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Annwyl Gefnogwr

Croeso i rifyn mis Gorffennaf Bwletin misol Rhwydwaith Dileu Tlodi Plant Cymru. Mae'r mis hwn wedi gweld dau ddatblygiad pwysig, sef lansiad 'Ardaloedd Arloeswyr Teuluoedd yn Gyntaf' a chyhoeddi Strategaeth Tlodi Tanwydd newydd i Gymru.

Ar 20 Gorffennaf cyhoeddodd Huw Lewis, y Dirprwy Weinidog dros Blant, y cynllun 'Ardaloedd Arloeswyr Teuluoedd yn Gyntaf' cyntaf fel rhan o ymrwymiad Llywodraeth y Cynulliad i gefnogi teuluoedd a dileu tloidi plant. Bydd Wrecsam yn arwain yn y gogledd ac yn gweithio ar y cyd â Sir y Fflint a Sir Ddinbych tra bydd Rhondda Cynon Taf yn arwain yn y de ac yn cydweithio gyda Merthyr Tudful a Blaenau Gwent. Y gobaith yw y bydd y 22 Awdurdod Lleol yng Nghymru yn darparu gwasanaeth integredig i

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gefnogi teuluoedd yn y dyfodol.

Hefyd, yn ystod y mis lansiodd Jane Davidson, y Gweinidog dros yr Amgylchedd, [Strategaeth Tlodi Tanwydd](#) newydd sy'n amlinellu sut y bydd yn mynd i'r afael â thlodi tanwydd. Targedir cartrefi bregus yn y Strategaeth.

Mae'r Grwp Llywio Rhwydwaith Dileu Tlodi Plant Cymru yn parhau i weithio'n agos gyda'r Uned Tlodi Plant ac wedi cwrdd i drafod yr ymgynghoriad ar y Strategaeth Tlodi Plant a Chynllun Cyflenwi yn ystod y mis. Da oedd gweld cynrychiolaeth dda o asiantaethau yno.

Ar hyn o bryd mae'r Grwp Llywio'n datblygu Maniffesto ar gyfer Etholiad Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru yn 2011. Mae croeso i chi gysylltu â mi os oes gennych unrhyw beth yr hoffech ei gynnwys ynddo.

Ac yn olaf, os ydych yn mynd i'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yng Nglyn Ebwy, cofiwch alw heibio i'n gweld. Y flwyddyn hon mae Plant yng Nghymru yn rhannu stondin ag amryw o fudiadau plant a phobl ifanc. Hefyd, bydd [Fforwm Blynyddol Plant yng Nghymru](#) yn digwydd rhwng 4pm a 5pm ym Mhabell y Cymdeithasau ar 4 Awst.

Gwyliau haf hyfryd i chi oll.

Cofion

Anita

Dear Supporter

Welcome to July's edition of the ECPN monthly bulletin. Two important developments have happened this month namely the announcement of the 'Families First Pioneer areas' and the launch of the new Fuel Poverty Strategy for Wales.

On 20 July Huw Lewis, the Deputy Minister for Children announced the first '[Families First Pioneer areas](#)' as part of the WAG's commitment to support families and eradicate child poverty. The first Pioneer area in the north will be led by Wrexham working with Flintshire and Denbighshire whilst Rhondda Cynon Taf will be leading in the south working with Merthyr Tydfil and Blaenau Gwent. It is hoped that all 22 Local Authorities in Wales will be delivering an integrated support service to families in the future.

The Environment Minister, Jane Davidson, also launched the new [Fuel Poverty Strategy](#) during the month. The revised Strategy outlines the way that the WAG will tackle fuel poverty in Wales. Vulnerable homes will be targeted in the strategy.

The ECPN Steering Group continue to work closely with the Child Poverty Unit and this month met to discuss The Child Poverty Strategy and Delivery Plan consultation. The meeting was well represented by different agencies.

At the moment the Steering Group is developing a Manifesto for the 2011 Assembly election. Please contact me if you want to include anything in it.

