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Cydlynir Rhwydwaith Dileu Tlodi Plant Cymru gan
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Annwyl Gefnogwr,

Tlodi Plant ar gynydd yng Nghymru

Croeso i Fwletin misol Rhwydwaith Dileu Tlodi Plant Cymru. Rhyddhawyd ffigurau tlodi plant rhwng 2009 ac 2010 ar draws y Deyrnas Unedig gan yr Adran Gwaith a Phensiynau yn ystod y mis hwn (Cartrefi o dan yr Incwm Cyfartalog). Tra bod ffigurau cyfartalog tlodi plant y DU wedi gostwng, gwelodd Gymru gynydd o 1% i 33% yn ystod y cyfnod. O ganlyniad, Cymru sydd yn parhau â'r lefel uchaf o dlodi plant ar draws gwledydd y Deyrnas Unedig. Mae Rhwydwaith Dileu Tlodi Plant am barhau â'r frwydr i ddileu tlodi plant yng Nghymru ac am sicrhau bod Clymblaid y Deyrnas Unedig yn cadw at eu haddewid i gael gwared â thlodi ym Mhrydain, a dileu tlodi plant erbyn 2020.

Mae Rhwydwaith Dileu Tlodi Plant Cymru yn falch iawn o groesawu'r Dirprwy Weinidog dros Blant newydd, Gwenda Thomas AC, fel yr arweinydd ar gyfer materion tlodi plant yn Llywodraeth Cymru yn dilyn etholiadau mis Mai. Edrychwn ymlaen at barhau i weithio'n effeithiol gyda'r Llywodraeth newydd wrth i'r Cynllun Cyflawni Tlodi Plant gael ei ddatblygu, yn ogystal â gyda phob aelod o'r Cynulliad Cenedlaethol, yn ein hymgyrch i fynd i'r afael â thlodi plant ar draws Cymru.

Pasiwyd y Mesur Lleoliaeth yn Nhy'r Cyffredin i alluogi cynghorau i osod tenantiaeth tymor penodol i denantiaid newydd tai cymdeithasol. Afraid

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dweud bod hyn yn achosi pryder mawr i ymgyrchwyr tlodi plant gan na fydd yn rhoi sicrwydd a sefydlogrwydd tenantiaeth tymor hir i deuluoedd.

Siom mawr yw gweld bod llawer o brifysgolion Cymru wedi penderfynu codi eu ffioedd i'r uchafswm o £9,000 y flwyddyn. Ond, yn ffodus i fyfyrwyr o Gymru, mae Llywodraeth Cymru am gadw at eu haddewid i'w helpu gyda chostau prifysgol. Gobeithiwn yn fawr y bydd y prifysgolion yn sicrhau eu bod yn galluogi pobl ifanc Cymru fynychu'r prifysgolion yn y dyfodol, beth bynnag i incwm eu cartref.

Ar nodyn mwy cadarnhaol, rhyddhaodd Llywodraeth Cymru *Mynd i'r Afael â Thlodi Plant: Canllawiau a Rheoliadau i Awdurdodau Cymreig* fel rhan o'r ymrwymiad a wnaed yn y Mesur Plant a Theuluoedd (Cymru) 2010.

Cofion,

Anita

Dear Supporter,

Child Poverty on the increase in Wales

Welcome to the May edition of the ECPN Bulletin. This month, the DWP released the child poverty figures across the United Kingdom (Households Below the Average Income) for 2009-20. Although the average figure for the United Kingdom has dropped, Wales has seen a 1% increase to 33% during the period. Consequently child poverty levels in Wales remain the highest across the UK countries. The ECPN will continue to campaign against child poverty in Wales and to ensure that the UK Coalition keep to their promise to make British Poverty History and eradicate child poverty by 2020.

ECPN Cymru are delighted to welcome the new Deputy Minister for Children, Gwenda Thomas AM, as the lead for child poverty matters in the Welsh Government following elections in early May. We look forward to continuing to work effectively with the new Government as the Child Poverty Delivery Plan is being developed, as well as all members of the National Assembly in our drive to tackle child poverty across Wales.

