



ANNUAL REPORT

2023/2024



Darparu ffordd ddiogel a hwy! i
bobl ifanc Gwynedd gwrrdd,
dysgu a thyfu.

Providing the young people of
Gwynedd a safe way to meet,
learn and grow.

Snapshot of statistics 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024

19870
participations

10509
in the
community

9180
in
schools

181
Caseloads
16-25 years
old

Young People's Feedback

95%
Noted that their well-being had improved

94%
Had
Enjoyed

96%
Had new
experiences

95%
would attend
again

1192
accreditations
completed

48
community
locations

£62,000
grants for
community
organisations.



15
Secondary schools
and special schools
receiving the service

2240
Sessions held in
schools





WHAT IS YOUTH WORK?

A service that;

“ Enables young people to develop holistically, working with them to facilitate their personal, social and educational development, to enable them to develop their voice, influence and place in society and to reach their full potential’

Youth Work National Occupational Standards

Provision and Facilitation

- Informal educational opportunities and experiences.
- Access to personal advice, information and guidance.
- Safe spaces for young people to socialise.
- Young people to identify their rights
- Support through an important time in their lives

Youth Work Values

 **Educational**

 **Expressive**

 **Participative**

 **Inclusive**

 **Empowering**



STRUCTURE

Service Manager

Team Leader

Team Leader

11-19 years
old

16-25 years
old

Community

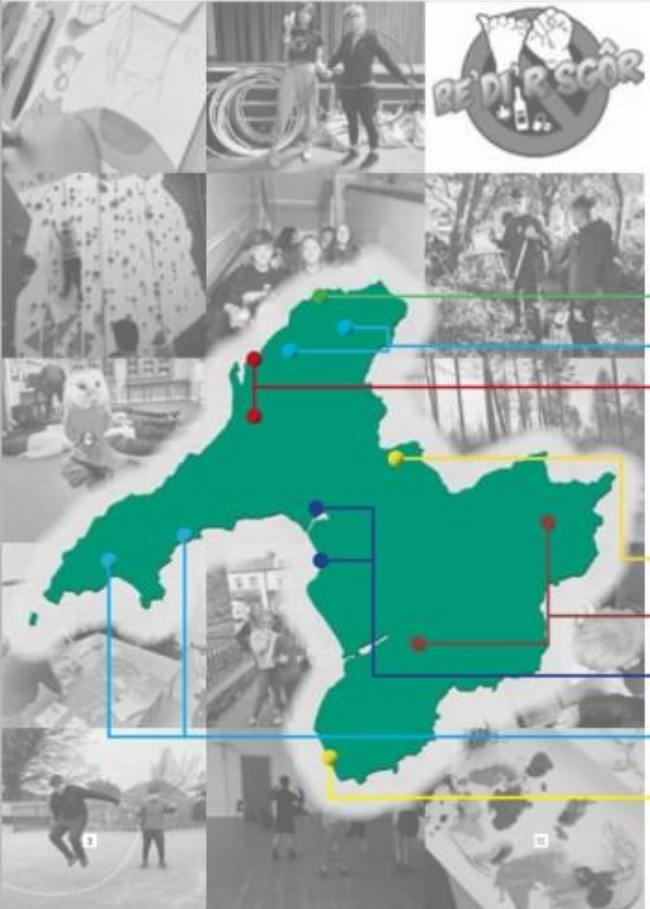
Mental Health and Well-being

Youth Homelessness

Be Di'r Sgôr? worker

Training, Engagement and Administration

11-19 YEARS OLD SUPPORT TEAM



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PURPOSE



I want you to listen to me and include me

I want you to help me through my adolescence....

To make a contribution to my communities, improve my well-being and learn skills so that I am a young person who is happy, safe and ready for the world of work!

