**Appendix A – May 2025**

**Clerk’s note on correspondence received.**

1. **Welsh Government Democratic Engagement Grant**

From: **Tracy Gilmartin** <tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales>
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2025 at 10:33
Subject: Welsh Government Democratic Engagement Grant
To: Tracy Gilmartin <tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales>

The Welsh Government is pleased to launch its Democratic Engagement Grant for a further three years with £400,000 being available to support projects in the 2025-26 financial year, through to the end of 2027-28.

The grant aims to support local authorities, third sector, and not-for-profit organisations working in Wales to pursue an innovative approach to engaging those typically under-represented in our democracy. This includes but is not limited to:

•             young people,

•             disabled people,

•             people from lower socio-economic backgrounds or those who are long-term unemployed,

•             non-UK nationals,

•             people from minority-ethnic groups.

The grant will help funded organisations ensure as many people as possible are engaged, motivated, and empowered to take part in democracy, giving them the tools to make their voice heard and to impact positively on the Wales around them. The application window for applications over £1000 is open now and closing on 9th May 2025. Applications for under £1000 can be submitted at any time. Further information including the grant documentation can be found here: <https://www.gov.wales/democratic-engagement-grant>

Please contact Etholiadau.Elections@gov.wales if you have any queries.

**Vanessa Owens**

**Cost of Living Crisis Project Support Officer**

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Recommend: we put some projects together covering lower socio economic backgrounds and young people and ask Jackie to make application.  Could run some art/craft and entrepreneurialism projects for young people? Meals together for our mature members of the community? Using the Chromebooks do some digital engagement perhaps link that in with Dolgarrog Commemoration event.

2. Asbestos Training

**From:** Clare.Phillips@gov.wales <Clare.Phillips@gov.wales> **On Behalf Of**YstadauCymru@gov.wales
**Sent:** 09 April 2025 13:37
**Subject:** FW: HYFFORDDIANT YMWYBYDDIAETH ASBESTOS YSTADAU CYMRU/YSTADAU CYMRU ASBESTOS AWARENESS TRAINING

Hi all,

There are still some spaces available on the 10th and 29th of April (onwards)- links below. I would be grateful if you could share this with your networks.

Thanks

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| **HYFFORDDIANT YMWYBYDDIAETH ASBESTOS YSTADAU CYMRU****Yn newydd ar gyfer 2025 a'i gyflwyno mewn partneriaeth â Chyngor Sir Caerffili** Wedi'i anelu at sefydliadau yn sector cyhoeddus Cymru sy'n amrywio o ran maint o'r sector Cyngor Tref a Chymuned i GIG Cymru, bydd y cwrs hyfforddi ar-lein 2 awr ynrhoi dealltwriaeth sylfaenol i'r cynrychiolydd o: * Beth yw asbestos a ble y gellir dod o hyd iddo
* Deall y risgiau sy'n gysylltiedig wrth weithio gydag asbestos a'i effaith ar iechyd
* Gofynion deddfwriaethol Rheoliadau Rheoli Asbestos (CAR) 2012
* Pwy all fod yn Ddeiliad Dyletswydd a beth yw eu cyfrifoldebau
* Mathau a chynnwys arolygon asbestos
* Cynllun Rheoli Asbestos
* Gofynion hyfforddi a chyfathrebu

 **Dyddiad ac amseroedd hyfforddi:** Dewiswch o **un** o'r nifer o ddyddiadau sydd ar gael isod: 10 Ebrill 9:30-11:30am [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4a0d2024-f65f-4ffa-904e-249bf623552a@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4a0d2024-f65f-4ffa-904e-249bf623552a%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)29 Ebrill 1-3pm [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/44e23e15-1a40-4dc2-8a4e-a214b269a213@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/44e23e15-1a40-4dc2-8a4e-a214b269a213%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)24 Mehefin 9:30-11:30am [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ea137f0f-92fb-418d-af50-abbb3e7e3d81@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ea137f0f-92fb-418d-af50-abbb3e7e3d81%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)22 Gorffennaf 9:30-11:30am [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/29db2c44-7431-4335-ab5e-f882832e8d16@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/29db2c44-7431-4335-ab5e-f882832e8d16%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)30 Gorffennaf 1-3pm [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4d9696f2-4139-478e-8133-78e6815894ed@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4d9696f2-4139-478e-8133-78e6815894ed%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)14 Hydref 9:30-11:30am [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/203fa267-aea8-4633-898a-8905065fb9f0@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/203fa267-aea8-4633-898a-8905065fb9f0%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)28 Hydref 9:30-11:30am [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a9faafba-b1e0-4b29-bb4f-14a9a64f0181@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a9faafba-b1e0-4b29-bb4f-14a9a64f0181%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)4 Tachwedd 1-3pm [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/dbd727ac-515b-481c-8723-e6be16e6409a@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/dbd727ac-515b-481c-8723-e6be16e6409a%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**Cost:**Am ddim i gynrychiolwyr o'r sector cyhoeddus yng Nghymru. Amhrisiadwy i'r rhai sy'n defnyddio eich adeiladau.Am ragor o wybodaeth am y cwrs hwn neu waith Ystadau Cymru, ewch i[Ystadau Cymru | LLYW.CYMRU](https://www.llyw.cymru/ystadau-cymru)  | **YSTADAU CYMRU ASBESTOS AWARENESS TRAINING****New for 2025 and delivered in partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council**  Aimed at organisations in the Welsh public sector ranging in scale from the Town and Community Council sector to the Welsh NHS, the 2 hour online training course will provide the delegate with a basic understanding of: * What asbestos is and where it can be found
* Understand the risks involved when working with asbestos and it’s effect on health
* The legislative requirements of the Control of Asbestos Regulations (CAR) 2012
* Who can be a Duty Holder and what are their responsibilities
* Types and content of asbestos surveys
* Asbestos Management Plan
* Training and communication requirements

