

Carmarthenshire County Council

Walk The Global Walk

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Carmarthenshire County Council: Walk the Global Walk Programme

Our young people are concerned about climate change. With COP26 currently underway and 'Global Climate Strikes' inspired by Swedish activist, Greta Thunberg a platform for our young people to respond is needed.

How do we support this? Not all young people want to be involved in action of this nature and as a local authority we have a duty to ensure our young people feel empowered to respond to global issues.

As part of their work to address climate change and achieve the Wellbeing of Future Generations' Goals, Carmarthenshire Local Authority has extended pathways for communication across schools, communities and local authority departments.

In 2019 Carmarthenshire County Council, together with Dolen Cymru Lesotho, received funding from the European Commission to develop a global citizenship education programme.

The Walk the Global Walk schools' programme was a three-year international project which focussed on mobilising young people in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The programme was led by Oxfam Italia and Tuscany Region and connected local government, school communities and NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations) from 11 European nations, promoting collaboration to address three of the SDGs, namely;

- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- SDG 13: Climate Action
- SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.



The project offered:

- Teacher training on the Walk the Global Walk project and a bilingual teachers' resource pack.
- Support for teachers in implementing the programme in schools.
- Training for students ambassadors, 'Global Goalkeepers', in leadership and active citizenship.
- Support for the Global Goalkeepers to help raise awareness with their peers and local community.
- Support for school and community based actions.
- Participation in the 'Global Walk', a high-profile climate action event to showcase and celebrate achievements.
- Networking events bringing together Global Goalkeepers and their teachers, councillors, relevant council officers, NGOs and volunteers.
- A model UN Climate Change conference and Q&A session with councillors.
- School visits and small grants to help support SDG community actions.
- Support to link with Wales' twin country, Lesotho, through the Connecting Classrooms Programme and carry out climate action projects with schools in a country already at the sharp end of climate change
- Participation in a climate action digital media campaign competition.
- Participation in an International Walk the Global Walk Summer School, to meet Global Goalkeepers and local authority representatives from the other nations to work on a joint manifesto for climate action.

The young ambassadors, Global Goalkeepers, raised awareness of climate change and led actions in their communities.

Over 250 young people attended the Global Walk, in the National Botanic Gardens of Wales with the active participation from the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, a large group of visiting teachers from Lesotho and other stakeholders.

100% of the young people surveyed said they enjoyed taking part in the walk and 93% stated their commitment to taking further action for the SDGs in future.

This event ignited a new dialogue for our young change-makers at both local and national level.



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Impact

- Over 2,000 pupils have been taught using the Climate Action Resource Pack.
- Over 100 people participated in a networking and action planning event in January 2020. This event highlighted the Local Authority's Net Zero Carbon plan. Carmarthenshire County Council was the first local authority in Wales to declare a Climate Emergency in February 2019 and to publish a Net Zero Carbon Plan in February 2020. The networking event included council officers from Transport, Waste Minimisation and Biodiversity who were able to offer practical suggestions for taking action in school communities.

Feedback on the event was exceedingly positive with 100% of participants declaring they were highly or very satisfied, 92% of Global Goalkeepers felt highly or very inspired to take action as individuals and 95% to take action in their schools and communities.

- An online Walk the Global Walk Summer School event was held on 24th June 2020, which included presentations, and a Q&A session with Council staff and Councillors. This work culminated in the creation of the Carmarthenshire Global Goalkeepers' Climate Action Manifesto with its eight recommendations. This landmark document, has been endorsed by the local authority, was written by a representative group of Global Goalkeepers, supported by local authority officers and NGOs, all of whom were present at this event.
- The Walk The Global Walk schools' programme offered a blueprint for global citizenship education and supported preparations for the introduction of the new curriculum.
- The new Curriculum for Wales has four core purposes. The four purposes provide the starting point and aspiration for the schools' curriculum design, and supports all learners to become;
 - ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives
 - enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
 - ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world
 - healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society

