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Rhwydwaith Dileu Tlodi Plant Cymru yn rhyddhau Siarter 5  
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Mae'r mis hwn wedi bod yn un cyffrous iawn i RhDTP Cymru. Rhyddhawyd y [Siarter 5 Pwynt](#) ar 21 Ebrill fel rhan o'n hymgyrch ar gyfer yr Etholiad Cyffredinol. Anfonwyd y Siarter i lawer o unigolion ac asiantaethau ar draws Cymru gan gynnwys holl AS ac AC Cymru. Mae'n bleser dweud bod y darpar Aelodau Seneddol wedi croesawu'r Siarter a bod rhai ohonynt am ei fabwysiadu ac am ei ddefnyddio fel rhan o'u hymgyrch. Byddwn yn ail-anfon y Siarter i'r holl AS er mwyn iddynt ei arwyddo unwaith y byddant wedi cymryd eu seddi yn San Steffan.

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Mae RhDTP yn y broses o ddatblygu Maniffesto newydd. Bydd y gynhadledd ar y cyd gydag Achub y Plant a CLILC ar 27 Mai yn gyfle i ni drafod yr hyn sydd yn bwysig i'n rhanddeiliaid.

Cynhaliwyd cyfarfod rhwng Grwp Llywio RhDTPC a Huw Lewis, y Dirprwy Weinidog dros Blant ar 19 Ebrill. Ymysg y pethau a drafodwyd oedd y Strategaeth Tlodi Plant newydd a fydd yn dechrau cyfnod ymgynghori tri mis ar 12 Mai. Gofynnir yn garedig i chi ymateb i'r ymgynghoriad pwysig hwn.

Ymatebodd Grwp Llywio RhDTP Cymru i ddau ymgynghoriad, sef Cynhwysiant Ariannol ac effaith Addysg Ariannol a'r Mesur Hawliau Plant a Phobl Ifanc yn ystod y mis.

Hoffwn petasech yn gadael i mi wybod os oes gennych enghreifftiau o arferion da neu rwystrau parthed tlodi plant.

Cofion

Anita

Dear Member

End Child Poverty Network Cymru releases a 5 Point Charter

This month has been very exciting for the ECPN Cymru. The [5 Point Charter](#) was released on 21 April as part of our General Election campaign. The Charter was sent to individuals and agencies as well as MPs and AMs across Wales. The Charter has been well received by prospective MPs and many have said that they will adopt it and use it as part of their campaign. We will be re-sending the Charter to the MPs asking them to sign up to it once they've taken up their seats at Westminster.

The ECPN Cymru is in the process of developing a new Manifesto. The Joint Conference with Save the Children and WLGA which we are holding on 27 May will be an opportunity for us to discuss important issues with our stakeholders.

The ECPN Steering Group met Huw Lewis the Deputy Minister for Children, on 19 April. Among the items discussed was the new Child Poverty Strategy which will be out for a three month consultation period on 12 May. You are all kindly asked to respond to this very important consultation.

The ECPN has responded to two consultations this month namely the Financial Inclusion and the Impact of Financial Education and the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure.

Please let me know if you have any examples of good practice or barriers regarding Child Poverty.

Regards

Anita

## ETHOLIAD 2010 / ELECTION 2010

ECPN Cymru: 5 Point Charter

The End Child Poverty Network has released a 5 Point Charter which identifies action to tackle income child poverty in Wales. The Charter, issued ahead of the General Election on May 6th 2010, sets out the steps that the incoming UK Government needs to take to address this growing problem in policy areas it has responsibility for.

CPAG: Big question for party leaders is fairness on the deficit reduction

Commenting ahead of tonight's leaders debate, Child Poverty Action Group and the Equality Trust have said that the major test for all three leaders is how firmly they will commit to fairness in cutting the deficit.

Mirror: Child Trust Funds could be a thing of the past if the Tories get into Government

CHILD Trust Funds turn five this week but it could be their last birthday if the Tories get into power.

## LLYWODRAETH CYNULLIAD CYMRU / WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

New Welsh Assembly Government housing strategy published

The document, Improving Lives and Communities - Homes in Wales, brings together separate strategies on meeting housing need, homelessness, and housing-related support services.

## CYNULLIAD CENEDLAETHOL CYMRU / NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

## National Assembly for Wales Public Accounts Committee Report - Communities First programme

The Committee made four recommendations in its report:

- The Welsh Government accepts the recommendations made by the Auditor General and provides details of how it intends to meet those recommendations.
- Reassessment of existing policies and, if necessary, amendments to better suit Communities First.
- More encouragement for local authorities and public service providers to focus on Communities First areas through programme bending and incentives.
- Better monitoring of outcomes to show investment of public money is returning tangible results for Communities First Objectives.

