

Last autumn, we reported how Anglia Homeserve was to undergo a 90-day consultation

That meant 320 people at their Denbighshire offices

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Youth organisations in Gwynedd including the Urdd (above), Young Farmers' Clubs (above right) and Scouts and Guides (right) are working with county council youth services to improve and co-ordinate the activities on offer for young people



# Clubbing together to get youth active

By HYWEL TREWYN

THOUSANDS of Gwynedd youngsters will benefit from more activities as part of moves to modernise the county's youth clubs and services.

The aim is to attract more youngsters aged 11-19 to join in youth club activities - both in urban and rural areas - promoting sports and culture as well as developing life skills, team skills and entrepreneurship.

A Gwynedd Council Improvement Working Group wants to develop stronger links between youths, clubs and their leaders and establish a new image and rebranding.

The move follows a survey of services in the county and a questionnaire circulated among secondary school pupils and colleges.

The group has held meetings with organisations such as the Urdd, Young Farmers, Guides and Scouts with the aim of coordinating and working in partnership to reduce duplication.

## COUNTY SERVICE TO WORK WITH URDD, YFC AND SCOUTING

One of the group's main recommendations is to restructure its activities on five areas: Tywyn/Doigellau/Y Bala, Porthmadog/Ffestiniog, Pwllheli/Llyn, Caernarfon/Nantlle/Peris and Bangor/Ogwen.

The group recommends focusing on seven areas of need - Maesgeirchen, Bangor; Peblig, Caernarfon; Talysarn and Nantlle, Pwllheli, Pen Llyn, Blaenau Ffestiniog and Barmouth.

A report by group chairman, Felinheli councillor Siân Gwenllïan said one of the service's strengths was having one of the highest percentages of membership in

Wales together with committed and enthusiastic workers.

Among weaknesses were a shortage of youths older than 16 and too many buildings to maintain.

Ms Gwenllïan said: "We hope to pull everybody together in a clearer way with the emphasis on young people. We will be re-branding the service and creating a new image which will appeal to young people."

"We have worked together with club leaders and various organisations such as Plas Menai and secondary schools.

"The challenge will be to reach out to

young people who are on the periphery and offer more activities for them," she added.

Gwynedd's youth service has a £1.3m budget - the same as other rural counties. It has 51 youth clubs, 2,500 members, between 12-16. It has five full-time youth workers, three schools youth workers, one bus worker, 152 trained part-time workers and three office staff.

Added to that, the Urdd and Young Farmers receive £67,500, employ four officers, use 95 volunteers, run 26 groups with 960 members.

The service manages nine youth centres with 35 clubs meeting in village halls, six in schools and one in a leisure centre. The service is also responsible for 13 other buildings.

The group's recommendations have already been accepted by Gwynedd's Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and will now be acted on over the next three years.

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