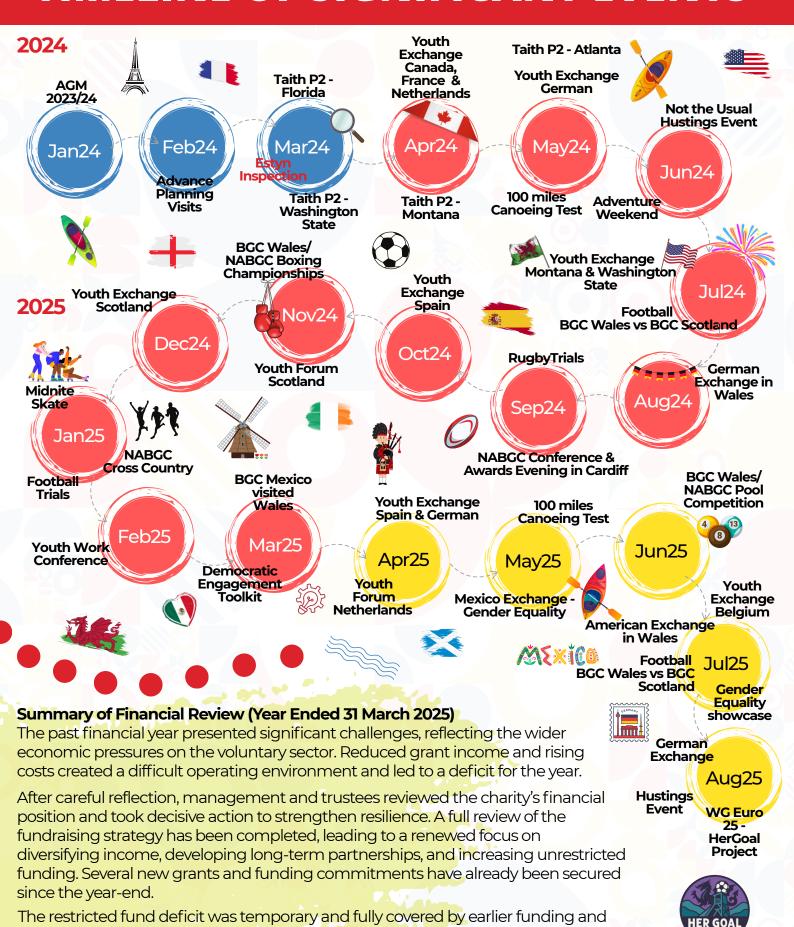


# TIMELINE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS



Despite these challenges, BGC Wales continues to invest in its youth work, club network, and the development of The Lodge, all as part of delivering Strategy 2028. The Trustees remain confident that the charity is financially sustainable and well placed to build on its progress in the coming year.

subsequent recovery, ensuring all projects and commitments continued as planned.

# **FOREWORDS**

## **CHAIRMAN**

## **Andrew Borsden MBE**



## Welcome to our Annual Report 2024/25

It's been a year of real progress and resilience for BGC Wales. Despite funding challenges and staff changes, we've continued to support over 60,000 young people through our clubs, sports programmes, and youth-led projects. The Estyn inspection was a proud moment, recognising the confidence, skills, and opportunities we help young people build.

We've made strong headway with Strategy 2028, and The Lodge is fast becoming a top-tier residential centre. Our partnerships, both local and international, have grown, and our commitment to inclusion, leadership, and youth voice remains at the heart of everything we do.

I'm incredibly proud of our staff, volunteers, and young people. Their energy and dedication are what make BGC Wales such a special organisation.

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

This year has been a testament to the strength and spirit of BGC Wales. Despite facing funding cuts and staffing changes, we've continued to deliver meaningful opportunities for young people across Wales. From sports and residentials to democratic engagement and international exchanges, our programmes have grown in reach and impact.

The Estyn inspection confirmed what we see every day - young people gaining confidence, skills, and a sense of belonging through our work. Strategy 2028 is well underway, and The Lodge is thriving as a hub for outdoor learning and adventure.

I'm proud of our team, our volunteers, and especially the young people who shape and inspire everything we do. Together, we're building a stronger, more inclusive future for youth work in Wales.