Offer a service that is open to all

– ‘Open Universal’ youth work for 11–19 year old young people in Gwynedd

6 full-time / 2 part-time Youth Support Workers working in two Secondary Schools and in communities across the County, day, night and residential

Creating and running projects and individual opportunities based on the views of young people as part of informal learning

Provide opportunities for learning and to gain skills and qualifications in an informal atmosphere

Provide support in a friendly and leisurely environment
– far from the formality that is usually associated with school, college or the workplace

Provide informal support and leisure activities for any young people in a number of ways

Develop and run projects and activities with young people in communities to increase participation within their local community

5 Ways to Well-being through all the work / Promotion of good Emotional Well-being and Mental Health

STATISTICS

9180
participations

Services
provided in 15
secondary and
special schools

308
received the
Duke of
Edinburgh
award

25
weekly 'Pop up'
projects

2200 sessions
provided in
schools
throughout the
year

6000+
Volunteer hours
completed



School Provision

Based on the 5
Pillars of Youth
Work



Addysgol Mynegiannol Cyfranogol Cynhwysol Grymusol



Provision Details

Complete
Qualifications

Respond to the needs of
Young People and Schools

5 Ways to Well-being
sessions

Duke of Edinburgh
Award

Offer a variety of
workshops

Community Bridging Projects



Volunteering



Fund-raising for Charities



Offer new experiences



Respond to the needs of the community



Provide a safe environment for socialising

25

Community projects each week



16-25 SUPPORT TEAM



Bethan, Arweinydd Tîm

"Rydym yn cynnig cefnogaeth i bobl ifanc sydd angen help i baratoi ar gyfer eu camau nesaf mewn bywyd. Gall wynebu'r camau yma fod yn heriol. Rydym ni yma i wrando arnoch chi a helpu chi ar eich taith."



Glyn, Gweithiwr Ieuenctid

"Rwy'n gredwr cryf mewn rhoi cyfleoedd i bobl Ifanc dyfu a datblygu fel unigolion, gan feithrin ymdeimlad o berchnogaeth a balchder ynddyn't eu hunain a'u cymuned."



Steph, Gweithiwr Ieuenctid

"Rwy'n credu bod pobl ifanc yn haeddu teimlo'n ddiogel, cael eu cefnogi a rhydd i fynegi barn. Mae'n anrhydedd gallu cynnig cyfleoedd i bobl ifanc ddatblygu sgiliau ar gyfer dyfodol llwyddiannus."



Donna, Gweithiwr Ieuenctid

"Rwy'n ymfalchïo mewn cefnogi pobl ifanc i gyrraedd eu nodau personol eu hunain, trwy eu hannog i gymryd rhan mewn profiadau newydd, gan eu helpu i adeiladu ar eu hyder a'u meddylfryd cadarnhaol."



Sarah, Gweithiwr Ieuenctid

"Rwy'n credu bod pob person ifanc yn bwysig. Dwi'n angerddol dros gefnogi pobl ifanc i ddod o hyd i'w llais, dylanwad a lle mewn cymdeithas, ac i gyrraedd eu llawn botensial."



I want you to

Give me time

Listen to me

Give me an opportunity to develop

Support young people aged 16-25 who are not currently in education, training or work or are studying part-time at College

Support individuals who are furthest away from the labour market, but who are ready to engage and start thinking about their next steps.