The Localism Bill was passed by the House of Commons to enable councils to give a specific term tenancy to new social housing tenants. Needless to say, child poverty campaigners are very concerned about this because it will not offer families the security and stability of a long term tenancy.

It is very disappointing that many Welsh universities have decided to charge the maximum fee of £9,000 per annum. However, fortunately in Wales, the Welsh Government is going to keep to their promise of helping students with the costs. We sincerely hope that the universities will ensure that young people from Wales are able to attend the universities regardless of their household income.

On a more positive note, the Welsh Government has released the *Tackling Child Poverty: Guidance and Regulations for Welsh Authorities* as part of the commitment made in the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010.

Regards,

Anita

LLYWODRAETH CYMRU/WELSH GOVERNMENT

[The summary of consultation responses on the draft Child Poverty Strategy and Delivery Plan](#)

The Child Poverty Strategy sets out the Welsh Assembly Government's vision for tackling child poverty in Wales and improving outcomes for children and parents living in low income families.

[Tackling Child Poverty: Guidance and Regulations for Welsh Authorities](#)

This document provides details of the duties placed upon those public bodies, and the regulations set out the format, timings, consultation and review processes for their child poverty strategies.

[Student Funding - South Wales Echo 06/05/11](#)

The leaders of Wales' four main political parties have promised to protect student funding during the next Assembly term.

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[Households Below Average Income](#)

The Department for Work and Pensions released the latest in this series of annual publications on households below average income (HBAI) on 12 May, including data for the period 2007-08 to 2009-10.

[ECPN Briefing Paper - Households Below Average Income May 2011](#)

This is a briefing by the End Child Poverty Network on the latest national statistics on Households Below Average Income (HBAI), produced by the UK Government's Department for Work and Pensions and were released on 12th May 2011.

[Child Poverty figures fell in UK during 2009/2010 - BBC News 12/05/11](#)

Barnardo's warned the figures were a "temporary reprieve in the battle against child poverty". The number of children living in poverty in the UK fell during the last year of the Labour government, official figures have revealed.

[Child poverty is on the rise - Press TV 15/5/11](#)

The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), a leading British financial think tank, warned in a recently published report that child poverty will increase by roughly 300,000 by 2013-2014, largely due to the government's austerity policies.

[Cuts - The Mirror 12/05/](#)

Deputy Prime-minister (PM) Nick Clegg has broken another major election pledge by betraying a vow to protect poor children from cuts. The government has dropped its promise to fight higher university tuition fees and has now also abandoned measures to make sure the poorest are not hit hardest. Many organisations are warning that the brutal benefit cuts

being introduced will push even more families below the poverty line while slashing public services will also punish the poor.

[cuts threaten welfare reform - BBC News 23/5/](#)

David Cameron's vow to make work pay could be "shattered" by cuts to childcare support, a think tank says.

[Poverty Action Group](#)

CPAG has been given the go-ahead for our legal challenge to the housing benefit cuts. The case should be heard by the end of July.

[will force child poverty levels to increase again, says thinktank - The Guardian 13/5/](#)

The Institute for Fiscal Studies says 300,000 children will be pushed below poverty line due to reduced state benefits and tax credits.

[Poverty Action Guardian Local authorities to lose the duty to tackle child poverty? \(England\)](#)

The Government is consulting on freeing local authorities from a mixed bag of legal obligations, on the grounds that they may be 'burdensome'. We are concerned that a whole raft of duties that protect the health and wellbeing of children may be lost. For instance we are firmly opposed to authorities losing the duties to tackle child poverty in their area, and to ensure that high quality childcare is available.

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[Younglives - International study of childhood poverty](#)

"Young Lives" is an international study of childhood poverty, involving 12,000 children in 4 countries over 15 years. It is led by a team in the Department of International Development at the University of Oxford in association with research and policy partners in the 4 study countries: Ethiopia, India, Peru and Vietnam. A couple of headline messages emerging from these and other briefings include: household experience of adversity, gender and wellbeing, quality of education. These reports will be followed by more in-depth and country-specific analysis to be published later in 2011.

[Child Poverty Affects 81 Million Children in Latin America and the Caribbean - ECLAC 17/05/11](#)

Almost 81 million children under 18 suffer from poverty in Latin America which is equivalent to 45% of that age group according to a study by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

[UNICEF - Global Child Poverty publications](#)

UNICEF have produced a series publications on global child poverty within

the last year. The content of the publications is of great help for people working in the area of children's rights and child poverty.

