



Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales
Clybiau Bechgyn a Merched Cymru



Police Youth Volunteer Scheme

Information Leaflet



This information leaflet provides a snapshot of the vital work being delivered through BGC Wales and the SWP PYV Scheme, outlining its aims, objectives, vision, background, and initiatives. Designed for youth workers who are interested in joining an experienced and dynamic youth work organisation and its partnership programme as an employee or volunteer, this resource highlights opportunities for developing youth work praxis.

For more information on this project, please visit their website by scanning the QR code. QR codes are provided throughout this leaflet for more information on specific areas.

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BGC Wales Background



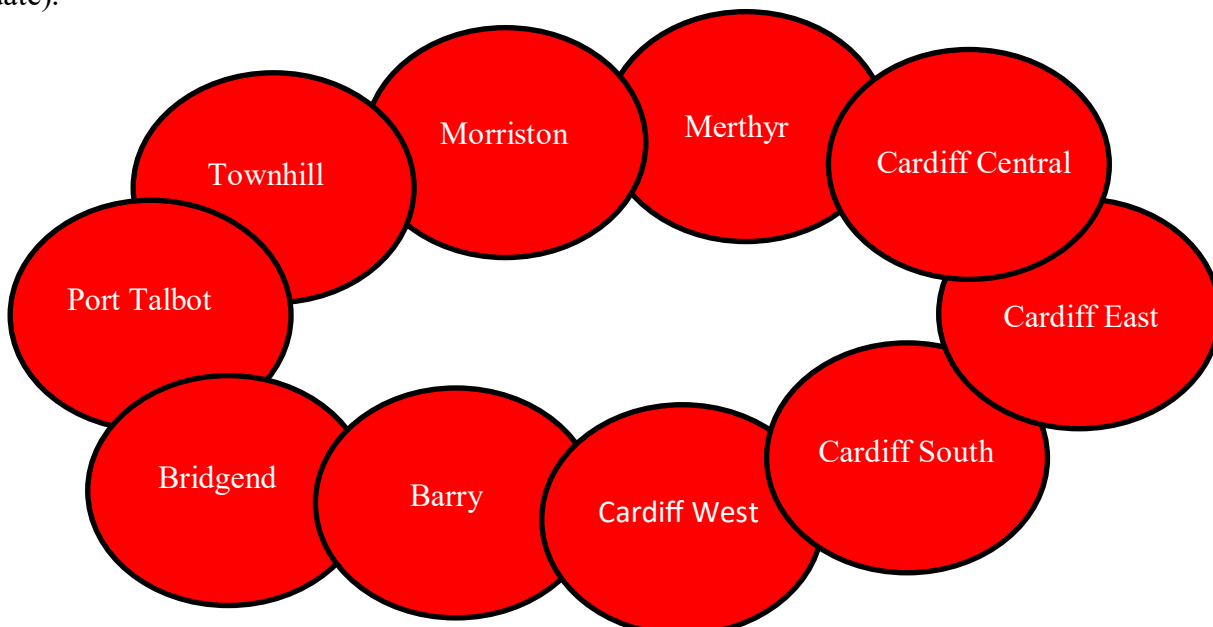
BGC Wales is a national voluntary youth work organisation dedicated to providing young people with a wide range of exciting opportunities through diverse educational, cultural, sporting, and social programmes (BGC Wales, no date). Established in the 1920s, BGC Wales has grown to become one of the UK's most innovative youth organisations, serving communities through traditional clubs, community youth initiatives, and a variety of activities (BGC Wales, no date). The BGC Wales team has achieved the Bronze Award Quality Mark for Youth Work in Wales, demonstrating their commitment to developing, delivering, and supporting high-quality standards of youth work both locally and internationally (BGC Wales, no date).



PYV Scheme Background



In collaboration with South Wales Police (SWP), the Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services (CWYVYS), and local universities, BGC Wales is instrumental in the development, delivery, and support of high-quality standards in youth work under the SWP PYV programme (BGC Wales, no date). This four-year initiative, which is funded by the former Police and Crime Commissioner, engages approximately 100 young people aged fourteen to eighteen across ten different hubs in Wales (BGC Wales, no date).



PYV Scheme Aims

The aim of the scheme is to foster a sense of adventure and good citizenship, motivating young individuals to engage constructively, volunteering within their communities (SWP, no date).

The scheme offers opportunities for young people aged 14 to 18 and is guided by five primary objectives:

1. To promote a sense of adventure and responsible citizenship.
2. To assist local policing priorities through volunteer efforts
3. To provide young people with a platform to voice their opinions
4. To encourage active participation from youth in their local communities
5. To enhance young people's practical understanding of policing

(SWP, no date)



Reflects the purpose of youth work which is to enable young people's holistic development, empowering them to express themselves, influence society, and reach their full potential (CLD Standards Council Scotland).

PYV Scheme Objectives



BGC Wales's role is to design and deliver a programme for the PYV hubs, prioritising young people's well-being, personal development, and community engagement (BGC Wales, no date). The Peace Mala, and Duke of Edinburgh Award is also delivered throughout the programme (BGC Wales, no date). The goal of the programme is not to prepare young people for careers in law enforcement, but rather to help them cultivate diverse relationships, expand their networks, and contribute positively to their communities (BGC Wales, no date).

Reflects the values and principles of youth work (CLD Standards Council Scotland), Extending Entitlement (WAG, 2002), the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 (Welsh Government, 2015) and the Youth Work Strategy for Wales (Welsh Government, 2024).

Benefits to Young People



(Callender *et al.*, 2024)

"Builds my confidence and gets me out doing stuff when instead I would be sitting doing nothing".

"Able to give back to my community, and I gain a family".

"It will help you to get a job and be successful".

The BGC PYV team are responsive to young people's needs and goals, ensuring that they lead the way in shaping the design, delivery and development of the programme (Welsh Government, 2024). This reflects youth work's principles of participation, empowerment, and inclusion, and promotes young people's right to be respected, valued, and have their views and opinions taken seriously (UNICEF, 1989; CLD Standards Council Scotland, 2019).

PYV Scheme Curriculum



Personal Development



VOLUNTEER



(Duke of Edinburgh, 2024)

(NYA, 2024; Youth Work in Wales Review Group, 2022; CLD Standards Council Scotland, 2019).

FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING



(MIND, 2025)

CONNECT

TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED

Give

Your time,
your words,
your presence

**TAKE
NOTICE**

REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY

**KEEP
LEARNING**

EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF

**BE
ACTIVE**

DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD



Peace Mala Award



(Peace Mala, no date)



A stunning Residential Site!

(BGC Wales, no date)



(BGC Wales, no date)

Youth Forum



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