

Urdd Gobaith Cymru

Exploring the impact The Urdd has had
on the role of the Welsh language in
education.

ECIE5004: Celebrating Language &
Culture Belonging to Wales.



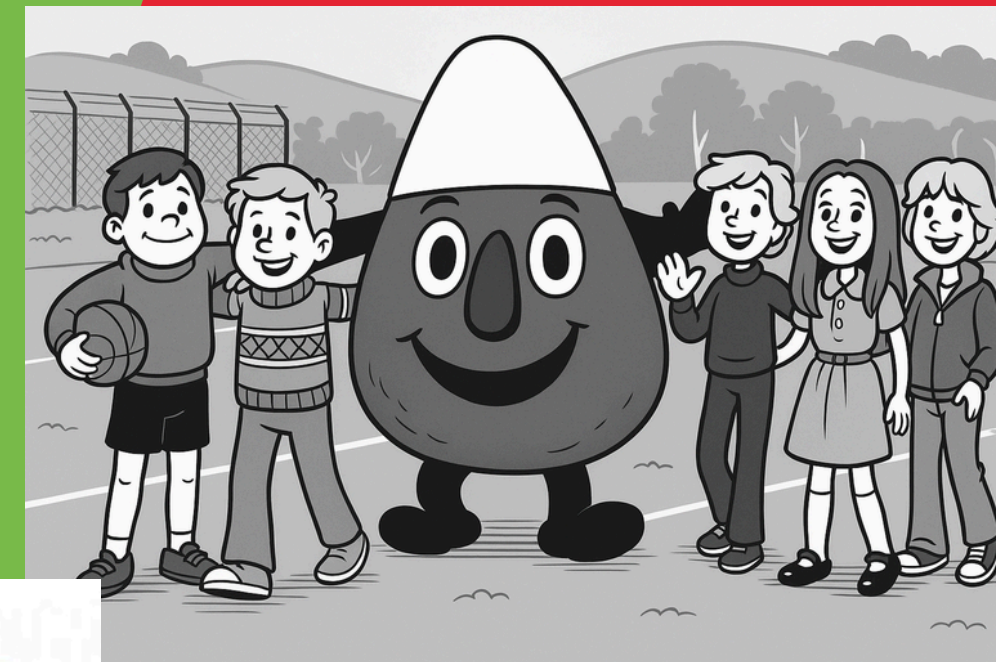
(Urdd Cymru, n.d.)

Presentation 2025

A priveledge for Wales.



(Nation.cymru, 2024)



(Peoples collection.Wales, 2022)



(WCIA, 2025)

**“Cenedl heb iaith, cenedl heb
galon”-**

**“A nation without a language
is a nation without a heart.”**

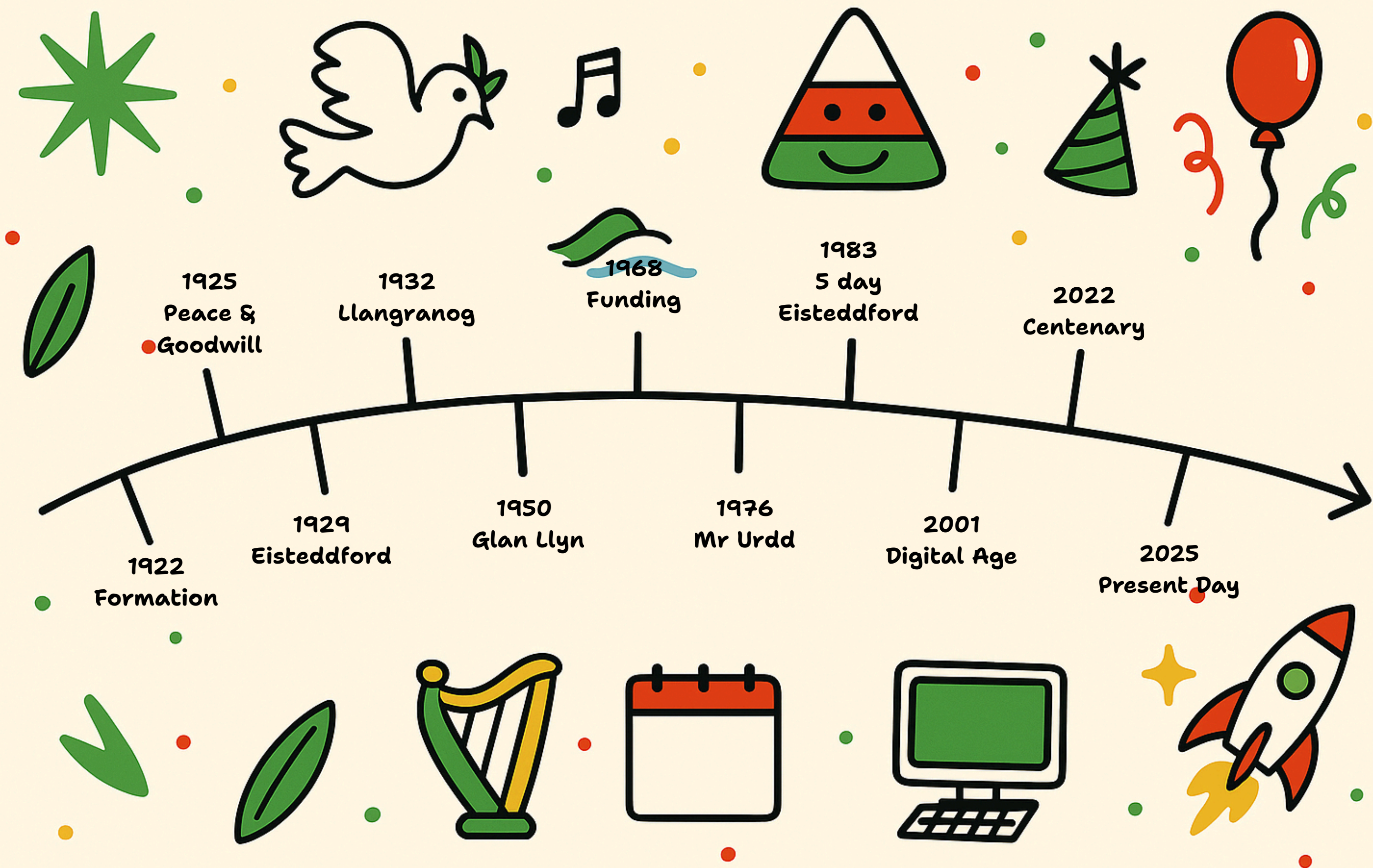
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Eisteddford



