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Petition from Plaid Cymru, Aberavon

Thank you for your letter of 23 January asking for my views on the petition your Committee received from Plaid Cymru Aberavon, requesting the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to introduce via local Councils a modern day Dig for Victory campaign.

Through the Rural Development Plan (RDP), we are supporting a number of projects aimed at supporting communities and other groups to develop skills in capacity building and the management of groups of volunteers as well as part of the Community Grown Food initiative.

In addition, the Community Land Advisory Service in Wales (CLAS) has secured funding from the Big Lottery's Climate Change Programme, which is managed by the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens. Through this project, community gardens, farms allotments and orchards will directly benefit and more people will be able to eat healthier.

The Welsh Government is committed to delivering opportunities for local communities to develop their own food growing projects; whilst recognising the concept of a modern day Dig for Victory campaign, we are working in partnership across Ministerial portfolios to ensure that we benefit from the positive impacts of growing such as educating people to eat a healthier diet whilst reducing food miles.

*Best wishes
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