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Newyddiaduraeth Newyddion yng Nghymru: Dyraniad cyllideb arfaethedig
Llywodraeth Cymru o £100,000 y flwyddyn / News Journalism in Wales: Welsh Government's proposed budget allocation of £100,000 a year.
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Ymateb gan Patricia Dodd Racher, West Wales News Review / Evidence from Patricia Dodd Racher, West Wales News Review

This is a short contribution on behalf of West Wales News Review,
www.westwalesnewsreview.wordpress.com.

I started the site in 2012 and it has grown gradually. The principal aim is to tackle complex subjects which local newspapers no longer have the time/staff to address. The National Library asked to archive the site, for which there have been 84,250 views to date.

My main concern is the risk of legal action against me. I would like to suggest a government-supported insurance indemnity scheme for not-for-profit journalism, provided that quality assurance standards are met.

Local journalism is no longer a 'profit opportunity', and so has to be sponsored in some way. In my case, I provide the time and divert other income to cover the costs, so it could be described as a 'hobby', but a dangerous one due to the legal risks. The availability of a discounted indemnity policy would be a significant help.