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Dear Committee Chair

In 2015, we located a series of outreach events in Wrexham and Swansea, with the aim of taking the work of the Assembly to the people of Wales. We chose Wrexham and Swansea because voter turnout in both areas was particularly low in the 2011 Assembly election.

As part of the Senedd@Wrexham and Senedd@Swansea initiatives, staff delivered a comprehensive programme of events, visits and workshops which directly engaged over 5000 people in the Assembly's work. We also forged new working relationships with key local organisations and the local media who, in turn, covered the week's events.

In order to maintain the momentum generated by our visits to Wrexham and Swansea, and building on the lessons we learned, I am eager to deliver another Senedd@ event during the week commencing 20 March 2017. To continue our journey around the communities of Wales, we have chosen Newport for the location of the next Senedd@ initiative.

One of the key findings of the evaluations of previous Senedd@ initiatives was the need to enable committees to consider their potential involvement early in the planning process. Therefore, I am inviting any suggestions your committee may have about how you may wish to get involved in Senedd@Newport.

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg / We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

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During previous "Senedd@" initiatives, committees have held formal meetings in community locations and taken the opportunity to encourage people to participate in their work. Senedd@Newport will present a fantastic opportunity for your committee to raise its profile and engage with many local organisations and media.

Should you require any further information, please contact Geraint Huxtable on 0300 200 6277 or via email: Geraint.Huxtable@Assembly.Wales.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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