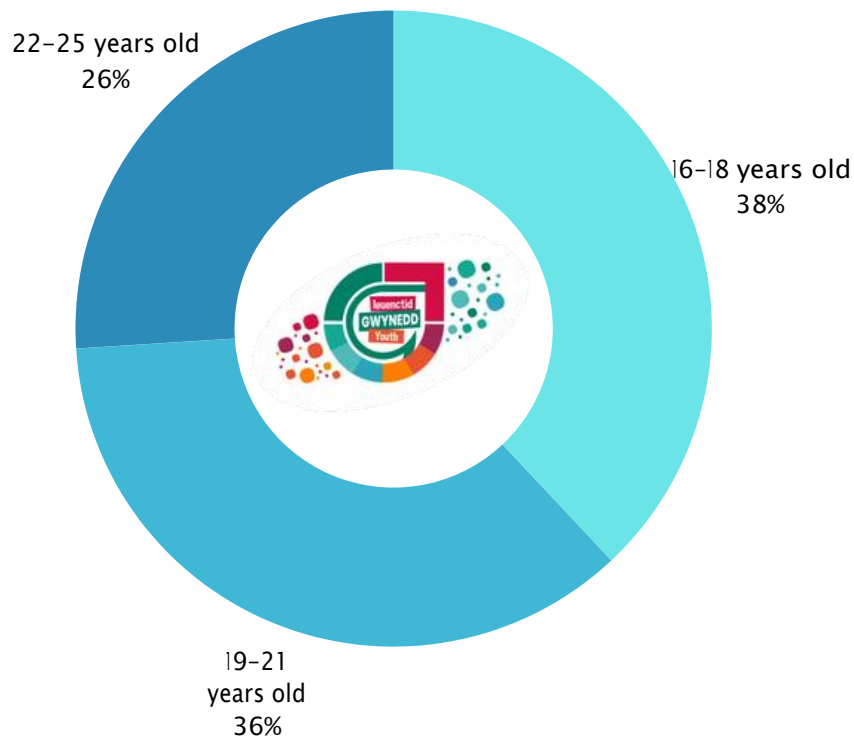
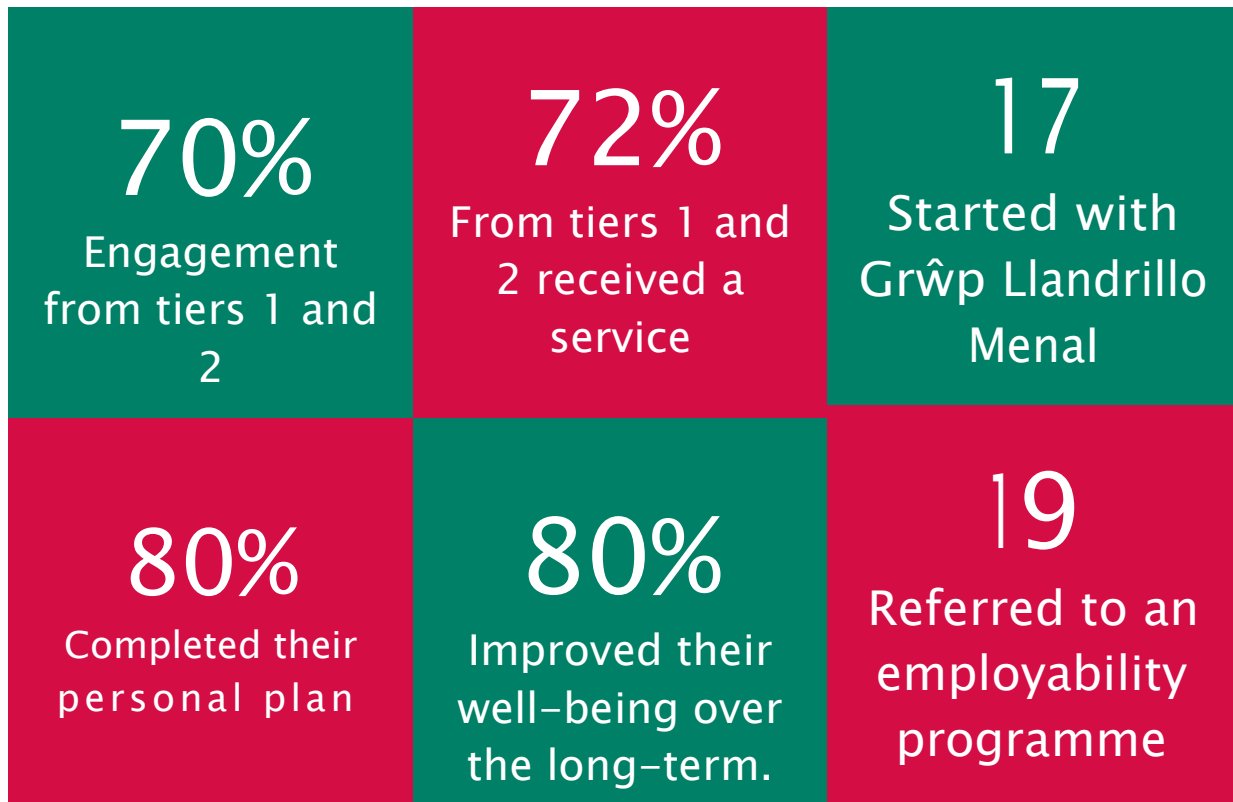
Individuals who need support to develop personal, social and emotional skills

Service across Gwynedd

We can support young people alongside other Youth support provision



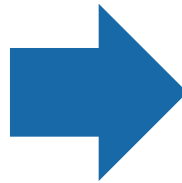
STATISTICS



Breakdown of participants' ages

The Support Journey

The relationship between the young person and their Youth Worker is central to youth work practice.



