

CFA04 Individual 03

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Cymraeg i bawb? | Cymraeg for all?

Response from: Individual 03 | Evidence from: Individual 03

1. What are the main barriers that prevent wider use of the Welsh language in areas with fewer Welsh speakers, and what might help to change this?

Communicate wider services that can offer and, more importantly, encourage the use of the Welsh language.

2. What sort of spaces and opportunities might encourage greater use of, and increase confidence in, the use of the language in areas where day-to-day use of the language is limited?

Public services such as libraries, and also enterprises such as shops and leisure venues.

3. Can you share examples of successful initiatives or activities that have encouraged Welsh language use in areas where use of the language is limited?

Displaying the Siarad Cymraeg (Welsh speaker) badge; hearing Welsh being spoken.

4. What sort of spaces and opportunities might encourage greater use of, and increase confidence in, the use of the language in areas where day-to-day use of the language is limited?

Easy summaries of news articles and current affairs for learners, which you could subscribe to by email; subtitles on S4C.

5. What impact, in your view, do cultural events such as national Eisteddfodau or Welsh language festivals have on Welsh language use, particularly in areas with fewer Welsh speakers?

A huge impact - the most important one in my opinion; it's amazing to hear Welsh being spoken around Pontypridd town this summer during the eisteddfod.

6. How might these events (whether large or small in size) be adapted or improved to better serve communities with fewer Welsh speakers?

More publicity in English as well as in Welsh; more openness among native Welsh speakers to respond to our faltering attempts at speaking Welsh!

7. Are there any other issues you would like to draw the Committee's attention to in relation to the Welsh Government's approach to supporting the Welsh language in areas with fewer Welsh speakers?

No