And lastly, remember to come and see us at the National Eisteddfod in Ebbw Vale. This year we are sharing our stall with numerous children and young people agencies. The Annual Children in Wales Forum will be taking place at Pabell y Cymdeithasau between 4pm and 5pm on 4 August.

Wishing you all a lovely summer holiday.

Regards

Anita

YMGYNGHORIADAU / CONSULTATIONS

WAG: Child Poverty Strategy for Wales and Delivery Plan

This consultation seeks views on the Welsh Assembly Government's new Child Poverty Strategy for Wales.

End of consultation: 12/08/2010

WAG: Child Minding and Day Care Regulations

This consultation seeks views on proposed amendments to the existing regulations governing child care for children below the age of 8.

End of consultation: 06/09/10

WAG: Children And Young People's Plans Interim Guidance 2011-14

The Children and Young People's Plans interim guidance addresses the new duty relating to the eradication of child poverty and Welsh Assembly Government's expectations of Children and Young People's Partnerships (CYP Partnerships) in relation to those proposals.

End of consultation: 14/09/2010

WAG: Learning for children and young people in a youth custody setting in Wales-Statutory guidance

This consultation is to give information and seek views on the new legislation Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, section 48 - 52. It relates to the education and training of children and young people from Wales in youth custody.

End of consultation: 15/10/2010

NAfW: Work based learning provision for vulnerable young people

The National Assembly for Wales' Petitions Committee has launched an inquiry to examine the experiences of vulnerable young people, especially those who are living independently, on work based learning programmes.
End of consultation: 03/09/10

NAfW: How accessible are arts and culture activities in Wales? Have your say

The National Assembly for Wales's Communities and Culture Committee has launched an inquiry into the accessibility of arts and culture in Wales and is calling for evidence from interested parties.
End of consultation: 24/09/10

NAfW: Financial Education

The Communities and Culture Committee is trying to find out how well people in Wales are provided with financial education.

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Families First Pioneers announced

Deputy Minister for Children Huw Lewis has announced Wales' first "Families First Pioneer areas" as part of the Welsh Assembly Government's commitment to support families and tackle child poverty

TLODI GWLEDIG / RURAL POVERTY

National Housing Federation: Affordable Housing - keeping villages alive

Over the last year the NHF has been working on raising the profile of affordable rural housing as a means to creating more vibrant and sustainable rural communities.

Rural Housing Information Centre

Resources on this website include a rural housing viability toolkit, a report on the links between affordable housing and CLP that CCB was heavily involved, a tool to measure the contribution of affordable housing on the sustainability of rural communities and many examples of good practice as well as an open forum.

CRC: Financial Inclusion and Rural Social Housing

This practice guide looks at how housing providers can tackle financial exclusion in rural areas.

TLODI TANWYDD / FUEL POVERTY

WAG: Fuel Poverty Strategy

The Welsh Assembly Government has published a strategy which outlines how it intends to tackle fuel poverty.

WAG: Green homes, green jobs, green skills - Wales's £30million eco facelift

A green home improvement scheme will benefit people in at least 21 communities in Wales with £30million in funding in its first year, Environment Minister Jane Davidson has announced.

NEA Cymru: Feel the Heat Award Scheme

NEA have launched 'Feel the Heat Awards Scheme 2010' which follows on from the successes of the two previous award schemes. The scheme provides grant aid to local initiatives that provide solutions to fuel poverty.

NEA Cymru: Rural energy advisory programme 2010/2011

A revised project brief for the fuel poverty rural advisory programme.

