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## **MUDIAD CYMUNEDOL CYMRU**

Yn y nodiadau hyn mae cyflwyniad i'r syniad o sefydlu mudiad cymunedol ar gyfer Cymru a holiadur ar y mater.

### **Cyflwyniad**

Lluniwyd y ddogfen ymgynghori hon fel sail i drafodaeth ar sefydlu mudiad cymunedol i Gymru. Ymgynghorir yn eang ar draws Cymru; gofynnir am sylwadau a syniadau a mynegiant o gefnogaeth i sefydlu Mudiad Cymunedol Cymru.

Ers cryn amser bu aelodau cymunedau ar draws Cymru yn mynegi'r angen am fudiad cymunedol i alluogi cymunedau i gefnogi ei gilydd, rhannu profiad, hwyluso ymrymudiad ein cymunedau ac i ddylanwadu ar lywodraeth ganol a lleol yng Nghymru. Cytunodd Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog, mewn cydweithrediad ag Ymddiriedolaeth Adeliadu Cymunedau, i hwyluso'r broses o sefydlu Mudiad Cymunedol Cymru yn ystod 2021.

Dadleuir bod angen i'n cymunedau ymrymuso, cydweithio ac ymgryfhau fel ein bod yn rhoi pwysau ar lywodraethau, canol a lleol, i gefnogi datblygu cymunedol a'r economi sylfaenol. I'r perwyl hwn rydym dirfawr angen mudiad cymunedol grymus yng Nghymru. Gallasai mudiad o'r fath helpu i newid polisiau datblygiad i gyfeiriad cymuned a'r economi sylfaenol, yn hytrach na'r pwyslais presennol ar noddi cwmnïau mawr a chorfforaethau trawswladol.

Mae'r argyfwng Cofid-19 wedi golygu newidiadau mawr, o leiaf dros dro, ond cwestiwn sylfaenol i'w be ddigwyddith pan ddaw'r argyfwng i ben. Nawr yw'r amser i gynllunio'r dyfodol neu, fel arall, mynd yn ôl i'r hen drefn a wnawn, fel â ddigwyddodd ar ôl yr argyfwng cyllidol yn 2008.

Yn 2021 fe fydd yn gan mlynedd ers geni Raymond Williams a gyfrannodd cymaint i'n dealltwriaeth o ddiwylliant, sosialaeth a

gwleidyddiaeth yn ogystal â phwysigrwydd a photensial cymunedau, yn enwedig yng nghyd-destun Cymru. Buasai sefydlu Mudiad Cymunedol Cymru yn ffordd briodol i dalu teyrnged i waith Raymond Williams. Mae geiriau Raymond Williams yn mynegi pam ei fod yn bwysig sefydlu'r Mudiad.

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Mae ystyried a chydabod natur amrywiol a chymleth cymunedau yng Nghymru heddiw yn greiddiol i'r dasg o adeiladu mudiad cymunedol cyfoes. Mae peth wmbredd wedi'i sgwennu am ystyron cymuned a datblygiad Cymunedol. Mae amrywiaeth mawr o gymunedau ar draws Cymru ac ystod eang o fentrau cymunedol yn ymhel â gweithgareddau amgylcheddol, economaidd, cymdeithasol a diwylliannol. Mae diffinio a nodweddu'r amrywiaeth o gymunedau a datblygiadau cymunedol yn gymhleth. Mae'r cysyniad o Gymru fel cymuned o gymunedau a'r gwahaniaethu rhwng cymunedau gwledig, hŷn, a'r cymunedau diwydiannol, fwy newydd, yn berthnasol, ond mae'n fwy cymleth erbyn heddiw.

Bydd angen i Fudiad Cymunedol Cymru adnabod, yn ddamcaniaethol ac o ran ymarfer, yr hyn sy'n gyffredin rhwng cymunedau amrywiol a chymhleth heddiw. Un ffordd o wneud hyn yw dechrau gyda'r syniad syml bod pobl sy'n cydweithio i gyflawni gwelliannau amgylcheddol, economaidd, cymdeithasol neu ddiwylliannol yn gymuned sydd i'w chefnogi, boed nhw'n gymuned ddaearyddol neu'n gymuned o bobl sy'n rhannu diddordebau cyffredin. Hwyrach bod hyn yn ddigon o fan cychwyn i'n galluogi i adeiladu arno, ar y cyd.