## **Grant Poiner**



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2024/25**

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Panels: Cathryn Evans\*
Alan Howells\* (Football)
Andrew Morgan\* (Rugby)

# IN MEMORY OF DALE DAVIES

We are heartbroken by the sudden passing of our dear colleague and friend, Dale Davies in June 2025. Dale joined BGC Wales in November 2023 as Manager of The Lodge residential centre. In such a short space of time, he brought new life to the place sharing his passion for the outdoors, youth development, and meaningful challenge. He had big ideas, boundless energy, and a genuine belief in the potential of young people.

Dale was a true team player, loved and respected by everyone who worked with him. His impact will be felt for years to come. We will miss him more than words can say. From all of us at Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales – thank you, Dale.



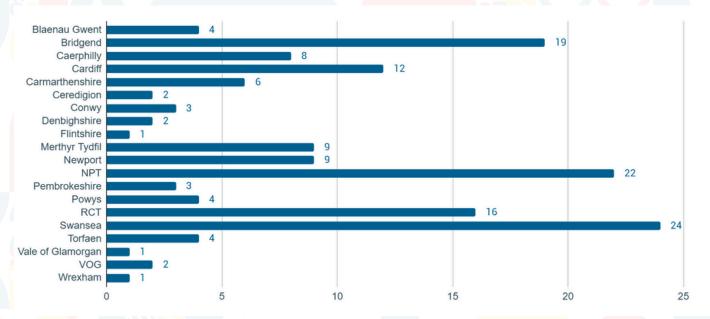
# **2024 - 2025 ACHIEVEMENTS**

We have had a productive and impactful year, despite challenges including unexpected funding cuts and high staff turnover. These setbacks tested our resilience, yet BGC Wales remained committed to delivering high-quality services to young people across Wales, offering a full and varied programme that created new opportunities for them to fulfil their potential.



The Finance Sub-Committee maintained a collaborative relationship with the Leadership & Management Sub-Committee, enhancing management and governance processes.

The affiliation fee was maintained at £30, and membership increased to 145 clubs. While growth is welcome, the focus remains on the quality and impact of affiliated clubs, ensuring they are well-supported and aligned with our values and mission.



In 2024-2025, we focused on planning and delivering Strategy 2028, which sets out five priorities as the organisation approaches its centenary. Supporting over 60,000 young people with 3,000 volunteers, the strategy aims to strengthen the club network, deliver a high-quality youth work curriculum, provide vibrant sports and activities, improve leadership and governance, and develop The Lodge into a first-class residential centre.

Infrastructure improvements included upgraded policies, accounting systems, and a monitoring and engagement system, alongside fostering shared values and a positive organisational culture. Welsh Government SVYWO funding also helped sustain our wider work during this period.

The early closure of the Police Youth Volunteer Scheme due to funding reductions by South Wales Police Crime Commissioner led to four staff redundancies and postponed activities. The organisation responded promptly to support staff and maintain continuity of services.

BGC Wales Centenary Celebration in 2028

As we prepare to celebrate 100 years of BGC Wales, we'd love to hear from you! If you have any photographs, memories, or stories you would like to share in association with BGC Wales, please get in touch.

Contact us at: office@bgc.wales

Let's make our centenary a celebration of the amazing history and people who have shaped our clubs!

## **AND CELEBRATIONS**

The Annual General Meeting took place at Ystradgynlais Football Club, Powys, in January 2025. BGC Wales aims to host future AGMs at member clubs across Wales, strengthening member relationships while providing a boost to local businesses and community income.





## **ESTYN Inspection**

The 2024 Estyn inspection was very positive, highlighting the strong impact on young people, who gain confidence, resilience, and life skills through club activities, residentials, and international exchanges. Inspectors praised inclusivity, ensuring opportunities reach disadvantaged communities, and recognised that young people's voices shape activities. Staff and volunteers were described as committed and well-trained, with recent leadership changes strengthening strategy, governance, and direction.



Read ESTYN Report now!

Two recommendations were made: to improve the flow of information between affiliated clubs and the central organisation, and to accelerate progress in implementing the Welsh language policy. Overall, Estyn concluded that BGC Wales is making a significant difference and is well placed to deliver its long-term strategy.



## **BAVO Awards Evening 2024**

We had an incredible night at the recent Bridgend Association Of Voluntary Organisations Unsung Heroes Awards evening amazing volunteer work celebrating the happening across all communities. Treasurer, Rob Williams, won the Trustee of the Year Award amidst a field of outstanding nominees. And Runner-up Volunteer of the Year Award under 25 went to Lara, whose dedication and hard work inspires us all! Congratulations to Rob, Lara and all the winners and nominees.

