

CFA13 Individual 05

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Cymraeg i bawb? | Cymraeg for all?

Ymateb gan: Unigolyn 05 | Evidence from: Individual 05

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?

As a learning. I am making good progress in learning my vocabulary and understanding written Welsh.

I am making slow progress in answering others in conversation and lack confidence and ability to initiate conversations in Welsh and sustain conversation.

I have limited opportunities to discuss Welsh with others.

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?

Greater access to discussions in Welsh. The volunteers who run discussion groups are great but there's too few of them with no flexibility on timing/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?

Clwb Celebran Wrecsam and Sgyrs Wrecsam

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More regular opportunities at different times.

I have a car, so the venue can be anywhere e.g. Rhos Stiwt, Ty Pawb, Llay Miners Welfare

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?

Its been a great motivator as I live in Wrecsam. But I dont see many events to accelerate learning. Plenty of fund raisers but they are aimed / appear to be aimed at Welsh speaker rather than Welsh learners.

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

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

I think the current Welsh Government initiatives for learners are good but I worry that they are not matched by opportunities to use and enjoy the language