Mae'r rhelyw o fentrau cymunedol yn ymwneud â materion cymdeithasol a diwylliannol. Bu cynnydd diweddar mewn

gweithgaredd cymunedol amgylcheddol a pheth twf yn y maes economaidd. Beth bynnag fo natur y gweithgaredd y ffactor sy'n gyffredin yw bod y gweithgaredd yn gymunedol; gweithio ar y cyd i gyflawni a newid pethau. Pwrpas Mudiad Cymunedol Cymru fydd hyrwyddo a chefnogi gweithgareddau mentrau cymunedol trwy hwyluso cymunedau i helpu'i gilydd a bod yn rym i bwysu ar lywodraeth ganol a lleol i gefnogi gweithgaredd cymunedol.

Nid oes rysáit ar gyfer sut y dylai Mudiad Cymunedol Cymru ddatblygu. Swyddogaeth Ymddiriedolaeth Adeiladu Cymunedau, mewn cydweithrediad â Chwmni Bro Ffestiniog yw hwyluso sefydlu mudiad cymunedol a fydd yn darganfod a chreu ei ffordd ei hun. Mudiad i gynrychioli buddiannau cymunedau ac annog datblygiad cymunedol mewn modd sy'n ystyried cydwead agweddau amgylcheddol, economaidd, cymdeithasol a diwylliannol ar ddatblygiad cymuned.

Ar draws y byd mae mentrau a mudiadau cymunedol yn dangos bod posib creu byd gwahanol, o'r gwaelod i fyny. Mae gwersi ar gyfer Cymru i'w dysgu o brofiad datblygu cymunedol mewn sawl lle, a gallesir addasu profiadau gwledydd eraill ar gyfer creu mudiad Cymreig. Mae hanes Mudiad Cenedlaethol y Bobl dros Ddatblygiad Gwledig yn Sweden yn un enghraifft sy'n cynnig ysbrydoliaeth i ni. Mae 4,000 o gymunedau a 100,000 o bobl yn aelodau'r Mudiad hwn. Cynhelir Senedd y Cymunedau bob yn ail flwyddyn gyda dros 1,000 o gynrychiolwyr cymunedau yn bresennol. Mae'r Mudiad yn llais cymunedol grymus sy'n dylanwadu'n effeithiol ar Lywodraeth Sweden. Mae profiad y Mudiad yn Sweden yn dangos cymaint yw potensial cymunedau pan maent yn ymrymuso, cydweithio a threfnu'n effeithiol ar y cyd. (Gwefan: Folkrorelserådet Hela Sverige Ska Leva)

Dysgir gwersi pwysig hefyd o hanes y mudiad, Datblygu Cymunedol Cymru, a wnaeth waith arloesol yn dod ag asiantaethau a gweithwyr cymunedol proffesiynol ar draws

Cymru at ei gilydd. Yn wahanol i Datblygu Cymunedol Cymru bydd Mudiad Cymunedol Cymru yn canolbwyntio ar gynrychioli cymunedau yn fwy uniongyrchol ac yn blaenoriaethu gwarchod annibyniaeth y Mudiad a'i ryddid i gynnig beirniadaeth adeiladol ar sefydliadau'r wladwriaeth.

Dadleuir bod traddodiad o weithgarwch cymdeithasol a menter cymunedol yn rhedeg trwy hanes Cymru a bod cyfle heddiw i adeiladu ar yr etifeddiaeth gyfoethog hon. Mae tueddiadau gwleidyddol, economaidd a chymdeithasol gobeithiol ar hyn o bryd, sy'n ffafriol i sefydlu ac i lwyddiant y Mudiad Cymunedol.

Datblygwyd strategaeth gymunedol ar gyfer Gwynedd a Môn ([www.sail.cymru](http://www.sail.cymru)) gan gynrychiolwyr cymunedau lleol yn ddiweddar. Mae'r strategaeth cymunedau sylfaenol hwn yn cynnig gwersi ar gyfer Cymru gyfan ac yn tanlinellu'r angen am fudiad cymunedol i lunio strategaeth gymunedol genedlaethol.

