Community Profile

Introduction

This section of the portfolio will include information about the area of Llanelli as that is where the placement of the trainee youth worker is based. This community profile will cover a variety of different aspects including the population, employment, crime statistics, and what is available for young people around the Llanelli area.

As Blackshaw (2023, np) explains, an important aspect of a Youth worker's role is undertaking a community profile which is a "social research method which involves building up a picture of nature, needs and resources of a community". The aim of a community profile is to develop and implement an action plan to address the issues found and to gain a deeper understanding of the community (Blackshaw, 2023). This new understanding will enable the trainee Youth Worker to provide young people with new opportunities.

Population

The two tables below show the population of Llanelli in 2021, a total of 42,175 people, 20,506 were males and the remainder 21,673 were females (City Population, 2023).

Name	County / District	Population Census 2001-04-29	Population Census 2011-03-27	Population Census 2021-03-21
Llanelli	Carmarthenshire	39,474	42,377	42,175

Llanelli

42,175 Population [2021] – *Census*
13.40 km² Area
3,146/km² Population Density [2021]
-0.050% Annual Population Change [2011 → 2021]

Gender (C 2021)	
Males	20,506
Females	21,673

Additional research from the above study shows how Llanelli is a diverse community with the different ethnic groups and religions that live there (City Population, 2023).

Ethnicity	Persons
Ethnic Group (C 2021)	
White	40,612
Asian	838
Black	78
Arab	63
Mixed/multiple	413
Other ethnic group	133

Religion	Persons
Religion (C 2021)	
Christian	18,237
Muslim	331
Hindu	81
Sikh	40
Buddhist	123
Jewish	17
Other religion	224
No religion	20,573

Closest towns/cities

The closest cities are listed below from the closest to Llanelli and the furthest (The Cities Now, 2023).

Location (United Kingdom)	Miles
Burry Port	3.64 miles
Trimsaran	4.31 miles
Gorseinon	5.23 miles
Pontardulais	5.73 miles
Pontlliw	6.52 miles
Pontyberem	6.66 miles
Kidwelly	7.13 miles
Tumble	7.37 miles
Pennard	8.21 miles
Cross Hands	8.31 miles
Southgate	8.37 miles
Bishopston	8.71 miles
Landore	9.81 miles
Morriston	10 miles
Llanddarog	10.05 miles
Swansea, United Kingdom	10.28 miles
Ammanford, United Kingdom	10.67 miles
Clydach, United Kingdom	11.22 miles
Llansteffan, United Kingdom	11.63 miles
Llandybie, United Kingdom	11.64 miles
Llangain, United Kingdom	12.32 miles

Transport

Due to limited research online, the trainee youth worker took a walk through Llanelli to see what transport is available to the community. This included:

- Train Station.
- Taxi services.
- Bus station.

Schools

Due to limited information on the exact number of schools in Llanelli. The trainee youth worker has chosen to base this section on the total number of schools within Carmarthenshire as this is the county that Llanelli belongs to. The total number of primary schools in Carmarthenshire is 94 and the total number of secondary schools is 12 (Carmarthenshire County Council, 2023).

Crime

According to Crime Rate (2023) Llanelli is among the top 10 dangerous cities, villages and towns in Dyfed and is among the top 5 most dangerous medium-sized towns in the UK. Back in 2022, Llanelli's overall crime rate was 161 crimes per 1,000 people with the most common crimes being violence and sexual offences. It is evident from this statistic that there needs to be a focus on reducing the number of crimes within the Llanelli community.

