



Youth Work in Wales Update

This is the fourth of our updates. We aim to provide you with up to date information on key work within the Welsh Government linked to youth work.

We hope that you find it useful and welcome any feedback youthwork@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Youth Work Week - 23 - 30 June 2017

Youth Work Week is an annual event that provides youth work organisations and young people with the opportunity to celebrate the achievements and impacts of youth work.

Numerous events and activities will be taking place across Wales with the week being launched at the Youth Work Excellence Awards Evening in Cardiff on 23 June.

On the 27th June, the Senedd will be the venue for a showcase event which gives youth work organisations the opportunity to promote and showcase the good work that they do with the young people of Wales. If you are around the Senedd between 10.30 and 3pm on that day please go along to talk to the organisations and find out more about their work, and how their work supports Welsh Government commitments and policies.

For more information go to [Youth Work Week](#)

YOUTH WORK - MERCHANDISE

As you know, we have merchandise to help raise awareness of Youth Work. If you would like some items please complete and return the order form that was emailed to you on 23 May 2017. Deadline for return is 9 June 2017.

We are looking forward to hearing/seeing how these items will be used. This information will be collated into a storify.

Suggestions for ways to use these items to raise awareness:

- challenge Director's/Chief Executives/Councillors- to wear the t.shirt during Youth Work Week.
- organisations that have an ambassador - ask them to wear a t-shirt and post to social media/ photograph in local paper;
- ask local well known people, ie; rugby/football/netball players, business people, etc - to have a photo taken whilst wearing a t.shirt/wristbands etc

Use #LoveYouthWork to share photos/experiences of youth work/events.

****Note:** depending on demand, we may need to restrict the number of items issued.

Social media

Share Youth Work Week events/stories/photos on Twitter #LoveYouthWork

Please sign up and encourage colleagues to sign up for the Youth Work Week Thunderclap which will happen at 12pm on 27 June 2017.

<https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/57011-youth-work-week-wales>

Our Facebook page will be coming soon to share information with you

Youth Work Excellence Awards

Nominations for the Youth Work Excellence Awards have now been judged and those who have been shortlisted have been notified.

Current Contracts

Evaluation of the Youth Work grant:

Arad Research has recently completed an evaluation of the NVYO grant.

Mark Brierley Consulting is currently evaluating the Youth Work Strategy Support grant, this is due end of June.

Mark Brierley Consulting has recently completed an evaluation of the CWVYS grant.

Mark Brierley Consulting is currently evaluating the ETS grant

These reviews will assess the effectiveness of each grant and develop clear understanding of the value and impact. These reviews will support the Minister to make an informed decision for the future of Youth Work grants.

Review of the Youth Work Strategy

Glyndwr has recently been awarded this contract, to support the Welsh Government develop a clear understanding of the value and impact of The National Youth Work Strategy across Wales. A survey has recently been issued to the sector by Glyndwr. This review will be complete July.

The development of a new youth work strategy will follow the development of Extending Entitlement - we will be looking to carry out a formal consultation spring 2018, for publication autumn/ winter 2018.

Effective partnership working

This contract has been awarded to Tom Wylie and will be completed May. It will identify what is key to support effective partnership working between the voluntary and statutory youth work sector.

The review of Extending Entitlement

Margaret Jervis will lead on this review. A mini consultation has been shared across stakeholders to gather initial thoughts ([closing date 12 June](#)).

Margaret will also be meeting with various stakeholders to aid thinking.

Children in Wales will gather the views of young people from across Wales. This will include: a stand at the Urdd Eisteddfod in Bridgend; a series of 6 workshops across Wales in early July, and an online survey. If you have a group of young people who would like to be involved, or for more information contact chloe.evans@childreninwales.org.uk

A draft paper will be written with the support of a wide range of stakeholders, also the review of the National Youth Work Strategy will also support its development. The formal consultation will take place autumn.

National Youth Support Service Board

Following our public appointments process the Chair for the board will be in place by the Autumn, with all other members appointed by the spring 2018. The Board will support the development of the final Extending Entitlement.