We are thrilled to congratulate Kenneth Pritchard from Ystrad Mynach BGC on his achievement recent of receiving Outstanding Volunteer Award from Gelligaer Community Council. This prestigious award recognises Kenneth's dedication, hard work, unwavering commitment Well done. community. Kenneth! Your contributions have made a significant impact, and we are incredibly grateful for all the excellent work you do. Thank you from all of us at BGC Wales for your exemplary service and for being an inspiring role model to others. Keep up the fantastic work!



# **2024 - 2025 ACHIEVEMENTS**

## Volunteers Week 2024

Volunteers Week was a brilliant chance for us to highlight the wonderful work that our volunteers do. We closed the week with a day at the Lodge where a group of us supported the BIG HELP OUT with some gardening and general tidying up. We also then had the pleasure of presenting Room to Reward certificates and prizes to some outstanding volunteers. Well done to everyone!







## Congratulations, Ray – 50 Years of Service

We proudly celebrate Ray from Georgetown BGC for reaching an extraordinary milestone - 50 years of dedicated service. Since joining in 1974, Ray has been a driving force behind the club's success, serving in roles including Leader, Treasurer, Secretary, and Coach. He was instrumental in building the Club Headquarters, later opened by the Duke of Westminster, and has helped nurture over 20 professional players, several representing Wales. Thank you, Ray, for your exceptional commitment and lasting contribution to Georgetown BGC and the young people you've inspired.





The Mem and Nantymoel BGC were all ready for their summer Social Action project funded through our Principality Future Generations Fund. Plants and shrubs were planted in the very neglected Miners Garden after the weeds had been removed, weed control fabric laid, and gravel spread. All this was done by the young people at Nantymoel BGC, giving the community a lovely place to sit and admire the stunning views over the valley.

## **Social Action Projects**

Funded by the Principality Building Society, this initiative gave young people meaningful opportunities to take part in social action projects following a political engagement programme. Working with members across Wales, we supported young people facing participation barriers to raise awareness, foster community, and express their voices through club-based projects. Funding was later extended to support the Police Youth Volunteer Project and an event led by NYAS in March, promoting inclusion, civic responsibility, and youth-led change within local communities.

# **AND CELEBRATIONS**









## **Inclusive Practice and Capacity Building**

In partnership with the Royal Society of Blind Children (RSBC), BGC Wales delivered Capacity Building Training, a three-hour online course to equip club leaders with the knowledge and confidence to include blind and partially sighted young people. Staff promoted this training with support from CWVYS funding, which also contributed towards the purchase of specialist sport goggles for 10 young people. This initiative allowed visually impaired participants to engage fully in sports while raising awareness of inclusive practice across the wider community.



# Curriculum Projects

Funded by the National Lottery Community Fund, this programme enabled our project team to deliver workshops and training at member clubs across Wales on topics including Safer Internet use, Show Racism the Red Card, British Science Week, energy saving, and wellbeing. The project was later extended to support 500 young people within the BGC Wales network, helping them develop knowledge, confidence, and practical skills for future opportunities. It also strengthened relationships between BGC Wales staff, club leaders, and young people, improving youth club provision and building the capacity of clubs to better serve their communities.









## **SPORTS AND PARTICIPATION**

### **BGC WALES SPORTS - KICKING OFF ANOTHER EXCITING SEASON**

BGC Wales continues to provide outstanding sporting opportunities for young people across the country, and our 2024 season has kicked off with great energy. Activities have already included rugby trials, boxing championships, Boys Football Federation Cups, football trials, cross-country events, pool competitions, and rugby fixtures against elite and academy teams in Wales and England. The season will continue with international football games against BGC Scotland and potential educational exchanges, subject to funding.















All representative teams are supported through unrestricted funds, panel-led fundraising, and sponsorships, ensuring young athletes can participate and thrive. Participation across multiple sports is growing, reflecting our commitment to nurturing talent and creating meaningful pathways for young people.