GOFAL PLANT / CHILD CARE

CYP Now: Parents cut working hours due to childcare costs

Four out of 10 families are cutting their working hours due to the high cost of childcare, according to a survey. (19/07/10)

Western Mail: Welsh parents suffer childcare crisis

PARENTS are facing a shortage of childcare provision this summer, with just 13% of local authorities in Wales believing they can meet demand. (15/07/10)

CYP Now: Ministers urged to review flexible working legislation

Family experts have urged the government to review legislation barring employees from negotiating flexible working hours, and to take a more strategic approach to funding relationship support. (13/07/10)

DIWEITHDRA YMYSG POBL IFANC / UNEMPLOYMENT AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE

Western Mail: Many young people not in work or training
THOUSANDS of young people across Wales remain out of work and not in education, according to the latest research published yesterday

Western Mail: Streamlined approach is needed to help Neets into employment

Boosting the qualifications of young people and reducing the number of those out of work and education remains one of the biggest challenges facing Wales.

Western Mail: Sharp rise in cost of free bus passes for elderly
THE cost of Wales' free bus travel scheme for older people has increased so rapidly that there is no money left over to help teenagers travel to training or jobs.

South Wales Echo: Worries over young with no prospects
YOUNG people leaving school in Cardiff are more likely not to find a job, further training or education than those in almost every other part of the country, new figures have shown

CYP Now: Benefits blow for under-25s

Youth charity Centrepoin is urging the government to exempt unemployed young people in supported accommodation from cuts to housing benefits

Independent: OECD warns of bleak job prospects for the young
Britain faces a jobless recovery in which young people's already bleak prospects will be exacerbated by cuts to employment schemes, the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) warns.

Press Association: Young 'fear never finding a job'

One in eight young people fear they will never find a job they want, according to a "worrying" new study

BBC: Neet problem 'may be worse than previously thought'

More teenagers in England may be out of education, training or work (Neet) and for longer periods than previously thought, a study has suggested.

CYP Now: Government denies that benefits system deters young people from voluntary work

The coalition government has refuted claims that young people are prevented from pursuing opportunities in education and volunteering because of the benefits system.

Eurochild: You input is needed - What is the impact of the crisis on children in your country?

We have received worrying information on latest developments to cut services for children, such as the closing of the National Authority for the Protection of Family and Children's Rights in Romania or in services supporting and facilitating children's participation (UK). Let us know whether as a consequence of the crisis children's rights and welfare are being affected in your country and why! Please include if possible figures and /or references, press releases or any action you have undertaken in this regard. Please email mafalda.leal@Eurochild.org by 20 August

Eurochild: Young Ambassadors conclude meeting on child poverty

Nothing for children without listening to children. Children themselves are part of the solution not part of the problem. And they proved to have very clear insights of what they want during the Eurochild children's meeting, which has taken place from 11 to 16 July in Brussels.

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EU Presidency Conference on Child Poverty

2-3 September 2010, Marche en Famenne (Belgium)

The conference on child poverty aims to commit each Member State to take into account the problems of children living in poverty and to find solutions to reduce this level of child poverty.

Music Against Poverty competition

The European Commission has launched a contest calling young Europeans, between 15 and 25, to submit a song expressing support to the fight against poverty in the world. Song on the general issue of development, and notably on the eight Millennium Development Goals. The winners will get a professional studio recording of their song and will have the opportunity to perform during the European Development Days in December 2010 in Brussels.

European Social Network: Breaking the cycle of deprivation

This is the final report of ESN's Children and Families Working Group. The group examined policy and practice trends in contemporary children's services in the context of the fight against child poverty across Europe.

Bevan Foundation: 'Building a Fairer Wales' Have your say...

The European Year 2010 for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion gives a voice to the people experiencing poverty and social exclusion and inspires people to call for change. This conference brings people from all walks of life together to talk about real solutions and actions.