Mae cymunedau ar draws y byd yn arloesi gyda gwahanol ffyrdd o ddatblygu cymunedol. Yng Nghymru mae cyfoeth o brosiectau amrywiol yn y meysydd amgylcheddol, economaidd, cymdeithasol a diwylliannol. Dim ond un enghraifft yw'r model o ddatblygu cymunedol integredig a chyfannol a arloesir ym Mro Ffestiniog. Mae'n fodel y gellir ei addasu a'i efelychu gan gymunedau ar hyd a lled Cymru, a thu hwnt, ac mae hyn eisoes yn dechrau digwydd, fel yn achos Bro Môn a sefydlwyd yn ffurfiol ddechrau Rhagfyr 2020 ([www.bromon.cymru](http://www.bromon.cymru)).

Mae asio model fel un Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog o ddatblygiad cymunedol integredig a chyfannol gydag egwyddorion ac ymarfer yr economi sylfaenol yn cynnig ffordd ymlaen addawol ar gyfer Cymru gyfan. Y sialens i Lywodraeth Cymru yw hyrwyddo hyn i'w lawn botensial. Dadleuir y dylid trawsnewid polisiau datblygiad economaidd llywodraethau canol a lleol i gyfeiriad cefnogi'r hyn a elwir yr 'economy sylfaenol', yn ogystal â datblygu cymunedol. Mae hyn yn adleisio gweledigaeth nifer cynyddol o economegwyr a lluniwyr polisiau.

Gweledigaeth Mudiad Cymunedol Cymru yw Cymru yn gymuned o gymunedau llewyrchus a chynefinoedd cynaliadwy; datblygiad integredig amgylchedd, economi, cymdeithas a diwylliant ein cymunedau. Yn codi o'r weledigaeth mae dau set

o amcanion, sef hyrwyddo ymrymusiad cymunedau a dylanwadu ar lywodraeth.

Ar sail yr ymgynghoriad cynhyrchir dogfen ddiwygiedig ar yr achos dros sefydlu Mudiad Cymunedol Cymru ynghyd â chynigion ar sut i'w redeg yn ddemocrataidd. Bwriedir cylchredeg y ddogfen hon yn mis Mawrth 2021, gyda gwahoddiad i fynychu cyfarfod o'r Mudiad ar Ddydd Rhyngwladol y Gweithwyr, Mai y Cyntaf 2021, ym Mlaenau Ffestiniog. Bydd mynychu a chymryd rhan yn ddigidol hefyd yn opsiwn. Gwahoddir unigolion, mudiadau cymunedol ac asiantaethau datblygiad cymunedol i gefnogi ac ymaelodi yn y Mudiad. Ond, pwysleisir mai Mudiad yw yn bennaf ar gyfer cymunedau. Cynrychiolwyr cymunedau fydd asgwrn cefn y Mudiad, er y bydd cyfraniad pwysig i'w wneud gan asiantaethau cymunedol.

Bydd y cyfarfod ar Fai y cyntaf yn penderfynu ar ffordd ddemocrataidd o redeg y Mudiad ac yn trefnu modd o ethol unigolion i'w lywio. Penderfynir hefyd ar y trefniadau ar gyfer cyfarfod cyntaf Senedd y Cymunedau yn Hydref 2021. Bydd Senedd y Cymunedau yn gynulliad cenedlaethol democrataidd i roddi llais ar y cyd i gymunedau a phwerdy i ddylanwadu ar lywodraeth ganol a lleol. Cyfarfodydd Senedd y Cymunedau fydd y modd o benderfynu'n ddemocrataidd ar brif bolisiau a gweithgareddau'r Mudiad.

Bydd y Mudiad angen cyllid ar gyfer adnoddau swyddfa ac i gyflogi gweithwyr. Bydd ffynhonnell y cyllid yn allweddol oherwydd bod annibyniaeth a rhyddid y Mudiad i feirniadu'n adeiladol ac i ymgyrchu'n effeithiol yn hanfodol. Rhagwelir y caiff peth o waith y Mudiad ei wneud gan wirfoddolwyr ond bydd rhaid, yn ogystal, wrth staff cyflogedig. Bydd y Mudiad yn gweithredu fel rhwydwaith yn cysylltu cymunedau ar draws Cymru. Felly, unwaith y sefydlir y Mudiad, gellir lleoli swyddfa a gweithwyr mewn unrhyw le yng Nghymru.