# **SPORTS AND PARTICIPATION**











With nearly 75% of our member clubs being sports-focused, this work sits at the heart of our mission. We are supported by volunteer-led Sports Panels and a part-time Sports Development Officer, and we continue to explore new funding opportunities to sustain and expand these valuable experiences. We also warmly welcome groups interested in volunteering to form new panels or help develop additional sports opportunities within the BGC Wales network.



















# PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Partnership working with local authorities continued in Neath Port Talbot, Blaenau Gwent, Flintshire, Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan, strengthening our commitment to collaborative delivery and tailored support for young people across Wales.

Neath Port Talbot - Through the Youth Support Grant (YSG), two experienced youth workers worked alongside the local youth service to deliver new and diverse activities across both statutory and BGC clubs. This was further enhanced by UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UK SPF) support via the local council, enabling member clubs to develop their own projects and create meaningful volunteering opportunities. Additional small grants from the Welcome Break Charitable Fund and South Wales Police Youth Trust provided resources that improved workshops, strengthened delivery and broadened engagement.

## Snapshots (UK SPF)

- Young people reached: 220 (target 150)
- Facilities supported/created: 8 (target 3)
- Briton Ferry BGC, Neath BGC, Maerdy Youth Club, Port Talbot FC, Afan Lido FC, The Hangout in Neath, Baglan Dragons FC, Goytre United FC
- Local events/activities delivered: 38 (target 4)
- Volunteering opportunities created: 4 (target 3)
- Training sessions attended: 37 (target 18)
- Autism Awareness, Cycle Safety, Food Hygiene, Nutrition, Bike Maintenance
- Improved engagement: 146.6% (target 100%)
- Volunteering numbers resulting from support: 5 (target 3)

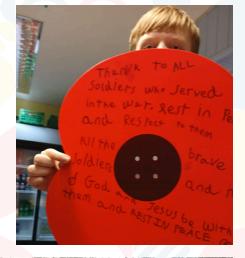






Blaenau Gwent - Funded by the YSG, our staff continued to support alternative education initiatives for young people at risk of exclusion from mainstream education, delivered three days a week.

Vale of Glamorgan – Our work here centred on supporting voluntary youth organisations and building partnerships with other agencies to ensure high-quality provision. Activities included information events and the development of e-learning modules to improve accessibility and learning.







Bridgend - Through UK SPF funding, two training programmes were delivered to club leaders. Leadership Training built confidence in running groups and workshops, while Ascent Training focused on emotional wellbeing, trauma and attachment, equipping staff and club leaders with tools to support young people through a trauma-informed, empathetic approach.

# PARTNERSHIP WORKING

**Flintshire** – This YSG project supported young people with speech and language needs while also assisting their families and peers. Thanks to funding from the Toyota Manufacturing UK Charitable Trust, we were able to purchase essential equipment and resources for our Forest School sessions, giving young people opportunities to connect with nature and enjoy experiential outdoor learning that enhanced wellbeing and inclusion.

New Dragons meets weekly on Thursday evenings for two hours at Bailey Hill, Mold. The club supports 22 young people aged 10–19 with additional needs, including Autism, ADHD, Global Delay, and Down Syndrome. Attendance averages 14–18 young people per session, with 315 contacts recorded over the first six months in 2024.

The club offers a wide range of activities designed to support wellbeing, learning, and social development. Sessions have included STEM projects, arts and crafts, bushcraft, cooking, nature walks, and social outings. Activities are delivered both indoors and outdoors, with staff providing one-to-one support where needed. Two volunteers, who previously attended the club, now assist in sessions and are undergoing training via BGC Wales' CADEMI system.

Participation is voluntary, and young people report feeling welcomed and accepted. Staff have observed improvements in confidence, social and language skills, and the formation of meaningful friendships. The club provides older members a supportive peer network, helping ease transitions to college or new environments.













## DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT

The Democratic Engagement Project (2023–25), alongside the development of the Toolkit for Engaging Young People in Politics for Politicians, has empowered young people across Wales to participate in civic life, develop leadership skills, and influence political discourse. Events such as Not Your Usual Hustings in Jun24 highlighted significant gaps in political education. In response, BGC Wales created a practical toolkit to help politicians engage more effectively with young people. This resource has been distributed to political parties and trialled at a youth-designed hustings event. The project also supported social action initiatives, including My Things Matter – Our Voice, amplifying care-experienced voices at the Senedd. Engagement was further sustained through workshops such as Pizza & Politics and fundraising activities led by young people.