(ChatGPT, 2025)

Educational

- Organisations invited to attend and hold stalls.
- Supports the new curriculum in Wales, by teaching through art & humanities.

(Evans. O, 2024)
(Welsh Government, 2025)

Social

- Sheds light on local communities.
- Allows like minded people to come together.
- Celebrates Wales, the language and everything the Nation has to offer.

(McKernan. B, 2025).
(IWA.Wales, 2025).

Language

- Promotes Bilingualism.
- Provides a sense of belonging for Welsh speakers.

(Rhondda Cynon Taff Council, 2025).
(Elidyr Trust, 2023)

L L A N G R A N N O G

Founded in 1932.

The rapid popularity and growth required expansion and development by 1936.

Developed by the support of many organisations by receiving grants from organisations such as Social Services.

Provides activities and stays for children aged 4 and up. Promoting Welsh language support from Foundation Phase.

Whilst Llangrannog was the first residential site, the popularity and demand has seen several more open throughout the decades.

Funding available for those in financial hardships. Making learning through experiences available to as many as possible.

(Urdd Cymru, 2025).



(Urdd.Cymru, 2021)

The Urdd & The Classroom.

Hwyl yn y
Gymraeg.

Rimbojam

Eisteddfod
participation.

Offer full or
half day
school visits.

Promotes
bilingualism.

Generates
interest
to continue
growth.

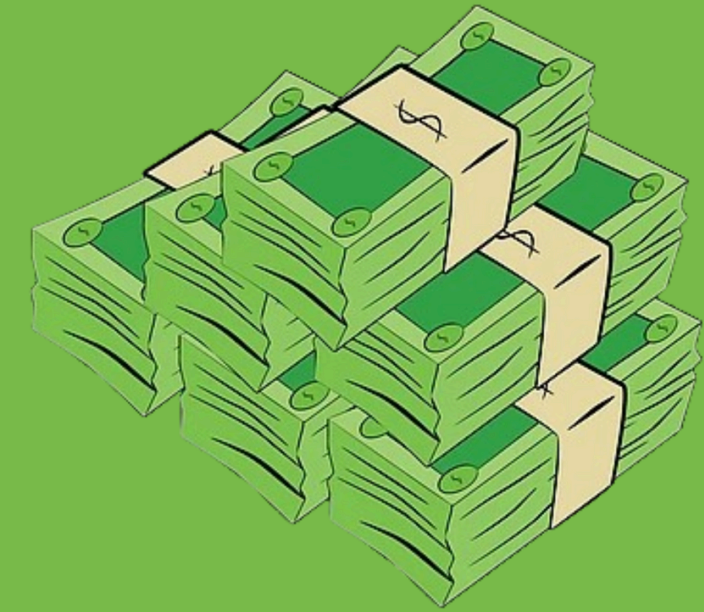


(Urdd.Cymru, 2025)

Social & Economic Impacts

‘Over the last 5 years, the Urdd’s economic worth has increased by over three-quarters, rising from £25.5 million to £44.9 million’.

Jo Stevens (2023).



The Urdd is one of the largest Welsh language employers and the main provider of apprenticeships through the medium of Welsh within the third sector in Wales.

Welsh Government (2025).

Criticisms.



In 2023, the inclusion of an LGBTQ+ area at the Urdd Eisteddford was questioned for its appropriateness and need at a youth event.

The Urdd has been criticised for its lack of connection with non welsh speakers.

Some critics suggest that the Urdd is a front to promote an 'independant Wales.' Jones (2020).

Conclusion

- The Urdd has been essential in the promotion and growth of Welsh language for many years. With over 60, 000 members and counting it has proved to be an essential youth organisation for Wales.
- It has adapted with the ever changing times to reach and influence as many children & young adults as possible
- The Eisteddfod continues to be a staple in the Celebration of the Welsh arts and culture and schools celebrate their involvement and achievements which ultimately begin within the classroom.
- Whilst there have been some criticisms, overall the Urdd is a treasured part of Welsh culture and it's targeted audience of young people is acknowledged and celebrated and hopefully will be for years to come.

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