Manifesto Gweithredu dros yr Hinsawdd, Gôl-geidwaid Byd-eang Sir Gaerfyrddin

Crëwyd y manifesto hwn ar gyfer Nod Datblygu Cynaliadwy 13 Gweithredu dros yr Hinsawdd gan Gôl-geidwaid Byd-eang Sir Gaerfyrddin trwy'r prosiect Walk the Global Walk. Daethpwyd i'w argymhellion trwy drafodaethau â Gôl-geidwaid Byd-eang o wledydd partner, cynghorwyr a swyddogion o Gyngor Sir Gaerfyrddin, athrawon, cynrychiolwyr o'r Gyngor Ieuenctid, Dolen Cymru Lesotho a Chadw Cymru'n Daclus. Rydym ni, y rhai sydd wedi llofnodi isod ac sy'n cynrychioli pobl ifanc Sir Gaerfyrddin, wedi dod yn ymwybodol iawn o'r peryglon i'n cenhedlaeth ni ac i genedlaethau'r dyfodol a achosir gan ddiffyg gweithredu yn wyneb newid yn yr hinsawdd.

Mae'r argyfwng hinsawdd eisoes yn effeithio ar filiynau ledled y byd, gan daro'r rhai sydd â'r adnoddau lleiaf i ddelio ag ef yn galetaf. Rydym yn gwneud newidiadau i'n ffordd o fyw fel unigolion ac yn arwain gweithredoedd yn ein hysgolion a'n cymunedau i addasu i newid yn yr hinsawdd a'i liniaru. Fodd bynnag, os am gael effaith ystyrlon, ni allwn wneud hyn ar ein pennau ein hunain. Felly gofynnwn i Gyngor Sir Gaerfyrddin addo ei ymrwymiad i weithredu dros yr hinsawdd trwy:

1. Hyrwyddo datblygiad manau gwyrdd a chefnogi plannu rhywogaethau o goed brodorol, o leiaf 10 coeden ym mhob ysgol, neu gymuned ysgol os nad yw tir yr ysgol yn addas, a sicrhau eu diogelwch parhaol
2. Annog a chefnogi trafniadaeth ddiogel a chynaliadwy ar gyfer ysgolion gan gynnwys rhannu ceir, cerdded a beicio e.e. darparu llochesi beic.
3. Sefydlu corff ymgynghori ar weithredu dros yr hinsawdd sy'n cynnwys grŵp cynrychiadol o bobl ifanc, cynghorwyr, swyddogion cyngor a busnesau lleol sy'n cyfarfod bob 3 mis i sicrhau cynnydd ar y manifesto hwn
4. Darparu cefnogaeth i wledydd datblygol i frwydro yn erbyn effaith newid yn yr hinsawdd e.e. trwy gefnogi menter Maint Cymru
5. Cefnogi creu gerddi mewn ysgolion a chymunedau lleol i ddarparu bwyd ac annog bioamrywiaeth e.e. darparu hadau a gwrtaith heb fawn
6. Dyblu defnydd y cyngor o gerbydau hybrid a thrydan a gosod pwyntiau gwefru trydan mewn ysgolion cynradd ac uwchradd priodol erbyn Ionawr 2022
7. Cydweithio ag ysgolion a chyflenwyr i leihau'r defnydd o blastig un defnydd mewn ysgolion erbyn Ionawr 2022
8. Sicrhau bod gan bobl ifanc y gefnogaeth sydd ei hangen arnynt i gyflawni gweithredoedd hinsawdd perthnasol



Carmarthenshire Global Goalkeepers Climate Action Manifesto

This manifesto for Sustainable Development Goal 13 Climate Action was created by Carmarthenshire's Global Goalkeepers through the Walk the Global Walk project. Its recommendations were arrived at through discussions with Global Goalkeepers from partner countries, councillors and council officers from Carmarthenshire County Council, teachers, representatives from the Youth Council, Dolen Cymru Lesotho and Keep Wales Tidy.

We, the undersigned, representing the young people of Carmarthenshire, have become acutely aware of the dangers to our own generation and to future generations posed by inaction in the face of climate change. The climate emergency is already affecting millions around the world, hitting hardest those with the least resources to deal with it.

