

**Date**           **15 March 2002, 10.00 to 13.00pm**  
**Venue**          **The Miners Welfare Hall, Ammanford**  
**Title**           **Paper submitted by Mererid Hopwood, RhAG**

The presentation will be given from a parent's perspective. It will

- concentrate on Carmarthenshire County Council's proposed policy to teach more elements of the Mathematics and Science curriculum through the medium of Welsh in Strade, Maes yr Yrfa and Bro Myrddin schools
- consider the role of language as a medium rather than a subject and the most effective way of achieving bilingualism
- note the links between the use of Welsh in all walks of life with the status of the language and the attitudes of its speakers
- comment on the need to ensure that the Welsh language is offered as a teaching and learning medium from the nursery school to university – i.e. the need to create a language continuum in education
- look at the training needs of teachers, students and pupils including providing resources and building confidence
- emphasise the importance of ensuring that pupils and parents throughout Wales have the same equality of opportunity in the field of education.