During the one-to-one work, young people and their Worker get to know each other, know the young person's interests and strengths; identify the barriers preventing them from taking their next steps into education, training or work



5 Greatest Barriers

Low confidence

Lack of experience/skills

Mental health worries

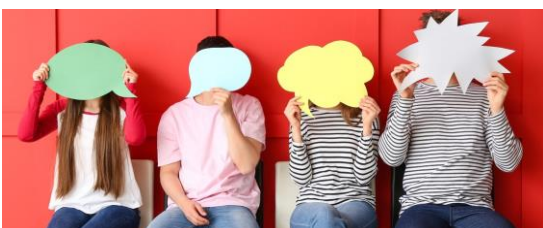
Negative learning experiences

Social Isolation

Young people are encouraged to create a Personal Development Plan that sets out what their short and long term goals are that they would like to realise. Each person's starting point is different, so the support starts from the individual's starting point



To support the young people to achieve their personal goals, we will promote young people's rights to services, support and opportunities and facilitate young people's access to these services and opportunities.



Projects and Provision

FRIENDS

Resilience Programme

Helping young people to develop a set of skills that will enable them to become more resilient to deal with life's challenges, to manage emotions and overcome anxiety and depression.



Arts for Well-being

The Arts for Well-being are run by The Youth Support Team. The sessions provide an opportunity for you to enjoy the arts by being creative and learn about self-care.

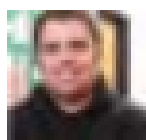
Paws and Hooves–

Nurturing Young People's Well-being through Animal Therapy

Creating a safe and therapeutic space for vulnerable young people to improve their well-being and resilience through animal therapy and support, based on the Five Ways to Well-being. In parallel with therapy and animal support we run a Youth FRIENDS course to provide an opportunity for individuals to further reflect and reinforce what they have learnt from the sessions with the animals.

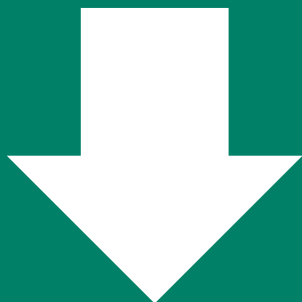


COMMUNITY YOUTH WORK TEAM

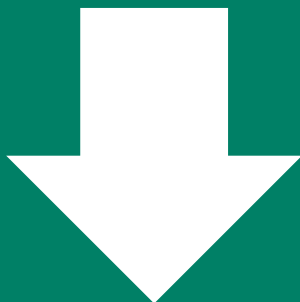


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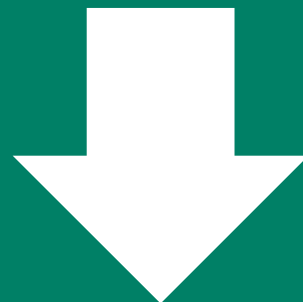
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17 Part time
Project
Workers



