

Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru | National Assembly for Wales  
Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg | Children, Young People and  
Education Committee  
Ymchwiliad i Waith Ieuencid | Inquiry into Youth Work

**YW 30**

Ymateb gan : Fforwm Ieuencid Caerffili – Clwb Ieuencid Abertyswg  
Response from : Caerphilly Youth Forum – Abertyswg Youth Club

**Question 1** – What are your views on young people’s access to youth work services, including, for example:

- levels of provision across Wales and any regional variation;
- issues relating to access for specific groups of young people e.g. language, disability, rurality, ethnicity.

Not enough access to enough clubs for disabled participants.

If you believe that there are particular problems, how do you think they could be resolved?

More funding to provide sensory equipment; chairs for specific conditions; a system to enable hearing and visually impaired young people to participate.

**Question 2** – How effective do you think the Welsh Government strategy and policy on youth work is?

In considering this question you may wish to think about:

- the Welsh Government’s specific youth work policy and strategy such as ‘The Youth Work offer’; The Wales Charter for Youth Work; The National Youth Work Strategy for Wales 2014 to 2018;
- Welsh Government departmental responsibilities and whether there is a cross-departmental and co-ordinated approach to support youth work provision.

It may be effective on paper but lack of funding undermines the ability to deliver at clubs.

How do you think the Welsh Government could approach its youth work strategy and policy differently / to better effect?

More funding and instead of paper based learning more practical, hands on training is needed.

**Question 3** – What are your views on the funding available for youth work, including through Local Authority, Welsh Government, European Union, and Third Sector.

Concern about loss of European Union funding in already underfunded service.

If you believe there are problems in this area, how do you think they could be resolved?

Let each group have their own money as they have better idea of the needs of their particular group.

**Question 4** – Are there any other issues you consider relevant to the Inquiry that you think the Committee should be made aware of? (for example: workforce related issues; the Quality Mark for Youth Work in Wales; buildings and infrastructure; youth work in schools; transport issues; access to digital technology; Welsh Government's consultation on proposals to register and inspect some out of school education settings).

Need WiFi in all clubs. Need own buildings or spaces where we can display our young people's achievements.

**Question 5** – If you had to make one recommendation to the Welsh Government from all the points you have made, what would that recommendation be?

More funding as soon as possible.