# LAND LINE TRAMPOLING T

## Youth Forum

The Youth Forum has 14 active members who meet regularly to share concerns, celebrate achievements, and promote BGC Wales's projects. In 2024, they visited the UK Parliament in Westminster and the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh, made possible through Taith funding. Additional funding supported production of a practical toolkit to help politicians engage effectively with young people. A highlight was the "Not Your Usual Hustings" event, where 72 young people, mainly from marginalised groups, engaged directly with six politicians on issues such as education, health, care, and youth work. The event was a runner-up for the UK Parliament Week Champion of the Year Award. The Youth Forum also supported initiatives like My Things Matter - Our Voice, amplifying careexperienced voices at the Senedd, and sustained engagement through workshops such as Pizza & Politics and vouth-led fundraising. **BGC** Wales remains committed to expanding the toolkit and fostering dialogue between young people and decision-makers.





Toolkit
for Engaging
Young People
in Politics
For politicians
in Wales



# **GENDER EQUALITY PROJECT**

During 2024–2025, the Gender Equality Project, funded by the British Council and delivered in partnership with Boys and Girls Clubs of Mexico, has continued to expand and make a meaningful impact. The project focuses on empowering young people, particularly young women, through leadership development, advocacy skills, and fostering global awareness. Following a visit from Monica Sánchez, CEO of Club de Niños y Niñas de Nuevo León, and her staff member Nadia, planning commenced for a showcase event at Cardiff City Football Stadium to celebrate the achievements of participants and highlight their contributions on key topics including Women's Safety, Female Voices, and Equality in Sport.



Collaboration between Mexican partners and BGC Wales staff has also resulted in the co-development of virtual exchanges, enabling young people from both countries to share ideas, experiences, and learning across borders. Central to the project, the youth-led campaign More Than Equal has emerged as a powerful theme, reflecting the creativity, passion, and commitment of participants to advancing gender equality in their communities.

From Left: Elise Burgess, Cat Martinole, Kayleigh Cowdery (Project Lead), Monica Sánchez and Naida visited Cardiff.

BGC Wales visited Monica and her team at Club de Niños y Niñas de Nuevo León (Boys and Girls Clubs of Mexico), engaging directly with their young people and strengthening international connections. This included a virtual exchange with young people in Wales in May 2025, fostering cross-cultural learning and collaboration. The outcomes of this initiative were celebrated at a showcase event held in Cardiff City Stadium in July 2025, and the project has been nominated for Project of the Year by the World Youth Clubs. It has also been highlighted in Children in Wales Magazine and the World Youth Clubs newsletter. Watch this space for more exciting developments!















# THE LODGE

## What's The Lodge?

The Lodge is a well-being and activity centre run by BGC Wales, nestled in the rolling hills of South Wales in Bettws, Bridgend (Heol Dewi Sant, CF32 8TA). It's a residential and activity hub where young people and groups can get a proper breath of fresh air, both literally and figuratively.





## Facilities at The Lodge:

Accommodation: Comfortable bunk-style and self-catering living for 44 guests Facilities: Shower blocks, large communal kitchen, meeting rooms, bike wash, and accessible features for guests with mobility needs.

## **Outdoor extras:**

Campfire and cooking zones, climbing hut, covered stage/picnic area, and plenty of free parking.



## What's The Lodge suitable for?

The Lodge is all about blending nature and engagement: Popular activities include bushcraft, team-building, climbing, canoeing, and good old adventure days. Whether you're after active days packed with action or a peaceful escape surrounded by valleys, nature reserves, forests and coastal paths. It's ideal for university groups, youth clubs, DofE participants, schools, MTB riders, walking groups.



## Flexible offerings

Tailored packages: Choose self-led options or fully catered, instructor-led programmes. Want to run your own thing? The Lodge can be hired as a private, self-catering residential venue, with meeting rooms available by the hour or day.



"We had a warm welcome and a great time at The Lodge, can't wait to return"

"This place is awesome. It's the place to chill and do activities. Best workers. Thanks for having us"



















# THE LODGE

During 2024–2025, The Lodge has made significant progress, securing Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and Adventure Activities Licensing Authority licences to deliver adventurous activities. Small grants from the Hubbub Foundation, Skipton Building Society, Arnold Clark Community Fund, and Coalfield Community Trust supported outdoor improvements and equipment for the 100 Mile Canoe Test.