YMGYNGHORIADAU/CONSULTATIONS

[Reform of the Equality and Human Rights Commission](#)

The consultation document below sets out our plans to reform the Equality and Human Rights Commission to ensure the EHRC focuses on its core regulatory activities. **22/3/11-15/6/ 11**

ADRODDIADAU/REPORTS

[No Child Born Without a Chance](#)

This is Save The Children's manifesto for tackling child poverty in Wales. According to the report, 200,000 children live in poverty in Wales. Living in poverty dramatically affects a child's life chances. Poorer children can expect fewer qualifications, lower-paid jobs and shorter lives than their richer classmates.

[Tackling housing market volatility in the UK- What measures can be taken to reduce housing market volatility in the UK?](#)

This report contains the conclusions of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's Housing Market Taskforce. It argues that urgent action is needed now before another boom and bust cycle takes hold.

[Poverty and ethnicity: A review of evidence](#)

This is a review of evidence on the links between poverty and ethnicity. You can also view the eight papers this study draws on, focusing on different aspects of how poverty and ethnicity interact.

Read the accompanying [blog post](#) from programme manager Helen Barnard

[A review of poverty and ethnicity in Scotland](#)

This Joseph Rowntree Foundation study reviews literature and datasets to establish the main patterns, themes and issues from research on ethnicity and poverty in Scotland and to identify key sources of statistical information.

[Save the Children Childcare Survey](#)

Help Save the Children and Daycare Trust tell government what families really need! Save The Children will use the results of this survey to produce a report for government with recommendations on how childcare can be improved for families.

[An Anatomy of Economic Inequality in Wales](#)

In An anatomy of economic inequality in Wales evidence is brought together for the very first time which paints a powerful picture of a country

with deeply entrenched inequalities.

[Social background affects poverty' in Wales says study - BBC News 12/5/11](#) A fifth of people in Wales live in poverty because of their social background, claims a new report. The gap between rich and poor is, however, less than in other parts of the UK.

[The impact of childhood physical and mental health problems on adult life.](#)

This Institute for Fiscal Studies article assesses and compares long-term adult socioeconomic status impacts from having experienced psychological and physical health problems in childhood.

[Improving housing outcomes for young people: practical ideas](#)

This paper presents 27 practical examples which improve housing outcomes for young people. It is focused on detailed work in Northamptonshire, but draws on case studies from across the UK.

[Is a happier society possible?](#)

This JRF lecture explores four critical areas of our lives that can be optimised to increase happiness: income, human relationships, altruism and work.

[Cuts leave homelessness schemes reliant on volunteers - Community Care 21/04/11](#)

Funding cuts are forcing homelessness projects to cut bed numbers and rely more on volunteers and part-time staff, according to the annual SNAP study (Survey of Needs and Provision) of 500 hostels and accommodation projects.

[Map of young people's 'problem hotspots' published](#)

A map highlighting regional hotspots for problems faced by young people such as bullying or housing issues has been published by helpline Get Connected.

GWLEDIG/RURAL

[Broadband Delivery UK Programme Delivery Model published](#)

Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) has published a first version of their Programme Delivery Model which explores bringing forward network infrastructure upgrades and improving the accessibility of services in areas where there is a weak case for commercial investment. The Delivery Model has been designed to evolve over time, to reflect lessons learned from the Superfast Broadband Pilots, other local broadband projects, and marketplace developments. The document also provides a high level description of how BDUK will meet its objectives as part of the Broadband Delivery Programme.

NEWYDDION/NEWS

[Campaign for Better Transport](#)

The Campaign for Better Transport has taken its Fair Fares Now campaign direct to Government and demanded that it sticks to its promise of "fairness in rail pricing". This is something that the

Government promised when they came to power one year ago, but they're pressing ahead with plans to raise fares even higher. The campaign is asking for a full scale review of fares and ticketing, a simpler fare structure, requesting more affordable walk-up and flexible tickets and that the Government make the most of smart cards.