## DIWEITHDRA YMYSG POBL IFANC / UNEMPLOYMENT AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE

Western Mail: School leavers without work or training fell last year

THE number of young people not in education, employment or training in Wales is falling, according to research. (15/04/10)

BBC: Neets 'should not get benefits', say MPs

Young people in England should not receive state benefits unless they are working, training or in education, a committee of MPs says.

NAfW: Unemployment: April 2010

This monthly briefing paper provides a statistical overview of unemployment trends. Information is included on Assembly constituencies, Wales and UK nations and regions.

## EY2010

EY 2010 End Poverty NGO coalition: A shared message from social NGOs across Europe

A document outlining key messages for the European Year on combating poverty and social exclusion.

Polish Robert Schuman Foundation: Questionnaire on measuring poverty and social exclusion

The 6th International Meeting of European Clubs - an event organized every year by the Polish Robert Schuman Foundation - in November 2010 will be devoted to the subject of Poverty and Social Exclusion. In order to produce an accurate diagnosis and provide a theoretical ground for the meeting, the organisers would like to invite Schools, NGO's and other

institutions to respond to a questionnaire on how to measure poverty and social exclusion.

## EWROP & RHYNGWLADOL / EUROPE & INTERNATIONAL

### Call for projects to local and regional responses to poverty and social exclusion

On June 8th 2010 the Committee of the Regions is organising a Forum on "Local and regional responses to poverty and social exclusion" in Brussels. In connection with this event they have issued a call for projects.

### Children's Rights Alliance (Ireland): Value for Money Review, Child Income Supports

Children's Rights Alliance recently submitted its views to the Irish Department of Social and Family Affairs (now Department of Social Protection) in relation to its Value for Money Review of Child Income Supports.

### Teachers give child poverty efforts a failing grade

The federal government is getting poor marks for its efforts to reduce child poverty, according to Canada's teachers, who say the lack of action is visible in their classrooms every day.

### OECD: Intergenerational Social Mobility: A family affair?

This OECD study points out that weak social mobility can signal a lack of equal opportunities, constrain productivity and curb economic growth. Researchers found that in all countries studies, family and socio-economic background was a major influence on a person's level of education and earnings, but the impact of parental education or lack of it, on a child's future prospects is particularly marked in southern European countries and the UK.

## TLODI GWLEDIG / RURAL POVERTY

CRC: From credit crunch to recovery: The impact of the recession in England's rural economies

The Commission for Rural Communities (CRC) have released a new report looking at the impact of the recent recession on rural communities in England.

Western Mail: Poverty of rural Wales

They are two constituent parts of one small nation - but the divide between urban and rural Wales has grown wider than ever before. Aled Blake investigates a problem blighting communities across the country, and one that makes curing the nation's problems an increasingly difficult task

FW2 Project: New round of applications for the FW2 Project's schemes

In summary, this project provides support for:

- Young people aged 16-25
- From areas of rural north Flintshire
- Who find it very difficult to get to and from a job or course

For further information about the project, eligibility and how to apply, young people aged 16-25 in rural north Flintshire should contact FW2 on 01745 854881. The next deadline for returning application forms is Friday 16th April, 2010.

## TLODI TANWYDD / FUEL POVERTY

New Start: Government set to miss fuel poverty target

The number of households in fuel poverty is on the rise and the government is unlikely to hit either of its targets on tackling the issue, according to MPs.

MSN: Consumers hit by £500 fuel bills

Consumers are receiving winter fuel bills of more than £500 following the cold snap and high energy costs, according to a study

## NEWYDDION / NEWS

BBC: Charity blasts Child Support Agency for failing to collect child maintenance debt

The Child Support Agency (CSA) has been slammed by single-parent charity Gingerbread, after the latest figures revealed efforts to recoup child maintenance debts are slowing down. (29/04/10)

BBC: Father wins benefits battle for students

A father whose daughter was refused welfare benefits when she took time off from her studies for cancer treatment has successfully campaigned for a change in the rules. (29/04/10)

Guardian: Children of university-educated parents more likely to excel at school

Study identifies nexus between educational background of parents and academic performance of their offspring. (26/04/10)

Guardian: Highest prevalence of childhood disability is found in poorest families, researchers at Warwick University found  
Highest prevalence of childhood disability is found in poorest families, researchers at Warwick University found. (19/04/10)

Western Mail: North Wales colleges launch courses to get single parents into work or study

A SERIES of courses to get lone parents into work launches next week. (15/04/10)

C&YP Now:

Child maintenance changes expected to lift children out of poverty

Child maintenance payments will no longer be curtailed for parents receiving income support, under changes to the system. (12/04/10)