We are making lifestyle changes as individuals and leading actions in our schools and communities to adapt to and mitigate climate change. However, if there is to be a meaningful impact, we cannot do this alone. So we ask that Carmarthenshire County Council pledge its commitment to climate action by:

1. Promote development of green spaces and support native tree species planting of a minimum of 10 trees in each school, or school community if school grounds are unsuitable, and ensure their ongoing protection
2. Encourage and support safe, sustainable school transport including car-pooling, walking and cycling e.g. providing bike shelters
3. Set up a climate action consultation body consisting of a representative group of young people, councillors, council officers, and local businesses which meets every 3 months to ensure progress on this manifesto
4. Provide support for developing countries to combat impact of climate change e.g. by supporting the Size of Wales initiative
5. Support the development of gardens in schools and local communities to provide food and encourage biodiversity e.g. provide seeds and peat-free compost
6. Double the council's use of hybrid and electric vehicles and install electric charging points in appropriate primary and secondary schools by January 2022
7. Work together with schools and suppliers to reduce single use plastic in schools by January 2022
8. Ensure young people have the support they need to carry out relevant climate actions

Wedi ei gymeradwyo gan gynrychiolwyr o Gyngor Sir Gaerfyrddin ac o Gyrrff Anllywodraethol: | Endorsed by representatives of Carmarthenshire County Council and NGOs:

- Gareth Morgans - Director of Education • Cefin Campbell - Executive Board Member for Communities and Rural Affairs • Kendal Davies - Sustainability Manager • Rebecca Stone - Carbon Reduction Officer
- Polly Seton - International School Linking Officer • Bethan Evans Phillips - Eco Schools Officer, Keep Wales Tidy • Mandy Ballett & Sharon Flint - Education Officers, Dolen Cymru Lesotho

Wedi ei lofnodi gan Gôl-geidwaid Byd-eang ac Athrawon o: | Signed by Global Goalkeepers and Teachers from:

Ysgol Dyffryn Aman	Ysgol Bro Dinefwr	Coedcae School	Ysgol Glan-y-Môr	Ysgol Gyfun Y Strade
Sam Barrett Magda Smith Gareth Holmes (Teacher)	Milly Jones Isabel Edwards Carol Owen (Teacher)	Lily Evans, Chloe Barlow, Rhys Thomas, Sophia Kwan Victoria Colbourne (Teacher)	Liberty Brown Thomas Ashby Sophie Bowen (Teacher)	Ieuan Davies Katie George Sion Acciaoli (Teacher)
Queen Elizabeth High School - Arwen Skinner, Carmarthenshire Youth Council				



Carmarthenshire Global Goalkeepers' Climate Action Manifesto

Our Objectives:

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Lessons learned as a local authority

- Schools are very busy places. We have learnt to work closely to make explicit the links with other priorities they may have, establish a clear timeline and allow space and time to complete activities.
- The views of young people are relevant and challenging and we have a duty to provide suitable avenues of communication for them.
- The learning goes both ways. The young ambassadors, local authority officers and Councillors have a clear and purposeful dialogue as a result of this project.

Next steps

- Expanding opportunities for schools to explore global issues and continue to work with our partners in Lesotho through Dolen Cymru.
- Establish new partnerships through as the newly formed Welsh Government's International Schools Programme (2022).
- Continue to develop the 'Schools as Learning Organisations (2017) programme in preparation for the new curriculum. Connecting schools, NGO's and businesses to develop creative pathways for our young people to become ethical and informed citizens of Wales and the world.
- Carmarthenshire Youth Council and the Climate Action Consultation Group will work together to action their Climate Action Manifesto.
- Work alongside the local authority to implement plans to becoming carbon neutral by 2030, (Prosiect Zero Sir Gâr).
- Continue to support our schools to build on the success of the Walk The Global Walk programme and sustain momentum through networking, training and creative learning opportunities.

Links:

- <https://walktheglobalwalk.eu/en/news/1145-Global-Goalkeeper-Training-and-Networking-Event-Wales-SDG-13-Climate-Action>
- <https://walktheglobalwalk.eu/en/news/wales/929-teachers-workshop-wales-sdg-13-climate-action>
- <https://platforma-dev.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Municipalities-and-regions-take-action-on-Global-Citizenship-Education-EN.pdf>
- <https://youtube.com/watch?v=M75cnrhUtWo>



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