from the Gwynedd Young Volunteers Grant 2025–2026, the Llythyr o Gymru (Letter from Wales) project brought young people and the local community together to create a Welsh-language film inspired by the original *A Letter from Wales* (1953). *Diflaniad* (disappearance) shows how the life and community of Llandwrog has developed to the present day, whilst including a clip from the original film.

Twenty-nine young people from the Llandwrog area took part in the project, with Anni, Leusa, Ela and Loti leading the way. For all of them, it was their first experience of volunteering – from developing the original idea and writing the script to acting, filming, editing and promoting the project, the young people led every stage of producing their new film.

Developing Skills and Confidence

With support from drama and film specialists, the young volunteers developed creative, communication, teamwork and leadership skills. The project also gave them the opportunity to use Welsh in a natural, creative and enjoyable way outside the classroom.





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Community Impact

The project benefited around 80 members of the local community, many of whom took part in the film. Feedback showed a clear increase in the young volunteers' confidence, social skills and enthusiasm for volunteering in the future. The project also brought different generations together by celebrating local history, Welsh heritage and the Welsh language.

Mantell Gwynedd, which administers the Gwynedd Young Volunteers Grant and coordinates the youth-led grants panel, is delighted to see such a positive impact from the funding.

To celebrate the project's success, a red carpet premiere was held at Tŷ'n Llan on the evening of 12 May, where Difflaniad received its first public screening alongside the original A Letter from Wales.

The project is an excellent example of how youth volunteering can build confidence, develop new skills, strengthen communities, and celebrate Wales' culture and heritage.

Project at a Glance

- Project: Llythyr o Gymru (Letter from Wales)
- Grant Awarded: £2,620
- Young Volunteers: 29
- Community Beneficiaries: Approximately 80



Gwynedd Volunteer Scheme



Congratulations to the students of Coleg Meirion-Dwyfor, Dolgellau, who have received Gwynedd Volunteer Scheme certificates for their voluntary work during Volunteers' Week. The students have been busy with several projects over the past year within the College and the local community.

The scheme, supported by Mantell Gwynedd, recognises the contribution of volunteers with certificates.

For more information about how to get involved , please contact us.



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