Western Mail: Families 'losing out' due to failure on housing powers HOMELESSNESS charity Shelter Cymru has reacted with dismay to the failure of the Assembly Government to gain new housing powers it says are needed "urgently. (10/04/10)

CPAG: Tax fraud and error at £1,200 a second dwarfs benefit fraud Commenting on the need to tackle fraud and proposals for a three-strikes rule on benefit fraud by the Conservative party, the Head of Policy, Rights and Advocacy at Child Poverty Action Group, Imran Hussain, said: "The danger with these proposals is that they talk up benefit fraud, ignore the bigger issue of tax fraud and, if they lead to benefits being stopped, could plunge children into poverty. (09/04/10)

Western Mail: 'Lost generation' feared as more boys reject

education

FEARS are growing of a generation of young men lost to education after data yesterday showed boys are increasingly turning their backs on the schools system. (09/04/10)

C&YP Now: Child poverty campaigners slam Tory plans to tackle benefit fraud

Child poverty campaigners have criticised Conservative plans to tackle benefit fraud, claiming they could plunge many low-income families further into poverty. (09/04/10)

GEO: Equality Bill completes parliamentary process

The Equality Bill last night completed the final stage of its passage through Parliament, and will now become law. (07/4/10)

Guardian: Funding delays hit disabled students

Long waits for special funding put grades - and even degrees - at risk. (06/04/10)

Wales Office: Peter Hain calls for unity to tackle homelessness

Secretary of State for Wales Peter Hain today called for cross-party unity in tackling homelessness in Wales

Telegraph: Young people delay having children because they cannot afford a home

The national shortage of affordable housing will create problems for future generations, a report by the charity Shelter claimed. (04/04/10)

C&YP Now: Impact of recession on nurseries peaked in 2009, say analysts

Nurseries began to feel the full impact of the recession in 2009 as closures reached their peak, market analysts have revealed. (01/04/10)

WCVA: £2.4 million to deliver a big future for care leavers in Wales

Hundreds of people leaving care in Wales will have more support to access further education, employment and training thanks to contracts amounting to over £2.4 million awarded under the Life Skills project. (31/03/10)

DWP: Every employer should champion flexible working - Cooper

Government today called on employers to do more to promote flexible working, as it published its response to the Family Friendly Taskforce report. (30/03/10)

JRF: Poorer children's educational attainment: how important are attitudes and behaviour?

This research focuses on a range of factors under the umbrella term 'aspirations, attitudes and behaviours', encompassing a wide variety of influences throughout childhood.

IPPR: Devolution in a Downturn

This chapter, excerpted from the forthcoming book *Devolution in Practice 2010*, to be published in May, looks at how the devolved administrations in the UK have dealt with the recession thus far.

## YMGYNGHORIADAU / CONSULTATIONS

WAG: Child Poverty Definition (Wales) Regulations 2010

This consultation seeks views on the proposed contents of the Child Poverty Definition (Wales) Regulations 2010

## YSTADEGAU / STATISTICS

WAG: Eradicating Child Poverty: Milestones and Targets Update, April 2010

The latest National Statistics on Child Poverty indicators produced by the Welsh Assembly Government.

WAG: Education Maintenance Allowances Awarded in Wales - Update at end of March 2010

The latest statistics on Education Maintenance Allowances (EMAs) produced by the Student Loans Company.

WAG: Young people not in education, employment or training (NEET), Year to 30 September 2009

The latest statistics on young people not in education, employment or training (NEET).

## FFYNONELLAU CYLLID / FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### GwirVol Youth Volunteering Scheme

This scheme is offering grants of up to £5,000, £10,000 and £30,000 to groups with volunteers aged between 16 and 25, with the aim of supporting the delivery and promotion of a wide range of new volunteering opportunities. The initiative is prioritising organisations working with young people from a diverse range of backgrounds, particularly disadvantaged youngsters including those from Communities First areas and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities, young people with physical or learning disabilities, and those not in employment, education or training. There are two types of grants available. For more information or an application pack please call WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329, or visit [www.gwirvol.org.uk](http://www.gwirvol.org.uk) or email [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk). Applications must be received by 16 June 2010.

### New Ideas Social Research Fund

The Welsh Assembly Government is inviting proposals under its New Ideas Social Research Fund. The fund aims to support small research projects that address themes which have clear relevance to the strategic objectives set out in 'One Wales: a progressive agenda for the government of Wales'. The deadline for submission of proposals is 4 June 2010.

### Hilden Charitable Trust: Summer Play Schemes Grants 2010

The Hilden Charitable Fund awards grants to help community groups in the UK run summer play schemes for the benefit of children aged five to 18 years from refugee and ethnic minority families. Grants of around £1,000 are available to voluntary agencies with an income of less than £150,000 running play schemes lasting for two to six weeks. Summer camps or play schemes with a budget of over £12,000 will not be considered for funding. The deadline for applications is 14th May 2010.