 **Training date and times:** Choose from **one** of the many dates available below:10th April 9:30-11:30am [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4a0d2024-f65f-4ffa-904e-249bf623552a@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4a0d2024-f65f-4ffa-904e-249bf623552a%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)29th April  1-3pm [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/44e23e15-1a40-4dc2-8a4e-a214b269a213@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/44e23e15-1a40-4dc2-8a4e-a214b269a213%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)24th June  9:30-11:30am [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ea137f0f-92fb-418d-af50-abbb3e7e3d81@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ea137f0f-92fb-418d-af50-abbb3e7e3d81%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)22nd July  9:30-11:30am [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/29db2c44-7431-4335-ab5e-f882832e8d16@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/29db2c44-7431-4335-ab5e-f882832e8d16%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)30th July 1-3pm [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4d9696f2-4139-478e-8133-78e6815894ed@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4d9696f2-4139-478e-8133-78e6815894ed%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)14th October 9:30-11:30am [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/203fa267-aea8-4633-898a-8905065fb9f0@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/203fa267-aea8-4633-898a-8905065fb9f0%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)28th October 9:30-11:30am [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a9faafba-b1e0-4b29-bb4f-14a9a64f0181@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a9faafba-b1e0-4b29-bb4f-14a9a64f0181%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)4th November 1-3pm [https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/dbd727ac-515b-481c-8723-e6be16e6409a@5a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/dbd727ac-515b-481c-8723-e6be16e6409a%405a3d68bc-adcf-462e-9181-29b4b42b314d%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**Cost:**free to delegates from the Welsh public sector. Priceless for those who use your buildings.For further information on this course or the work of Ystadau Cymru please visit [https://www.gov.wales/ystadau-cymru](https://www.gov.wales/ystadau-cymru%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).  |

Recommend: Councillors to note and any councillor with a particular wish to take this forward, books a course directly.

3. E Bulletin from One Voice Wales – link to:-

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKLbVlkVbhFpfXBzrqNLMNvwKGMJnfZMxPSgXDNrcsTpnzwTSnfrpGFMPggFbhlZQvgb?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1

Recommend: Monthly update in e:bulletin form. Information only.

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| 4. One Voice Wales – Ethical Frameworks – Remote event |  |  |  |
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Dear Chair/Clerk,

 JOINT ONE VOICE WALES/SLCC EVENT on ETHICAL FRAMEWORKS IN ENGLAND and WALES– Wednesday 14 May 2025 – BOOK YOUR PLACE

One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) are arranging a remote joint event to be held on Wednesday 14 May 2025 and your clerk will already have received the invitation details circulated by the SLCC.

 **Bookings will need to be made by accessing this web-link:**[**SLCC | Ethical Frameworks in England and Wales (14 May)**](https://www.slcc.co.uk/event/ethical-frameworks-in-england-and-wales-14-may/)

 This event is an especially important one for councils given that it focuses on the ethical frameworks in England and Wales covering the following subject areas:

 •         Gain insights into civility, respect, and ethical standards in local councils

•         Hear from legal experts, policy leaders, and council representatives

•         Understand the role of monitoring officers and standards committees

•         Learn about the impact of poor ethical behaviour on democracy

•         Engage in discussions on tackling bullying and harassment

 We will have speakers from the office of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, Welsh Government, Monitoring Officers and from One Voice Wales and the SLCC.

 The cost to book a place is £65 plus VAT and the event is open to councillors and clerks.

 In conclusion, I would strongly encourage your council to take up this opportunity and subscribe to the event which I feel certain will enlighten all in attendance on the latest developments affecting the sector in relation to ethical frameworks.

Yours faithfully,

Lyn Cadwallader

Chief Executive

Recommend: If any councillors wish to attend, please let the Chair know at May meeting

5. One Voice Wales – Training Opportunities

Session times are listed against the module date – Please note all training sessions are in English unless otherwise stated.

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| **Date** | **Day** | **Module** | **Time** |
| **07/04/2025** | **Monday** | **New Councillor Induction** | **6.30-8.00pm** |
| **24/04/2025** | **Thursday** | **New Councillor Induction** | **6.30-8.00pm** |
| **30/04/2025** | **Wednesday** | **New Councillor Induction** | **6.30-8.00pm** |
| **06/05/2025** | **Tuesday** | **New Councillor Induction** | **6.30-8.00pm** |
| **21/05/2025** | **Wednesday** | **New Councillor Induction** | **6.30-8.00pm** |
| **12/06/2025** | **Thursday** | **New Councillor Induction** | **6.30-8.00pm** |
| **23/06/2025** | **Monday** | **New Councillor Induction** | **6.30-8.00pm** |
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Recommend: Councillors have agreed that they will do this but no date yet resolved. At May meeting perhaps a date could be set so that the booking can be made.

6. Eglwysbach Show

Hello everyone/ Helo pawb

I welcome you to apply for a stand at Eglwysbach Show this year/  Estynaf gwahoddiad i chi ymuno a ni yn Sioe Eglwysbach eto eleni.

The details and forms are attached I look forward to hearing from you/ Mae'r manylion ynghlwm a byddaf yn edrych ymlaen at eich ymateb.

Regards/Diolch

Eleri Taylor

Trade Stand Secretary/ Ysgrifenydd Stondin Fasnachu

Sioe Eglwysbach Show

Recommend: Potential opportunity for a joint stand with COG/Ixora/Community Council to hold a stand to publicise Commemoration Event, and the many and varied opportunities that Dolgarrog has to offer?

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