Contact: events@bevanfoundation.org

Nursery World: Review will examine how early intervention can support most disadvantaged children

An independent review into early intervention has been launched by the Government, with the aim of finding out how to break the cycle of disadvantage for the most vulnerable young children (28/07/10)

CYP Now: Benefit changes may harm children

Changes to housing benefit will increase the number of vulnerable children at risk of abuse and neglect, the charity Family Action has warned. (27/07/10)

CYP Now: Housing benefit changes could result in more young people leaving home

Housing benefit changes could lead to tensions resulting in increasing numbers of young people leaving the family home, the Chartered Institute of Housing has warned. (20/07/10)

Communities and Local Government: Grant Shapps outlines Government support for struggling homeowners

Housing Minister Grant Shapps has today outlined how the Coalition Government will provide much-needed support to homeowners at risk of repossession. (20/07/10)

Press Association: Child Trust Funds move condemned

The Government's plan to abolish Child Trust Funds is "an attack on the poor and the disabled", Labour claims. (19/07/10)

SW Echo: Student cash phased out

SUPPORT payments to children who stay in school after GCSEs will be cut, the Assembly Government has announced

CYP Now: Sir Paul Ennals highlights impact of cuts on NCB

The chief executive of the National Children's Bureau (NCB) has outlined the extent to which government cuts have impacted on its work this year. (16/07/10)

Western Mail: Single parents owed £186m child maintenance

ASSEMBLY Members have called for an inquiry as it is revealed today that single parents in Wales are owed more than £186m in child maintenance payments (15/07/10)

Western Mail: Parents cut down on pocket money

ONE in four parents has cut back on the amount of pocket money they give their children because of the recession. (15/07/10)

Western Mail: Families in Wales feeling worse off than a year

ago FAMILIES throughout Wales are today finding it harder to cope financially than when the Welsh economy was still in the grip of recession a year ago, research has found. (12/07/10)

Observer: Britain gets low marks for its poor treatment of families

High cost of raising a child pushes many households into poverty, says a report by the Family and Parenting Institute. (11/07/10)

BBC: Teenagers 'risk premature babies'

Pregnant teenagers are more likely to give birth prematurely and have a small baby than women in their 20s, says an Irish research team. (08/07/10)

Western Mail: Families struggling to pay rent and mortgages ALMOST half of people in Wales struggle to meet mortgage and rent payments, according to a new survey.

ADRODDIADAU / REPORTS

Contact a Family: Counting the Costs 2010

Families with disabled children are going without essentials such as food and heating.

JRF: Resilience and the recession in six deprived communities: Preparing for worse to come?

How people living in six economically vulnerable areas have perceived the early stages of the economic downturn.

National Audit Office: Tackling inequalities in life expectancy in areas with the worst health and deprivation

This report makes recommendations on how efforts should be targeted on the most deprived areas of England in order to tackle health inequalities.

YSTADEGAU / STATISTICS

WAG: Young people not in education, employment or training (NEET), Year to 31 December 2009

The definitive source for estimates of the proportion of young people who are not in education, employment or training.

WAG: Applications for Student Finance, Tuition Fee Loans and Tuition Fee Grants Awarded in Wales - Update, Month Ending June 2010

The latest statistics on applications for student finance, tuition fee loans and tuition fee grants awarded, produced by the Student Loans Company.

WAG: Education Maintenance Allowances Awarded in Wales - Update at End of June 2010

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

WAG: Homelessness, October-December 2009 and January-March 2010

The latest National Statistics on homelessness produced by the Welsh Assembly Government

ONS: Labour market statistics

216,000 16-to-17-year-olds were unemployed, up 13,000 on the beginning of the year. Ten per cent of them have been unemployed for more than a year. However, figures also show in the 18-24 age bracket there were 19,000 fewer young people unemployed (707,000).

FFYNONELLAU CYLLID / FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Archer Trust

The trust gives grants with the following main aims: relieving suffering amongst the poor; advancing education; the advancement of the Christian religion; and any other charitable objects the trustees deem fit.

Peter Cruddas Foundation

The Foundation gives priority to programmes designed to help disadvantaged young people to pursue their education (including vocational) and more generally develop their potential whether through sport or recreation, voluntary programmes or otherwise.

