



Criw Eirys

Criw Eirys, Gwynedd: Cylch Llanuwchllyn supported by Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs CYMell Project expands their provision to include an After School Childcare Club (Criw Eirys) for children up to the age of 12 answering parents' need for afterschool care.

Summary

Cylch Llanuwchllyn based in a village hall in the rural village of Llanuwchllyn, Gwynedd, promotes education and development for children from two years old to school age. After receiving specialist business support funded through the CYMell Project from Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs Welsh Language Development Officers; financial assistance through the CIW (expansion) grant, Sustainability grant and fully funded Playwork training, the Cylch successfully expanded their provision to include Out of School Childcare for children up to the age of 12 in January 2025 on the grounds of Ysgol O M Edwards Llanuwchllyn.

Background

The proactive committee of Cylch Meithrin Llanuwchllyn established from community feedback and a parent's survey that there was a "big demand" for an afterschool club in the area. Offering an After School Childcare Club answered the school parents' need for childcare after school.

"We carried out a survey, and there was a lot of demand from the parents. they constantly asked the school orally about any arrangements to establish an after school club. We were losing children from the village to a school in Bala, because they have provision after school, and as a small rural school, we cannot afford to lose children like this."

CYMell Funding, Support and Training

As part of the CYMell project Welsh Language Development Officers have been supporting Cylchoedd Meithrin like Llanuwchllyn across Wales to expand their services to include Out of School Childcare for children up to the age of 12 within their community.

The committee believed that there were so many benefits in expanding this service as it would enable them to "share committee members, use the knowledge and experience of the Cylch, use one bank account, not duplicate training."

Cylch Meithrin Llanuwchllyn received business support funded through the CYMell Project from Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs Welsh Language Development Officers to implement everything that was required to cater for the older children of the afterschool club.

"The staff at CPCKC have been excellent - especially Elliw. Her advice and support has been incredible, and has kept the Chairperson going when it would have been very easy to give up because of all the paperwork."



Additionally the Cylch received financial assistance through the CIW (expansion) grant to support with the costs of expanding their service; a Sustainability grant to ensure the sustainability of the setting as they began their journey as a new club and fully funded Playwork training.

“Without such funding there would be no way for us to have registered - it helped us to ensure adequate training for our staff, to buy suitable equipment and to make minor modifications in the building. Without a doubt, this is the best thing to come to us so far - without this offer, we would not have Criw Eirys. It is very difficult for Cylchoedd Meithrin to raise money and shoulder the financial burden, so the funding was essential.”

Impact

The Cylch successfully expanded their provision to include Out of School Childcare for children up to the age of 12 in January 2025. With 15 children registered to attend club and more registering weekly, the club offers essential play opportunities for the children of Ysgol O M Edwards as well as being a long-term investment in the community that enables parents to extend their working hours without having to rely on friends and family for support with childcare.

“Parents are already expressing their gratitude for the provision, and more and more children are registering every week. The school is also delighted to be able to add Criw Eirys as part of what they can offer.”

Following the successful opening of Criw Eirys at the beginning of 2025 the club was spotlighted on S4C's Heno to showcase the great work of the Cylch committee and to discuss the charming and influential name of the club.



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Branwen Williams, Responsible Individual, Criw Eirys
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Criw Eirys, Gwynedd: Mae Cylch Llanuwchllyn gyda chefnogaeth gan Brosiect CYMell Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs yn ehangu eu darpariaeth i gynnwys Clwb Gofal Plant All-ysgol (Criw Eirys) ar gyfer blant hyd at 12 oed sy'n ateb anghenion rhieni am ofal ar ôl ysgol.

Crynodeb

Lleolwyd Cylch Llanuwchllyn mewn neuadd bentref ym mhentref gwledig Llanuwchllyn, Gwynedd, mae Cylch Llanuwchllyn yn hyrwyddo addysg a datblygiad plant o ddwy flwydd oed, hyd at oed ysgol. Ehangodd y Cylch eu darpariaeth yn llwyddiannus i gynnwys Gofal Plant All-ysgol i blant hyd at 12 oed yn Ionawr 2025 ar dir Ysgol O M Edwards Llanuwchllyn. Ar ôl derbyn cymorth busnes arbenigol a ariannwyd drwy Brosiect CYMell gan Swyddogion Datblygu'r Gymraeg Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs; cymorth ariannol drwy grant (ehangu) AGC, grant Cynladwyedd a hyfforddiant Gwaith Chwarae wedi'i ariannu'n llawn.

