

Senedd Cymru / Welsh Parliament

Pwyllgor Diwylliant, y Gymraeg a Chyfathrebu / Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

Ymchwiliad i'r achosion o COVID-19 ac effaith y feirws ar ddiwylliant, y diwydiannau creadigol, treftadaeth, cyfathrebu a chwaraeon / Inquiry into the COVID-19 outbreak and its impact on culture, creative industries, heritage, communications and sport

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Ymateb gan unigolyn / Response from an individual

I am very concerned about the impact Covid-19 has had on tennis in Wales, particularly on elite youngsters who have excellent LTA UK rankings, but unlike England, and the rest of Europe, are unable to train.

My own grandson is ranked No 1 in the UK for his age group, and whilst his English counterparts have been in training for 4 weeks, he has been unable to train.

At his level, there is a fine line between winning and losing, and the highly ranked Welsh players are at a considerable disadvantage to all their English, Scottish, Irish, and European counterparts.

Tennis is one of the easiest sports to make safe during lockdown, and the Welsh Assembly should be proud of what the Welsh youngsters have achieved, and should be helping them not hindering.

I implore you to think again about tennis, and allow at least Clubs to open up start playing again. It is difficult to explain to these youngsters why their own country is letting them down.

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