Site upgrades during this period include a new wooden sign, a donated marquee, climbing holds in The Hut, The Other Place container for equipment, a covered stage, a dedicated food store and hand wash basin, and a 65-inch classroom TV.

Residentials have been delivered for Scouts, Girls' Rugby, Boxing, Plan UK, and Merthyr Care Leavers, with repeat bookings from schools and outreach in Cardiff's inner-city schools growing. Promotional videos are being developed with Cardiff Metropolitan University to support future marketing. The Lodge is now well-positioned as a leading provider of outdoor adventure experiences for young people.





















# **INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS**

During the period from April 2024 to March 2025, Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales successfully delivered a total of nine Outward Mobilities through two Taith Pathway 1 projects. These programmes enabled 212 young people and 46 leaders to participate in international learning and cultural experiences across seven countries - the USA, Spain, Germany, Scotland, France, Canada, and the Netherlands.

In addition, one Inward Mobility took place as part of a German exchange, which brought together 45 young people and 10 leaders from both Germany and Wales, fostering crosscultural understanding and long-term partnership between the two nations.

























# **INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS**

Under the 2023–24 Pathway 2, Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales also participated in Taith Pathway 2, which supports educational innovation through Welsh-led international collaborative partnerships addressing sector priorities in Wales. During January 2024 to May 2024, the organisation delivered four trips to the United States, involving a total of 16 practitioners who visited Florida, Atlanta, Washington, and Yellowstone.

These visits laid a strong foundation for ongoing collaboration with World Youth Clubs and its network, strengthening international connections, sharing good practice, and developing future partnership projects that enhance opportunities for young people in Wales. The outcomes and learning from these trips were disseminated in June 2024, ensuring wider impact and knowledge sharing across the sector.

















# **POLICE YOUTH VOLUNTEERS**

From April 2023 to January 2025, BGC Wales was proud to be a partner in the Police Youth Volunteer (PYV) Scheme, working alongside Cardiff Metropolitan University and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David under the umbrella of CWVYS.

Together, the team developed an innovative curriculum that blended traditional uniformed learning with the principles of youth work, offering 14–18-year-olds opportunities to grow in skills, confidence, and citizenship.

Unfortunately, the scheme ended earlier than planned due to funding reductions by the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, which resulted in four staff redundancies and the postponement of planned activities. BGC Wales responded promptly to support affected staff and ensure continuity of services for young people. Despite its early closure, the project broke new ground and left a valuable legacy for future youth engagement, further demonstrating BGC Wales's commitment to collaboration, innovation, and impactful youth programmes.













# **STRATEGY 2028**

On 15th September 2028 the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales (BGC Wales) will turn 100 years old - this is a significant moment for such an iconic and cultural organisation that is rooted in the mining communities of Wales. This date will not only be a day of celebration but also the date at which we realise the aims of this strategy. This strategy sets out a vision of how the organisation will look in 2028. This will include the programmes on offer for young people, how the clubs support the young people, the sporting and health opportunities available and the systems and processes to support and sustain a quality organisation. The strategy will also set out the part the Lodge residential centre will play to support the development of young people in Wales but also help the organisation become sustainable. This strategy is ambitious but builds on the work of a well established, continuously growing and learning organisation that aims to provide the best for young people in Wales.

# STRATEGY 2028 100 YEARS



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# **NABGC CONFERENCE**

## Stronger Together - Quality Matters Conference & Awards Evening

Hosted by Boys & Girls Clubs of Wales and proudly headline sponsored by World Youth Clubs, was a truly memorable celebration of youth work, learning, and shared achievement across Wales and beyond.

The day conference, attended by around 150 people, brought together young people, youth practitioners from across Wales, representatives from BGC Wales member clubs, member clubs of the National Association of Boys & Girls Clubs (NABGC) across the UK, and international guests from World Youth Clubs in America. The event featured inspiring speakers, including World Youth Clubs co-founders Susan Porcaro-Goings and Rick Goings, whose vision and commitment to global youth work set a powerful tone for the day.





From the outset, keynote speaker Caleb Jackson reminded us of the importance of demonstrating the real impact of youth clubs and youth services, to ensure they continue to receive the support and recognition they deserve.