[Are you losing out? - South Wales Guardian 1/5/11](#)

Ammanford Citizens Advice Bureau is encouraging families with disabled children to claim the benefits they are entitled to.

[Poverty has more impact on children's development than family make-up - Nursery World 03/5/11](#)

Persistent poverty has a greater effect on children's cognitive development than family instability, according to a new study.

[UK ranks behind Slovenia in childhood wellbeing - The Guardian 3/5/11](#)

Six out of 1,000 British children will die before their fifth birthday and only four in five attend pre-school, says Save the Children.

[Traveller children's education slips down list of council priorities - CYP Now 4/5/11](#)

Campaigners express concern over public service cuts and measures in the Localism Bill that are likely to have a detrimental effect on the educational opportunities of Gypsy and Traveller children.

[Early years cuts 'stall poverty drop' - Nursery World 4/5/11](#)

Progress made under the previous Government in reducing child poverty could be undone by cuts to early years services, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has warned.

[Next Assembly Government must break link between poverty and school performance - Western Mail 5/5/11](#)

Save The Children is calling on whoever forms the next Assembly Government to break the link between poverty and poor educational attainment. In its election manifesto, Save the Children highlights a range of measures which would give extra resources to schools to support the poorest children.

[Employers 'forced' to teach literacy - The Independent 9/5/11](#)

Almost half the country's employers are having to put on remedial lessons for school leavers because they lack basic skills, a survey has found.

[Think-tank criticizes coalition on family policies - BBC News 10/5/11](#)

The critical assessment of the coalition's first year in power by the CSJ scored the government on the five key areas it believes are pathways to poverty: family breakdown, economic dependency, serious personal debt, drug and alcohol addiction and educational failure.

[Family childcare bill to be added up - Nursery World 11/5/11](#)

A survey launched by the Daycare Trust and Save the Children is aiming to reveal the impact of childcare costs on families.

[Cuts will increase pressure on families - Nursery World 13/5/11](#)

The Government's cuts to childcare benefits will lessen the impact of policies aimed at improving outcomes for of disadvantaged children, a leading academic has warned.

[Maternity pay just isn't fair - The Guardian 16 /5/11](#)

This article discuss the problems of maternity pay for low-income mothers, and coalition plans to extend paternity leave for new fathers.

[The parental spending craze - BBC News 17/05/11](#)

Parents have always felt the pressure to provide for their children, but for some the cost of parenting is proving more expensive than ever - and it's not just down to traditional economics.

[Young, bright and able; but can't get a job - BBC News 18/5/11](#)

With unemployment figures for the UK released on Wednesday, young people have been hit hard by the economic downturn.

[New mums left feeling increasingly isolated - Western Mail 18/5/11](#)

Research by the National Childbirth Trust charity shows that almost a fifth of new Welsh mums live more than 100 miles from close family members.

[Charities call on PCTs to fund carers' breaks - Children and Young People Now 23/05/11](#)

Fears are mounting that cash-strapped primary care trusts (PCTs) will not pass on short break funding for young carers.

['Squeezed middle' the big losers when the economy recovers - The Guardian 25/5/11](#)

Low-to-middle income households will see their living standards continue to fall far behind the more affluent, warns Resolution Foundation thinktank

[Parents urged to join efforts to improve literacy - Western Mail 26/5/11](#)

Parents will be encouraged to improve their children's reading and writing under a scheme launched recently in Swansea.

[Academic's fears over Welsh universities fees rise - BBC News 02/06/11](#)

A senior academic says she doubts the Welsh Government can continue to afford to help all students from Wales pay for their university fees.

DIGWYDDIADAU/EVENTS

[Shelter Cymru's Annual Conference 30/6/11-1/7/11 Village Hotel, Swansea](#)

Shelter Cymru's 2011 conference takes place in a climate of unprecedented political change and is highly anticipated as one of our best programmes to date. As the first housing conference post the 2011 Assembly elections, the stage will be set for the road to change ahead.

[Citizens Advice Bureau - Money advice and welfare benefits training](#)

The Citizens Advice Bureau has a number of courses running in Cardiff over the next few months. They are focused on Money advice and welfare benefits. For more information email adviser.training@citizensadvice.org.uk or ring 0113 224 5824 or you can [book courses online](#).