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Young People National Support Project

The National Support Programme for Young People will support the Welsh Assembly Governments aims to raise the basic skills levels of young people aged 11-19 who have low levels of basic skills and are disengaged or at risk of disengagement from education. The project will run for 3 consecutive years.

The Intermediate Labour Market

WCVA is inviting expressions of interest again from organisations who would like to develop and submit proposals to deliver high quality activities and opportunities for economically inactive and unemployed individuals that will result in positive outcomes for those individuals.

ADNODDAU / RESOURCES

MoneyMadedclear: Free printed guides

Our range of free guides cut out the jargon and give you just the facts in plain English. They are a good starting point if you want general information about financial products and services and can help you make informed decisions.

Fundacion Luis Vives: New practical guide on the fight against poverty

Inspired by the European Year For Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, this practical guide explains how everybody can contribute to the fight against poverty and discrimination in their everyday lives.

DIGWYDDIADAU & HYFFORDDIANT / EVENTS & TRAINING

Gwynedd Housing Partnership: Conference 2010

10 Sep 2010, Bangor

Delivering More with Less.

NEA Cymru: NEA Cymru Annual Conference

13-15 Sep 2010, Liverpool

The conference will explore how tackling fuel poverty links to other Government agendas at a national and local level including health, jobs and skills, climate change, child poverty and general poverty and will look forward to the future of energy efficiency schemes post 2012 when the current schemes come to an end.

Children in Wales: Against the odds - Building resilience in

young people

21 Sep 2010, Old Colwyn

This one-day course explores how you can develop an approach that builds on strengths to help young people deal with adversity, cope with change, survive disappointment and manage crises.

Financial Inclusion and Housing : Spotlight on Homelessness

22 Sep 2010, Llanrwst

These seminars will highlight financial exclusion as a major contributor to the challenge of homelessness and unsustainable tenancies

Contact Maureen.russell@walescoop.com

Capita: Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) Wales

23 Sep 10, Cardiff

Capita's 2nd National Not in Education, Employment or Training Conference addresses the challenge of worklessness afflicting a generation and impacting negatively on the economy of the nation.

Learning Disability Wales: Introduction to Benefits for Disabled Adults

23 Sep 2010, Cardiff

This course aims to give participants an overview of the entire benefit system and how it affects disabled adults.

Turn2Us: Working together to maximise income

29 Sep 2010, Llandrindod Wells

Turn2us is inviting support workers and volunteers who work with people in financial need to attend a free training workshop. The workshop will enable participants to understand how to use the Turn2us tools and services with their clients, as well as giving an overview of the wider work of Turn2us and the charity Elizabeth Finn Care.

Contact: turnpa@turn2us.org.uk

Inside Government: Social Housing: Creating New Homes, New Jobs and Better Futures

12 Oct 2010, London

This event will provide a timely opportunity to connect with eminent speakers, policy makers and key organisations involved in delivering a housing agenda.

Eurochild: Brighter Futures - Building effective partnerships to end child poverty

3-5 Nov 2010, Sweden

Eurochild's 7th annual conference

GovNet: Welfare to Work 2010

4 Nov 2010. London

An opportunity to understand the new agenda and discuss the latest strategies to achieve both long-term and sustained employment in Britain.

TPAS:

TPAS Cymru 22nd annual conference

17-19 Nov 2010, Llandrindod Wells

Featuring a wide range of sessions focussing on housing and tenant participation strategy, policy and delivery, the TPAS Cymru Annual Conference 2010 will leave you energised, informed and better prepared to face the changes and challenges that lie ahead in the world of housing and tenant participation.

Learning Disability Wales: Annual Conference 2010 - Money Talks!

23-24 Nov 2010, Newport

Money Talks! will look at where your money comes from, where your money goes, how to make your money go further, your right to handle your own money and financial planning for the future. The conference will be a lively two days including speakers, workshops, drama presentations, chat shows and exhibitors.

Pennysmart: Autumn Training Programme

A series of Financial Inclusion Courses being offered by Pennysmart in North Wales this Autumn. Booking Form.

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

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