



## New Chief Executive for Menter Caerdydd and Menter Bro Morgannwg

Menter Caerdydd and Menter Bro Morgannwg are delighted to announce the appointment of Manon Rees-O'Brien as their new Chief Executive. She succeeds Siân Lewis who has been appointed Chief Executive of the Urdd.

Hailing from Denbigh, Manon has worked in recent years in Cardiff for Sports Wales and has been responsible for developing the relationship between them and the Welsh Rugby Union and the Football Association of Wales. With a degree in Economics from Aberystwyth University, Manon began her career in the world of finance until the opportunity arose for her to combine her two passions "sport" and "Wales" with a career at Sport Wales.

During her 16 years at Sport Wales, Manon has worked in numerous departments, developing an array of experience and skills.

Manon said "It's a privilege and an honour to be appointed Chief Executive for Menter Caerdydd and Menter Bro Morgannwg. I'm looking forward to working closely with the organisations' committed staff and volunteers in order to continue to offer opportunities and employment to promote and develop the use of the Welsh language in our communities."

Announcing the news of this new appointment, Eryl Jones, Chair of Menter Caerdydd said: "It's a pleasure to welcome Manon as our new Chief Executive and I look forward to working with her."

Paying tribute to Ms Lewis, Mr Jones added; "I would like to thank Siân for her commitment and energy during her time as Chief Executive of the Menter. Through her leadership skills, she and her team have achieved a huge amount over the years. It has been a pleasure working with her and we all wish her every success in the future"

Manon has officially start her role as Chief Executive for Menter Caerdydd and Menter Bro Morgannwg on the 1st of February.



## HOLIDAY CARESCHEME



The Holiday Carescheme will also be running at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg during February half term, from Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5.30pm

The Holiday Carescheme is available

to every child receiving Welsh medium primary education in the Vale, and is held during every school holidays, excluding Christmas. This is the only full day provision available through the medium of Welsh in the Vale, and provides an important service which allows parents to continue to work during school holiday periods and for the children to continue to speak Welsh outside the school term.

The timetable for the February half term includes a Yoga Workshop, Sports with the Urdd, Pancake Making, Tie-Dye Workshop, Disco Party and a trip to the cinema to watch 'Coco'. The price is £20 per child per day, but Friday is half price (£10) if you book another day for the same child.

You can register for the Holiday Carescheme on Menter's website, or for more information please contact ffion@menterbromorgannwg.cymru / 029 20689888

## FAMILY WEEKEND TO LLANGRANNOG

We have organised a family weekend to Llangrannog during the Easter holidays, April 6th – 8th 2018. The price includes en-suite accommodation;; breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner; every activity; a walk to the beach; twmpath with a live band; Easter egg hunt and a Welsh lesson for parents.

For more information and to book, please contact ffion@menterbromorgannwg.cymru / 029 20689888.

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Are you learning Welsh or looking for more opportunities to speak the language socially? A great opportunity to meet fellow learners and practise your Cymraeg in an informal environment. Suitable for all levels!

Coffee Mornings – 4 weekly sessions between 11am-12pm

Monday at Foxy's Deli, Penarth; Tuesday at Academy Espresso Bar, Pumphouse, Barry; Wednesday at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge;



Thursday at Café Velo, Llantwit Major.

Dysgu a Diod – A monthly evening conversational session held on the first Monday of every month, 7-8pm at the Old Swan Inn. Upcoming dates: March 5th, April 2nd.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Menter Bro Morgannwg's AGM was held on Monday, January 29th, at Jenner Park Clubhouse. It was lovely to welcome so many partners and supporters of Menter to discuss our work over the last 12 months, as well as looking forward to the developments and priorities for 2018.

It was also a pleasure to welcome Nicola Buttle as our guest speaker, to hear more about her role as Welsh Curriculum Co-ordinator at Cardiff and Vale College. Nicola gave us a very interesting presentation and discussion on her vision for promoting bilingualism across the College, amongst students as well as staff members, and to hear some more details of the new partnership between Menter and the College.

We would like to thank our staff, Management Board, partners and members of the community for their support throughout the year, and look forward to another successful year in 2018!

## HALF TERM WORKSHOPS

In partnership with Cardiff and Vale College lecturers and students, we are delighted to announce a brand new package of activities and workshops during school holidays, which will start during February half term:

**Hairdressing & Beauty Workshop** – for children in yrs.3-6. A relaxed day of pampering, and a chance to learn to paint nails and plait hair. Monday 19/02, 10.30am-2.30pm, Cardiff and Vale College, Barry Campus, Colcot Road CF62 8YJ, £15 per child.

**Arts and Crafts session** – for children in reception to year 2. Monday 19/02, 10.30am-12pm, Cardiff and Vale College, Barry Campus, Colcot Road CF62 8YJ, £5 per child.

**Netball Camp** – for children in yrs.3-6. An opportunity to gain Netball skills and practise technique, under the instruction of fully qualified and professional coaches that form part of the Welsh Netball team. The session will be held indoors. Wednesday 21/02, 10am-2pm, Cardiff and Vale College, Cardiff International Sports

Campus, Leckwith CF11 8AZ, £12 per child.

You can book for any of these Activities on Menter's website, or by contacting

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## IOLO MORGANWG EXHIBITION

As part of our Heritage project, "Iolo ar Daith", we gathered a group of local people to establish a research group to find out some more information about this unique character from the Vale.

We held a series of research sessions and lectures led by Dr Dylan Foster Evans, and their work has been gathered into an exhibition which will travel across the Vale over the next few months.

The exhibition can currently be viewed at Cowbridge Library until February 23rd, it will then move on to Palmerston Centre between February 26th-March 9th, and then Barry Library from the 12th of March.

## SPORTS CLUBS



In partnership with the Urdd Sport Department and the Vale of Glamorgan Council, we run a range of activities and sports clubs after school across the Vale.

These include swimming lessons in Hebron Hall, Barry Leisure Centre and Penarth Leisure Centre, weekly clubs including Athletics, Gymnastics, Netball and lots of Multi-Sports ses-

sions after school.

For more information and to register your child, please call the Urdd's Office on (029) 20635698 or contact the Sports Officers directly:

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Chwefror 24ain - Yr Hen Neuadd, Y Bontfaen  
Mawrth 10fed - Yr Hen Ysgol, Llanilltud Fawr  
Mawrth 24ain - Neuadd y Memo, Y Barri

Sadwrn 10am-12pm      £10 y sesiwn

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