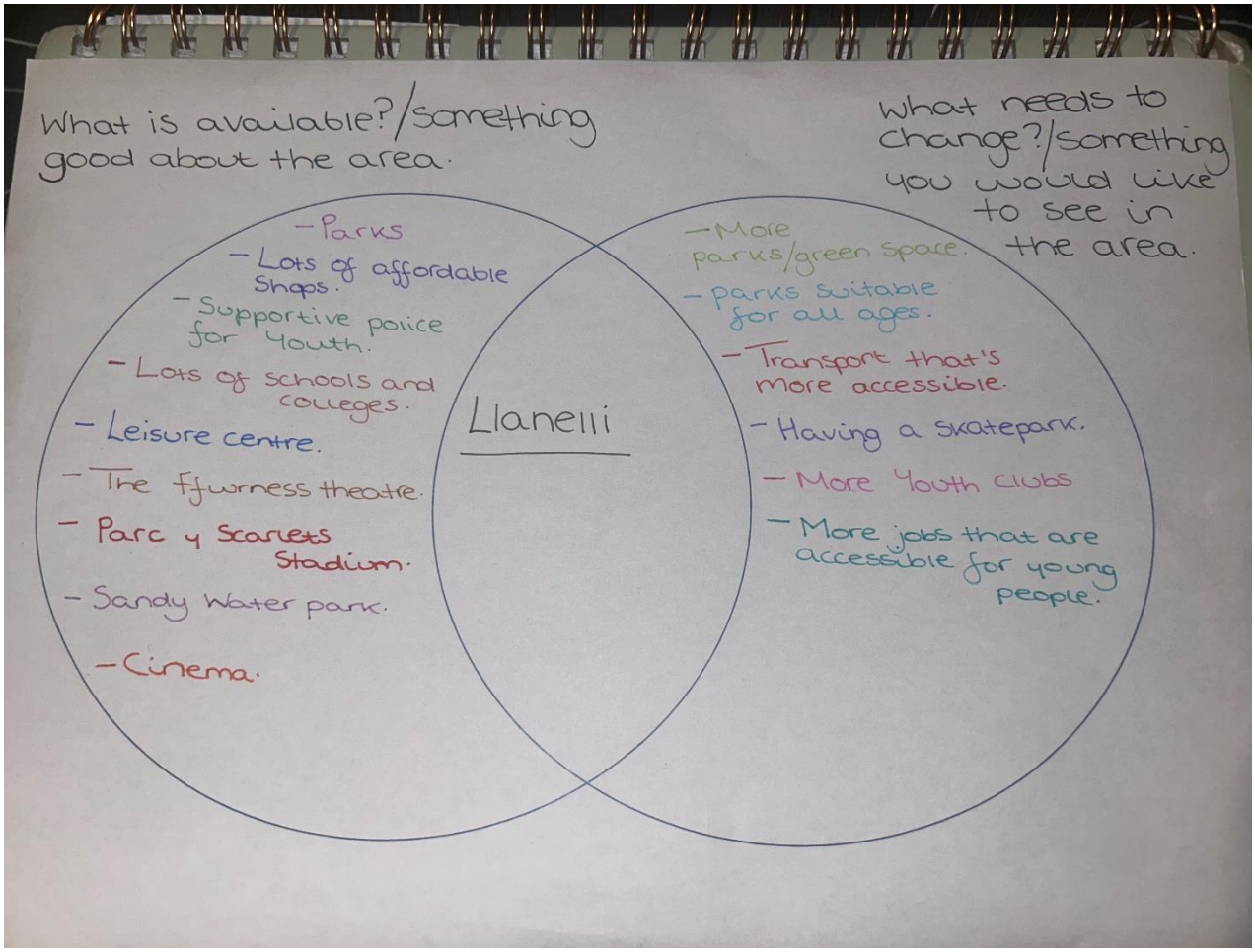
Employment

There is very little research on what the employment statistics are in Llanelli. One statistic found stated that there were 18,120 jobs available with the average age starting from 16 (Understanding Welsh Places, 2011). It clear that those who are below the age of 16 would struggle to find employment, but for those who are 16 and over there are a variety of options to choose from, keeping in mind that this statistic is outdated, affecting the reliability of its

relevance in 2023. Furthermore, based on the high crime statistics found, it is evident that for young people who commit crime, it would be difficult gaining employment. This is due to potentially having a criminal record, or employers choosing to limit job opportunities for the younger generation. In addition to this, gaining employment may be difficult as parts of the Llanelli area are in the 10% most deprived areas of Wales, including in relation to income/employment (Carmarthenshire Public Services Board, 2023).

What is available in Llanelli?

The trainee youth worker wanted to involve the young people in this section for two main reasons. Firstly, to gain primary research on what needs to be improved for young people. Secondly, the trainee youth worker wanted to work in accordance with the 5 Pillars of Youth Work (Youth Work in Wales Review Group, 2022, p.9) upholding the "inclusive" principle. After having a conversation with the young people, the Venn diagram on the following page shows what they believe is available to them/something good and what needs to change/something they would like to see in the Llanelli area.



The trainee youth worker also did some additional research regarding what she could see when taking a walk through Llanelli, including:

- Library.
- A large quantity of shops within the town centre and retail shop parks.
- Plenty of restaurants to choose from.
- Hospital.
- Occasional funfairs.
- Charitable and voluntary organisations. For example, Mind and Threshold DAS Limited.
- 2 youth clubs; Bwlch Youth Centre and Foothold Cymru.

Summary

To summarise this section of the portfolio, there has been coverage on the main aspects of Llanelli. There are some benefits for young people in this community, such as having affordable shops and a leisure centre. Since doing this community profile the trainee youth worker has discovered two main downfalls that need a focus, the first based on transport. The transport that is available can be limited on certain days such as Sundays and bank holidays, making it difficult for young people to travel places. The second being the lack of youth clubs for young people, limiting what is available for them to suit their age group and receiving a lack of informal education for them to develop and be provided with opportunities.

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