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## Holiadur

Ymgynghorir yn eang ar draws Cymru a gofynnir am sylwadau a syniadau a mynegiant o gefnogaeth i sefydlu mudiad cymunedol ar gyfer Cymru. Os gwelwch yn dda, rhowch ymateb i'r cwestiynau a ganlyn, isod.

- A ydych yn rhan o rwydweithiau cymunedol ar hyn o bryd? Pa fanteision sydd i chi o berthyn i rwydweithiau?
- Sut fuasech eisiau cyfrannu i siapio cyfeiriad rhwydweithiau y buasech yn rhan ohonynt?
- Beth fuasai'r prif fanteision o fod yn perthyn i fudiad cymunedol cenedlaethol? Beth ddylai'r mudiad geisio'i wneud?
- A ydych yn meddwl y gallasai mudiad cymunedol cenedlaethol fod yn llais effeithiol i ddylanwadu ar bolisiau llywodraeth ganol a lleol yng Nghymru?
- Unrhyw sylwadau neu syniadau pellach?

*Eich manylion cyswllt:*

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## Community Movement Cymru

These notes provide an introduction to the plans to set up Community Movement Cymru, followed by a questionnaire on the matter.

## **Introduction**

These consultative notes have been prepared as a basis for discussions on setting up a community movement for Wales. There is to be extensive consultation across Wales seeking comments and ideas and support for setting up the Movement.

For some time community members across Wales have expressed a need for a community movement to support one another, to share experience, to facilitate the empowerment of our communities and to influence central and local government in Wales. Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog, in cooperation with Building Communities Trust, has agreed to facilitate the process of setting up Community Movement Cymru over the course of 2021.

It is argued that our communities need to empower and work together and influence central and local government to change priorities toward supporting communities and the foundational economy, rather than subsidising large companies and transnational corporations. To this end we sorely need a powerful community movement in Wales.

The Covid-19 crisis has resulted in major changes but the key question is what happens when the crisis ends. Now is the time to organise for the future, otherwise we will return to the old order, as happened following the financial crisis in 2008. Setting up Community Movement Cymru is one way to organise for change but it is recognised that the Movement must form alliances with other progressive forces to ensure the necessary social transformation.

In 2021 it will be one hundred years since the birth of Raymond Williams who contributed so much to our understanding of culture, socialism and politics as well as to the importance and potential of community, especially in Wales. Establishing Community Movement Cymru is one apt way of paying tribute to Raymond Williams' work. The following quote from Williams' work expresses the importance of setting up Community Movement Cymru.

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collectives, rather than what happens to the Labour or even the Nationalist vote". {Raymond Williams, edited by Daniel Williams, *Who Speaks for Wales? Nation, Culture, Identity* (Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2003) p.26.}

Getting to grips with the diverse and complex nature of communities in Wales today is evidently fundamental to the task of building a modern community movement. There is a vast literature on the meanings of community and community development, a great diversity of communities across Wales and a vast range of community organisations involved in a multitude of environmental, economic, social and cultural activities. Defining and classifying the variety of communities and developments is complex. The idea of Wales as a community of communities and distinctions between the older rural and newer industrial communities are still of some value but the situation is more complex today.

Community Movement Cymru needs to identify some commonality in the present day complexity of communities, theoretically and in practice. A way to do this is to start with the simple idea that people acting collectively to achieve some good in the environmental, economic, social or cultural fields compose a community to be supported, be that a geographical community or a community of interests. Maybe that's enough of a starting point for us to build upon, collectively.

Most community ventures are concerned with social or cultural matters. Recently there has been an increase in the ventures dealing with environmental and economic matters. Whatever the field of activity the common factor is that it is communal activity; cooperating to achieve goals and to change things for the better. Community Movement Cymru's purpose will be to promote and support community ventures by facilitating communities to help one another and to be a powerful voice to pressurise central and local government to support communities to realise their potential.



There isn't a blueprint as to how Community Movement Cymru should develop. The movement needs to develop its own way to directly represent the interests of communities and promote communities to adopt an approach that integrates environmental, economic, social and cultural aspects of community development.