17 Part time
Community
Workers



4 Derwen
Part time
Workers



PURPOSE



I want you to

Create social and
development
opportunities for young
people in our
communities

Run projects and activities
in the community

Move from
community to
community with an
emphasis on fun and
socialising

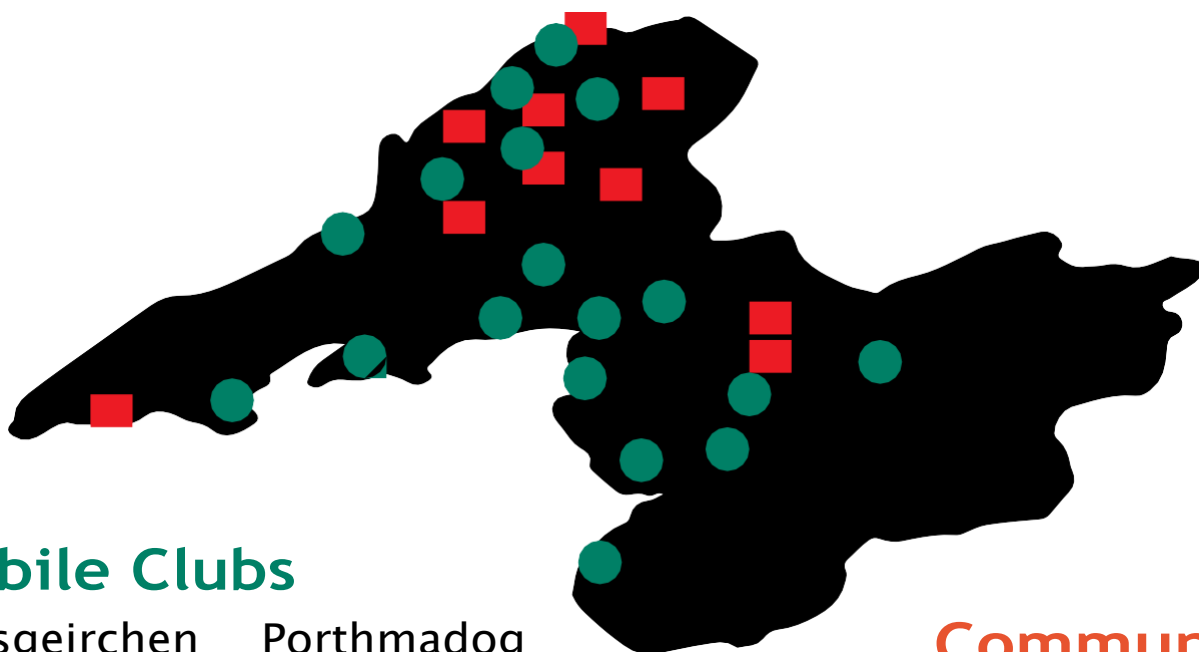
Coordinate
provisions that are
funded by Town
Councils

Develop residential
opportunities and
Summer of Fun
Activities

Develop Framework
Activities and
collaboration with
local partners.

Coordinate 38 part-
time staff working
in the community

Community Provision Locations



Mobile Clubs

Maesgeirchen
Coed Mawr
Caernarfon

Porthmadog
Cricieth
Barmouth

Rhiwlas
Bontenwydd
Waunfawr
Pwllheli
Nefyn
Trefor

Porthmadog
Dyffryn
Ardudwy
Tywyn
Bala
Dolgellau

Abersoch
Penrhyndeudraeth
Beddgelert

Maentwrog
Harlech

Community Clubs

Bethel
Penygroes
Aberdaron
Blaenau
Ffestiniog

Bangor
Bethesda (x2)
Caernarfon (x2)
Llanrug
Deiniolen

Llan Ffestiniog

Llanberis

Community Provision

10509
participations



10 community
clubs funded
by town /
village councils



£62,000
shared with
third sector
organisations
to increase
provision



Over 900
sessions
each year



Trips and Events



Arranged Trips

Glan Llyn
Alton Towers
Llandudno Trip
Ice Skating
Ten Pin Bowling
Plas Menai
Zip World
Mountain Biking
Beacon Centre
Bwncath Gig
Gaming Van



Over 1000 young people
attended trips and residential
activities.

This provision is very broad
to engage with young people
from all communities across
Gwynedd. The service is
tailored to the needs of the
participants and the voice of
young people is central to
planning the activities for
these sessions



Health and Well-being



The Festival was intended to promote good mental health and well-being, with a number of activities including sessions on creativity, stress, mental health, recurring training, Lego, financial matters, L G B T+ and more, held across Gwynedd for young people in the county.

The Well-being Festival this year was a huge success that had a positive impact on the lives of young people in the county.



122 o Sesiynau Sessions 1549 o Pobl Ifanc Young People feedback from adborth gan 322 o Pobl Ifanc Young People



Adborth gan pobl ifanc a ffigyrau.

Feedback from young people and numbers.

Five days of Mental Health awareness held in Glan Llyn and Plas Menai, attended by 12 secondary schools.

Bloom, FRIENDS resilience sessions and sessions on anxiety were provided in all Gwynedd's secondary schools.

The Youth Service is part of the 'Mind Our Future' project that is led by young people to improve young people's mental well-being in Gwynedd by asking the young people what can help them.





Homelessness Project

Provides an early intervention in the Youth Engagement and Development Framework and youth work, with the aim of addressing youth homelessness

Research

Collaboration with the housing and homelessness departments, the Post-16 Team and the education department to gather data on the young people (up to 25 years old) who have presented themselves as being homeless over the past three years.