### Archer Trust

The Archer Trust awards grant funding to organisations working to provide support to needy or deserving people in the UK and overseas. Applications are welcomed from small UK charities for whom a grant of between £250 and £3,000 would make a big difference. The Trust prefers to support organisations which make good use of volunteers and are working in areas of high unemployment and deprivation. Support for overseas projects will only be considered via UK charities which can ensure that funds are being well used. The Trustees meet twice a year to consider applications (normally in March and September) and applications can be made at any time.

Bishop Hedley Catholic High School and Cyfarthfa High School: I so want that dress, but I can't afford it

An award winning short film looking at financial issues. The film was done by the pupils of Bishop Hedley Catholic High School and Cyfarthfa High School through animation workshops looking at a range of financial issues from loan sharks to responsible borrowing and the difference between credit unions and banks. The film won best animation in the 2010 Zoom young persons film festival.

Childcare Approval Scheme  
Information for nannies and parents

Learning to Fail: How Society Lets Young People Down

This book goes behind the headlines about anti-social behaviour, drugs and teenage pregnancy to paint a picture of how young people's lives are affected by outside forces. It examines the root causes of youth unemployment by examining the lives and attitudes of eight young people, their families, their teachers and their potential employers.

Teenage Parenthood: what's the problem?

An accessible review of recent quantitative and qualitative research on teenage parenthood. It points out research that would appear to indicate that teenage pregnancy is not necessarily a disaster for the young people involved and can improve their lives in certain cases. The issues examined are set in the context of a review of research evidence on teenage parenting and a consideration of government approaches to the evidence.

## DIGWYDDIADAU & HYFFORDDIANT / EVENTS & TRAINING

Cymorth Cymru: Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

*5th May, 2010 - Cardiff (Care & Repair Offices)*

*19th May, 2010 - Bangor (Venue TBC)*

*18th June, 2010 - Swansea (Hazel Court, Family HA)*

*24th June, 2010 - Newport (Compass Offices)*

*21st October, 2010 - St. Asaph (Venue TBC)*

*9th November, 2010 - Cardiff (Care & Repair Offices)*

One day training course on what ESA means for providers and clients of housing related support and homelessness services.

Now Let's Talk Money: Spotlight on Homelessness

*18 May 2010, Llanrwst*

*16 June 2010, Merthyr Tydfil*

These seminars will highlight financial exclusion as a major contributor to

the challenge of homelessness and unsustainable tenancies. The session will give participants the opportunity to identify interventions in their field of work that can tackle financial exclusion.

#### Participation Cymru: Basic Skills Seminars

*3 June 2010, Cardiff*

*23 June 2010, Rhyl*

This seminar, run by Participation Cymru, will share with participants good practice around making information and feedback in public engagement as accessible to people as possible.

[participationcymru@wcva.org.uk](mailto:participationcymru@wcva.org.uk)

#### NEA Cymru: City & Guilds 6176 Energy Awareness Course

*June 9, 10 & 15, Cardiff,*

*August 31, September 1 & 7, Cardiff*

*December 8, 9 & 15, Cardiff*

This three-day course is designed for people who wish to gain or further their knowledge of domestic energy efficiency and in particular is aimed at those who are in a position to provide face-to-face energy advice

#### Inside Government: Tackling Social Exclusion Through Technology: Delivering Digital Inclusion

*23 June 2010, London*

This forum will offer delegates the opportunity to take the debate beyond the existing legislative framework and have a timely opportunity to discuss how we can work together to drive up digital participation and put an end to the digital divide.

#### Welsh Assembly Government & DWP: EY2010 Event

*24 June 2010, Swansea*

As part of 2010, European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, the Department for Work and Pensions in partnership with the Welsh Assembly Government are holding an event. The event is an opportunity for you and the people you work with to: find out what will be happening in Wales and the UK during the Year; to share your story, experiences and ideas with others and to debate key issues on the poverty agenda with a guest panel and other members of the audience. Contact: [ChildPovertyUnit@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK](mailto:ChildPovertyUnit@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK)

#### Learning Disability Wales: Making Information Easy to Read and Understand

*30 June 2010, Wrexham*

Find out how to make written and printed information more accessible for people with learning disabilities

#### Children in Wales: Training Brochure -Spring/Summer 2010

If you have any items you wish to see included in the next Bulletin - forthcoming events, news items or released reports - please let us know.

Diolch,  
Thank you,

**Anita Myfanwy**

Swyddog Datblygu Rhwydwaith Dileu Tlodi Plant Cymru  
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