A particularly moving part of the day came from members of the BGC Wales Youth Forum, who spoke with confidence and heart about how their local clubs, and the wider Boys & Girls Clubs network, have shaped their lives. The afternoon continued with engaging and practical workshops led by Evan McElroy (World Youth Clubs) and Emma Chivers, focusing on marketing and leadership development.













# & AWARDS EVENING

As evening fell, the Awards Evening, attended by around 120 guests and hosted by Welsh rugby legend Colin Charvis, shone a spotlight on those making an outstanding difference within our network:

- Outstanding Leader of the Year: Kat Katuszka
- Young Person of the Year: Seren Kenny
- Volunteer of the Year: Rebecca Sutton







A true highlight of the evening was celebrating the incredible achievement of six Paris 2024 Olympians who began their journeys in Boys & Girls Clubs. Their success stories are a shining example of how grassroots sport and youth work nurture both talent and confidence.

Triathlete Kate Waugh shared a heartfelt reflection on her club beginnings, while Olympic bronze medallist Lewis Richardson joined us in person for an inspiring Q&A about his journey from local club to Olympic podium.







The evening also honoured Ray Davies, Eiron Dodd, and Martin Solder, recognising around 150 years of combined service to the movement.







The evening was closed by Sahara-Jayne (SJ), an active member of her club, Grangetown BGC, who has been using the recording studio to write and perform music. We were delighted that SJ shared her talent with us, performing a few songs to bring the event to a joyful close.

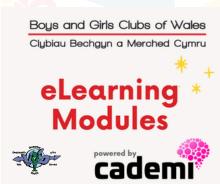
# **BGC WALES CADEMI**

Cademi is BGC Wales' dedicated eLearning platform, designed to support staff, club leaders, young people, anyone looking to open or run a BGC Wales-affiliated youth club.

Our modules provide essential guidance to ensure clubs are set up and managed smoothly, giving volunteers and leaders the confidence and knowledge they need.

In 2024-25, funded by the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Service, our work here centred on supporting voluntary youth organisations and building partnerships with other agencies to ensure high-quality provision. Activities included information events and the development of e-learning modules to improve accessibility and learning.





This comprehensive guide provides step-by-step instructions on how to successfully set up and manage a Boys & Girls Clubs of Wales (BGC Wales) affiliated youth club. Covering everything from initial planning and legal requirements to day-to-day operations and youth engagement, it serves as an essential resource for new and existing clubs. Designed to complement the BGC Wales e-learning modules available on Cademi, this guide ensures that youth workers, volunteers, and organisers have the knowledge and tools needed to create a safe, inclusive, and thriving environment for young people.













## **Youth Club Guidebook**

An A-Z guide of how to effectively establish and run a Boys & Girls Clubs of Wales affiliated youth club. This guide supports the BGC Wales e-learning modules on Cademi.

This guide is for:

- People wanting to start a youth club
- People wanting guidance on an existing youth club they run
- People wanting more information on youth work and the running of a club







## **Arweinlyfr Clwb leuenctid**

Canllaw A-Y ar sut i sefydlu a rhedeg clwb ieuenctid cysylltiedig â Chlybiau Bechgyn a Merched Cymru yn effeithiol. Mae'r canllaw hwn yn cefnogi modiwlau e-ddysgu BGC Cymru ar Cademi.

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Pobl sydd eisiau dechrau clwb ieuenctid

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- Pobl eisiau mwy o wybodaeth am waith ieuenctid a rhedeg clwb







This Youth Club Guidebook was funded by the Welsh Government's Taith Pathway 2 funding and was produced following four visits to the USA by Volunteers and Youth Workers from throughout Wales during 2024. These visits were supported by the World Youth Clubs and in particular Kirk Dominick who helped us establish contacts with four Boys' and Girls' Clubs in the USA. These included Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County, Boys & Girls Clubs of Yellowstone County, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta.



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# **APPRECIATION**

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all our funders, sponsors, partners, member clubs and volunteers for their invaluable support and collaboration throughout 2024–2025. Your commitment has made it possible for Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales to continue empowering young people, strengthening our network of member clubs, and delivering meaningful opportunities across communities in Wales. From funding essential programmes and activities to sharing expertise, facilities, and resources, your partnership has been vital to our success. Together, we have achieved more than we ever could alone, and we look forward to building on this strong foundation in the year ahead.

# THANK YOU



















































































































































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