This work recognised any patterns that had been identified from these referrals that helped us to prioritise and target the right young people far more quickly on the path to becoming homeless.

Our offer

Primary Homelessness Prevention Scheme

Prevent or reduce the risks of homelessness for young people across the population in general

Secondary Homelessness Prevention Scheme

Prevent or reduce the risks of homelessness for young people who have been identified as a high risk group or vulnerable young people.

15

Secondary and special schools have received awareness raising sessions

Workshops held;

- Financial Helper
- Healthy Relationships
- Independent Living and Life Skills

Accreditations

Charis available to support vulnerable young people

Grants to

Have worked with target groups in all secondary schools through our Early Identification System





Project - Be di'r Sgôr?



Be Di'r Sgôr is funded by Youth Justice, working with young people between 11 and 18 years old to provide advice, support and information about drugs and alcohol. The service works in a flexible way for people up to 25 years old who already receive support from another agency.

Young people can get in touch directly for support / information through the links below.

It is also possible for parents/ teachers/ doctors or anyone who supports a young person to contact us



Awareness Raising
Sessions for

1510

young people

Intense support provided
to

25

young people

Awareness Raising
Sessions at

28

locations across
Gwynedd



Summer of Fun



Over the summer the Youth Service provided fun and well-being activities in the community for 11–25 year old young people as part of the Summer of Fun project

18

locations across
Gwynedd



550

participants



Over 200 young people from Gwynedd attended the Eisteddfod in Pen Llŷn over the Summer period as part of partnership work between the Youth Service and the Eisteddfod. This initiative enabled young people from all corners of Gwynedd to experience the Eisteddfod free of charge.

Qualifications and Accreditations



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a challenging programme of activities that help you learn new skills, help others, go on an adventure and gain an amazing feeling that you have achieved something great. In addition, many organisations such as employers and universities value it and what it says about you as a participant.

DofE is a programme with four sections and these are at three levels: Bronze (14 years and older)

Silver (15 and older) and Gold (16 and older).

For each level 4 sections need to be completed:

Volunteering

Physical Skills

Expedition

Residential (Gold Award only)



Gold Silver Bronze

5

48

155

received the award

The Youth Service is an Open Wales Recognised Centre. We are able to offer over 6,000 quality-assured accredited units and 400 qualifications that are nationally recognised, ranging from Essential Skills to Sustainability.



1192

Qualifications
completed



Youth Voice

Purpose

Ensuring that the voice of Gwynedd's young people is central to designing Youth Service provision to meet its needs

1 County
Forum and
3 Regional
Forums

53
participants

Aims

Play an active part in
the way the Service is
provided

Raise awareness
about democracy
and rights

Provide
opportunities to
develop learning
pathways

Develop future
youth workers



What do young people say?



“

These activities have helped me develop new skills and discover my interests. I've learned how to be a leader and confident when speaking in front of groups

“

The youth work has opened my eyes to opportunities I didn't know existed. I have participated in community activities and learned the value of volunteering

“

I've learned a lot about the importance of mental health and how to look after my well-being. The workshops have given me the tools I need to cope with stress.

“

Through the support sessions I now know what I want to do in the future and how to get there. It has given me the confidence to achieve my dreams

“

I was taken to one side by my youth worker when I was going through a difficult time in my life. Their support and advice was exactly what I needed to get through it

“

The youth club has given me a safe place to be myself and make new friends. Without it, I would feel very lonely

“

The workshops on life skills have helped me prepare for independent living. I feel more confident about managing money and taking care of myself.

“

The youth club has helped me develop my social confidence. I feel more comfortable meeting new people and forming new relationships

“

Through the community projects, I've learned the value of giving back to the community. It has inspired me to be more social and to try to make a difference

Celebrating Young People's Success

4

Award Nights



Success in these fields:

Volunteering
Qualifications
Duke of Edinburgh
Open Wales
Virtual College
Community Work



149

Young people received awards

Partnerships



Urdd



GIG
CYMRU
NHS
WALES

Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
Betsi Cadwaladr
University Health Board



With Gobaith



Grŵp
Llandrillo
Menai



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