Cefndir

Sefydlodd pwyllgor rhagweithiol Cylch Meithrin Llanuwchllyn o adborth cymunedol ac arolwg rhieni wedi fod yna "galw mawr" am glwb ar ôl ysgol yn yr ardal. Roedd cynnig Clwb Gofal Plant ar ôl Ysgol yn ateb angen rhieni'r ysgol am ofal plant ar ôl ysgol.

"Gynhaliwyd arolwg, ac roedd llawer o alw gan y rhieni. roedden nhw'n holi'r ysgol ar lafar yn gyson am unrhyw drefniadau i sefydlu'r clwb ar ôl ysgol. Roedden ni'n colli plant o'r pentref i ysgol yn y Bala, oherwydd bod ganddyn nhw ddarpariaeth ar ôl ysgol, ac fel ysgol fach wledig, ni allwn fforddio colli'r plant fel hyn."

Cyllid, Cymorth a Hyfforddiant CYMell.

Fel rhan o brosiect CYMell mae Swyddogion Datblygu'r Gymraeg wedi bod yn cefnogi Cylchoedd Meithrin fel Llanuwchllyn ledled Cymru i ehangu eu gwasanaethau i gynnwys Gofal Plant All-ysgol ar gyfer blant hyd at 12 oed o fewn eu cymuned.

Credai'r pwyllgor fod cymaint o fanteision o ehangu'r gwasanaeth hwn gan y byddai'n eu galluogi i "rannu aelodau'r pwyllgor, defnyddio gwybodaeth a phrofiad y Cylch, defnyddio un cyfrif banc, nid dyblygu hyfforddiant." Derbyniodd Cylch Meithrin Llanuwchllyn gymorth busnes a ariannwyd drwy'r Prosiect CYMell gan Swyddogion Datblygu'r Gymraeg Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs i weithredu popeth sydd ei angen i ddarparu ar gyfer plant hŷn sy'n mynychu'r clwb ar ôl ysgol.

"Mae'r staff yn CPCKC wedi bod yn ardderchog – yn enwedig Elliw. Mae ei chynghor a'i chefnogaeth wedi bod yn anhygoel, ac wedi cadw'r Cadeirydd i droi, pan fyddai wedi bod yn hawsach rhoi'r gorau iddi oherwydd yr holl waith papur."



Yn ogystal roedd y Cylch yn derbyn cymorth ariannol drwy grant AGC (ehangu) i gefnogi gyda chostau ehangu eu gwasanaeth; grant cynaliadwyedd i sicrhau cynaliadwyedd y lleoliad wrth iddynt gychwyn ar eu taith fel clwb newydd a hyfforddiant Gwaith Chwarae wedi'i ariannu'n llawn.

“Heb gyllid o'r fath, ni fyddai wedi gallu cofrestru – gwnaeth y cyllid sicrhau hyfforddiant digonol i'n staff, i brynu offer addas ac i wneud addasiadau bach i'r adeilad. Yn bendant, dyma'r peth gorau i ddod atom hyd yn hyn – heb y cynnig hwn, ni fyddai gennym Criw Eirys. Mae'n anodd iawn i Gylchoedd Meithrin godi arian ac ysgwyddo'r baich ariannol, felly roedd y cyllid yn hanfodol.”

Effaith

Llwyddodd y Cylch i ehangu ei darpariaeth i gynnwys Gofal Plant All-ysgol ar gyfer blant hyd at 12 ym mis Ionawr 2025. Gyda 15 o blant wedi'u cofrestru i fynychu'r clwb a mwy yn cofrestru bob wythnos, mae'r clwb yn cynnig cyfleoedd chwarae hanfodol i blant Ysgol O M Edwards, yn ogystal â bod yn fuddsoddiad hirdymor yn y gymuned sy'n galluogi rhieni i ymestyn eu horiau gwaith heb orfod dibynnu ar ffrindiau a theulu am gymorth gyda gofal plant.

“Mae rhieni eisoes yn dweud diolch am y ddarpariaeth, ac mae mwy a mwy o blant yn cofrestru bob wythnos. Mae'r ysgol hefyd yn falch iawn o allu ychwanegu Criw Eirys, fel rhan o'r hyn y gallant ei gynnig.”

“Yn dilyn agoriad llwyddiannus Criw Eirys ar ddechrau 2025 cafodd y clwb sylw ar Heno S4C i arddangos gwaith gwych pwyllgor Cylch ac i drafod enw swynol a dylanwadol y clwb.”



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*Branwen Williams, Unigolyn Cyfrifol, Criw Eirys
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[Cysylltwch â Ni](#), er mwyn ddarganfod mwy am y gefnogaeth y gall Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs ei gynnig i'ch clwb

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