[Communities First Conference 10/11/11, Swalec Stadium, Cardiff](#)
Places are now available to exhibit at this popular and well attended event for organisations wishing to engage with Communities First Partnership across Wales.

[8th Annual Conference 2011: "Tackling child poverty through supporting and strengthening families" 30/11/11-03/12/11,](#)

This conference aims to share inspiring practice, increase understanding and strengthen collaboration between children's services to tackle child poverty in Europe.

HYFFORDDIANT/TRAINING

Health Care Practitioners - City & Guilds Energy Awareness Course 6176-01

Individuals attending this course will be shown how to spot the signs of fuel poverty and how to give advice to patients, encouraging them to understand how changes in their behaviour can lead to a warmer home and improved health without increasing fuel bills.

For more information, contact Lynsey Thompson:
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[Sustainable Funding Cymru](#)

A new one-stop shop website for funding advice and opportunities. The [Funding Portal](#) provides access to a searchable database of UK funding opportunities, advice and support on raising funds and tips on how to [diversify funding](#). The website provides practical advice and guidance to organisations that want to develop an entrepreneurial outlook to funding in order to achieve long-term financial sustainability

[BBC Children in Need's grants programme](#)

Grants are open to organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and under. Your organisation needs to be a registered charity or other not-for-profit organisation. There are four general grant deadlines each year: 15 January, 15 April, 15 July, 15 October. Within the general grants programme, you can apply for: Small Grants of £10,000 or less per year for up to three years. Main Grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years

[Funding to Combat Fuel Poverty \(UK\)](#)

The Scottish Power Energy People Trust has announced that the next application deadline for applications is 19 July 2011. The Trust can provide funds for not-for-profit organisations and groups who work with or represent the vulnerable and fuel poor. Priority will be given to projects aimed at helping families with young children and young people. The Scottish Power

Energy People Trust will award grant funding up to a maximum of £100,000 for projects lasting for up to three years.

ADNODDAU/RESOURCES

[Employability E Bulletin 19 May 2011](#)

This is a resource by Rocket Science, bringing together useful statistics and information.

[Justice for All Petition](#)

Justice for All believes that free, independent advice and representation on legal matters is essential to achieve justice for all.

[Find out more](#)

[ACRE Energy Bill campaign](#)

ACRE is supporting a national campaign to urge the Government to amend the Energy Bill currently going through Parliament. The proposed Warm Homes amendment to the Bill would ensure the Government sets out a programme on energy efficiency, including the Green Deal, to fit within an overarching strategy for energy savings that is sufficient to meet the ambition of the Climate Change Act and reinforces the need for energy efficiency policies to contribute to eradicating fuel poverty. The campaign is currently seeking support from MPs for the Warm Homes amendment.

[NEST - \(Fuel Poverty\)](#)

NEST is a new Welsh Assembly Government programme designed to help people that are finding it difficult to pay their energy bills. The scheme offers householders a range of free home improvements to help them heat their homes more efficiently and stay warm without facing huge energy bills.

[Household Fuel tariffs](#)

Homeowners living in the UK could be tempted to consult an equity release guide for advice following the results of a recent study on energy prices. Companies are continuing to keep Brits in the dark regarding the cost of their tariffs, despite a renewed focus on saving energy in the face of the increasing cost of living.

[Compare Energy Deals](#)

With oil prices currently being affected by major world events, consumers might wish to compare energy deals now to see if they can find a cheaper way to run their home.

YSTADEGAU/STATISTICS

Economic and Labour Market Statistics (ELMS) Llywodraeth Cymru - Welsh Government.

Please find links below the latest monthly Labour Market data for the quarter January to March 2011.

Benefits

http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,14,5103

Summary table for Wales

<http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/TableViewer/tableView.aspx?ReportId=2044>

Employment rates table

<http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/TableViewer/tableView.aspx?ReportId=1255>

Economic activity rates table

<http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/TableVewertableView.aspx?ReportId=13276>

Economic inactivity rates table

<http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/TableViewer/tableView.aspx?ReportId=10941>

ILO unemployment rates table

<http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/TableViewer/tableView.aspx?ReportId=430>

Maps/charts

http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,14,18

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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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