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## 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 currently works in Cardiff for Sports Wales and is 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 priveledge 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 to organise events in 2018 to celebrate Menter's 20<sup>th</sup> year."

Paying tribute to Ms Lewis, Mr Jones added; "I would like to thank Siân for her committment 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 will officially start her role as Chief Executive for Menter Caerdydd and Menter Bro Morgannwg on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2018.