Across the world community ventures and movements are showing that another world can be created, from the bottom up. There are lessons for Wales from the experience of community development internationally and the work in other countries can be adapted to create a Welsh movement. The history of the Swedish National People's Movement for Rural Development is one inspirational example which we can learn from. The movement has assisted the formation of over 4,000 village associations, with 100,000 people directly involved. The biennial Swedish Rural Parliament involves over 1,000 community representatives and provides a direct powerful voice to Government. The Movement has a lobbying role and influences the Government and politicians on every level. The Swedish Movement highlights the potential of communities when they empower, co-operate and organise collectively and effectively. (Website: Folkrorelserådet Hela Sverige Ska Leva)

There are also lessons from the experience of Community Development Cymru which did some ground breaking work bringing community development agencies and professional workers together across Wales. Different to Community Development Cymru, Community Movement Cymru will focus on representing communities more directly and will prioritise safeguarding the Movement's independence and ability to constructively criticise state institutions.

A tradition of social enterprise and community venture runs through the history of Wales and there is an opportunity today to build upon this rich heritage. There are currently hopeful political and economic trends favouring the establishment and success of the Community Movement.

A community strategy for Gwynedd and Môn ([www.sail.cymru](http://www.sail.cymru)) was developed by representatives of local communities in 2020. This foundational communities' strategy provides lessons for Wales generally and highlights the need for a community movement to create a national community strategy.

Communities across the world are pioneering different ways of developing communities. In Wales there is a rich variety of examples of community projects in the environmental, economic, social and cultural fields. One example is the model of integrated community development pioneered by Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog. It is a model that can be adapted and emulated by communities across Wales, and beyond, and this is beginning to happen as, for example, in the case of Bro Môn which was formally launched in December 2020 ([www.bromon.cymru](http://www.bromon.cymru)).

Combining Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog's integrated model of community development with the principles and practice of the foundational economy provides a promising way forward across Wales. The challenge for Welsh Government is to promote this way forward to its full potential. It is argued for a transformation of central and local government economic development policies toward supporting the foundational economy as well as community development. This resonates with the vision and analyses of an increasing number of economists and policy analysts.

Community Movement Cymru's vision is a Wales of a community of prosperous and sustainable communities; the integrated development of the environment, economy, society and culture of our communities. Based on the vision are two main sets of aims; promoting the empowerment of communities and influencing government.

On the basis of the consultation an amended document on the case for establishing Community Movement Cymru will be produced, together with proposals regarding running the Movement democratically. This document will then be sent out in March 2021 with an open invitation to attend a meeting of the Movement, on International Workers' Day, May the first 2021, at Blaenau Ffestiniog. Attending and participating digitally will also be an option. Individuals, community organisations and community development agencies will be

invited to support and join the Movement. However, it is emphasised that this is a movement primarily for communities. Representatives of communities will be the mainstay of the Movement, although there will also be an important role for community agencies.

The meeting of Community Movement Cymru on the first of May 2021 will determine a democratic way of running the Movement and will arrange a means of electing individuals to steer the Movement. Arrangements will also be made for the first meeting, in the Autumn of 2021, of the Parliament of the Communities, a national democratic gathering providing a collective voice for communities and a powerhouse to influence central and local government. Meetings of the Parliament of the Communities will be the way of democratically deciding upon the main policies and activities of the Movement.

The Movement will need finance to pay for office resources and to employ workers. The nature and source of finance will be critical because the independence and freedom of the Movement to criticise constructively and campaign are paramount considerations. Some of the work of the Movement can be done by volunteers but employed staff will also be needed. The Movement will operate as a network connecting communities across Wales. Therefore, an office and workers can be located anywhere in Wales.

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## **Questionnaire**

There will be widespread consultation across Wales and you're asked for comments and ideas and expressions of support for setting up a community movement for Wales. Please respond to the questions below.

- Are you involved in any community networks at present? What benefits do you get from them?
- How would you want to be involved in shaping the direction of networks you were involved in?

- What could be the major benefits of being involved in a national network or movement? What should it try and do?
- Do you see a potential for a national community network or movement to become an effective voice to influence central and local government policies in Wales?
- How do you think decisions about the priorities of a national network should be made?
- Who do you think should be involved in a national network (e.g. individuals, community groups, local and national organisations etc.)?
- Any further comments or suggestions?

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