

Dear Delyth, Heledd and Clerk of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee

Following the Cymraeg for all evidence session on 12-6-25, and the evidence submitted by Lowri Jones on behalf of Menter Iaith Sir Caerffili, there was some misunderstanding regarding the provision for children and young people in the area. Lowri was not aware of the entirety of the Urdd's contribution and provision in the area, and as a result, there is a risk that the evidence could be misinterpreted.

The evidence submitted to the politicians is now part of an official record that is available to the public, including the Government and the press. As we were unable to respond, we have attached a list of our provision outside the classroom for children and young people in the Caerphilly area. Sian Lewis, Chief Executive of the Urdd, has brought the matter to Lowri's attention.

We would be grateful if you could share this information with the other Members of the committee, and acknowledge receipt of this e-mail.

Question from Heledd Fychan:

Thank you, Osian. Clearly, as mentrau, you have a key role in terms of the Welsh in education strategic plans and in terms of the target of a million Welsh speakers, but also in terms of increasing and normalising the usage of the Welsh language. A number of your events are things that make the language a language of fun, so that Welsh isn't seen as something for the classroom alone. Do you think that we're doing enough to take full advantage of what you deliver in order to reach the Government's strategic targets, or do you think that there is more that could be done strategically, by the Government and so on, that would enable us to take full advantage, not just in terms of legacy in relation to the Eisteddfod or festivals and so on, but in terms of the range of work that you do, including the festivals?

Lowri's response to the question from Heledd Fychan MS, as spoken

“Thank you. Yes, quickly, I think that that's an important point, and in general, it does feel at times that the mentrau's contribution in terms of increasing use, especially for children and young people, is being undervalued, because quite often, we are the only providers of those opportunities in the community, on a regular basis and during school holidays and so forth. What we are seeing is that catch-22 situation: if the opportunities aren't sufficient for children and young people, we see a decline in confidence in Welsh language skills.”

Thank you very much

Catrin



Urdd Gobaith Cymru Provision – Caerphilly 2024 and 2025

School Holiday Provision

February Half Term 2025

3 x Junior Multi-Sports Camps, Ysgol Penalltau
 3 x Mini Multi-Sports Camp, Ysgol Penalltau
 1 x Multi-Sports Camp, Rhymney
 1 x Mini Gymnastics Camp, Cwm Rhymni (Gwyndy)

Easter Half Term 2025

4 x Junior Multi-Sports Camps, Ysgol Penalltau
 4 x Mini Multi-Sports Camps, Ysgol Penalltau -
 2 x Junior Multi-Sports Camps, Cwm Rhymni (Gwyndy) -
 2 x Mini Gymnastics Camps, Cwm Rhymni (Gwyndy) -

Whitsun Half Term 2025

2 x Junior Multi-Sports Camps, Ysgol Penalltau
 2 x Mini Multi-Sports Camp, Ysgol Penalltau
 1 x Junior Multi-Sports Camp, Cwm Rhymni
 1 x Mini Gymnastics Camp, Cwm Rhymni

Summer 2025

3 x Mini Multi-Sports Camps, Ysgol Penalltau
 6 x Junior Multi-Sports Camps, Ysgol Penalltau
 2 x Mini Gymnastics Camps, Ysgol Penalltau
 4 x Junior Multi-Sports Camps, Cwm Rhymni (Gwyndy)
 2 x Mini Gymnastics Camps, Cwm Rhymni (Gwyndy)
 2 x Girls' Football Camps, Cwm Rhymni (Gwyndy)
 2 x Boys' Football Camps, Cwm Rhymni (Gwyndy)
 1 x Mini Rugby Camp, Cwm Rhymni (Gwyndy)
 2 x Mini Athletes' Camps, Cwm Rhymni (Gwyndy) 2 x Multi-Sports Camps, Ysgol Cwm Gwyddon
 1 x Mini Multi-Sports Camp, Ysgol Cwm Gwyddon
 1 x Mini Gymnastics Camps, Ysgol Cwm Gwyddon
 2 x Junior Multi-Sports Camps, Ysgol Bro Sannan
 2 x Mini Gymnastics Camps, Ysgol Bro Sannan
 1 x Food and Fun, Newbridge Comprehensive School
 1 x Junior Multi-Sports Camp, Cwm Rhymni (Gellihaf)
 1 x Mini Gymnastics Camp, Cwm Rhymni (Gellihaf)
 3 x Junior Multi-Sports Camps, Bro Allta
 3 x Mini Multi-Sport Camps, Bro Allta
 2 x Multi-Sports Camps, Ysgol y Castell



Community Clubs	Location
Swimming Lessons, Bedwas Leisure Centre	Bedwas Leisure Centre
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Bro Sannan Gymnastics Club	Ysgol Bro Sannan
Caerphilly Gymnastics Club	Ysgol Gymraeg Caerffili
Mini Football Club – Caerphilly	Cwm Rhymni, Gwyndy
Girls’ Mini Football Club – Caerphilly	Cwm Rhymni, Gwyndy
Girls’ Football Club – Caerphilly	Cwm Rhymni, Gwyndy
Mini Rugby, Caerphilly	Caerphilly Leisure Centre
Caerphilly Racquets Club	Morgan Jones Park
The Urdd’s Mini Athletics Club	Cwm Rhymni, Gwyndy
The Urdd’s Athletics Club	Cwm Rhymni, Gwyndy
Multi-Sports Transition Club (Gellihaf)	Cwm Rhymni, Gellihaf
Multi-Sports Transition Club (Gwyndy)	Cwm Rhymni, Gwyndy

After-school Sports Club	Location
Multi-Sports Club, Ysgol Caerffili	Ysgol Gymraeg Caerffili
Lunch Club, Ysgol Bro Sannan	Ysgol Bro Sannan
Multi-Sports Camp, Ysgol Penalltau	Ysgol Penalltau
Multi-Sports Camp, Ysgol Bro Allta	Ysgol Bro Allta
Multi-Sports Club, Tir-y-Berth	Tir-y-Berth School
Multi-Sports Club, Ysgol Cwm Gwyddon	Ysgol Cwm Gwyddon
Multi-Sports Club, Ysgol Gilfach Fargoed	Ysgol Gilfach Fargoed
Gymnastics, Ysgol y Castell	Ysgol y Castell
Multi-Sports Club, Ysgol Cwm Derwen	Ysgol Cwm Derwen



Youth Community Provision	
Caerphilly Welsh Youth Club – 20 – 40 young people attend weekly. In the process of seeking accreditation for making a simple meal.	Virginia Park Youth Centre
Caerphilly Welsh Youth Club 2 (awaiting confirmation of start date)	Blackwood
Young people supporting Caerphilly Pride	
Young people from Cwm Rhymni / Youth Club attending the Caerphilly County Youth Forum with an Urdd officer	Penallta House
Collaboration with the local authority youth department on its provision / clubs.	
Secondary trips organised during the holidays.	
Summer Fun Festival – collaboration with the authority's youth department: 3 clusters – North / South / Central	
<i>Swogio/volunteer courses, Youth Weekend in Llangrannog and Trips to France/Disney have been popular with young people in Caerphilly</i>	
Volunteering projects for young people with the Urdd – for pupils at Ysgol Cwm Rhymni and second-language schools in the county	

Work with secondary schools	
Second-language lunchtime clubs at Islwyn High School and Idris Davies School.	
Transition sessions (Primary to Secondary) arranged, as well as activities during the summer.	
Cylch Cwm Rhymni Eisteddfod, but also hosting the regional Eisteddfod in Caerphilly.	
Urdd Camps – all Welsh primary schools have been to Llangrannog for a week in May.	