

Welsh Language Annual Report

1st August 2024 – 31st July 2025



A Welsh Version of this report is available to download on the University's website and hard copies in both Welsh and English are available in offices open to the public.

Introduction

Wrexham University is under a legal duty to comply with the Welsh Language Standards as imposed by the Welsh Language Commissioner. As an education provider the University also has a duty to promote the use of the language not only amongst our own employees and students but also with our other external stakeholders.

The compliance with the Welsh Language Standards is monitored through the formal committee structure of the University: The Welsh Language Monitoring Committee which meets three times a year. Responsibility for monitoring compliance lies with the University's General Counsel and University Secretary and the promotion of the use of the language and the embedding of it in the University's curriculum and educational practices lies with the Head of Welsh Medium Development.

Should the Welsh Language Commissioner request information on how we comply with the standards we are under a duty to provide it and we have continued to engage constructively with the Commissioner over the course of this reporting period, regarding our efforts to promote and encourage the use of the Welsh language.

This year marks the second year of implementing our Welsh Medium Academic Strategy and Action Plan, CYFLE, which was approved last year by both the University Academic Board and Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol. CYFLE remains the first strategy of its kind at the University, focusing on the enhancement, provision, and development of the Welsh language, and underlining our ongoing commitment to its use and promotion. Its objectives continue to be guided by the principle that the Welsh language is for everyone at the University – staff, students, visitors, and the wider community.

During this second year, we have seen notable developments in staffing provision through the medium of Welsh in selected subject areas, alongside the expansion of our Welsh Language Skills portfolio. Dedicated resource has also been put in place to provide academic support for students studying through Welsh. Staff and students now have more opportunities to engage with the language through initiatives such as Welsh in the Workplace pathways for students and the Welsh at Work scheme for staff, supported by the appointment of a full-time Welsh Language Skills Tutor.

This year also saw the University prepare for the National Eisteddfod's visit to Wrexham in August, with the formation of an Eisteddfod Steering Group to lead preparations. In parallel, the University launched its new Vision and Strategy for 2030, which positions Welsh Language, Heritage, and Culture as an overarching theme across all strategic pillars. This significant development has led to a shift in CYFLE, broadening its scope into a wider Welsh language strategy aligned with the University's long-term ambitions.

In 2025, Wrexham University launched its new vision and strategy for 2030—a bold and comprehensive step to ensure that the university continues to grow, innovate and inspire. Reflecting its Welsh roots and global ambition, this strategy positions the university as a modern civic institution that serves its local communities and contributes actively to global challenges.

Following our new vision and strategy as a University, we have now repositioned CYFLE with a broader vision for the Welsh language at Wrexham University. CYFLE now focuses not only on the development of Welsh-medium provision but also on developing our services through the medium of Welsh. In addition, we are eager to contribute to the bilingual workforce in Wales by enabling students to develop the necessary skills to live and work confidently in Wales.

Professor Paul Davies – Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Compliance

The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 replaced the Welsh Language Act 1993 and as part of this legislation, both the Welsh and English languages have equal legal status, and neither must be treated any less favourably. Under the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011, all public bodies in Wales are required to comply with language duties which ensure that the Welsh language is not treated less favourably than the English language. The duties include encouragement of the promotion of the Welsh language and require that provision is made for the accessibility of Welsh to the public.

In accordance with Section 44 of the 2011 Measure, the Welsh Language Commissioner issued a compliance notice on the 29th September 2017 to the University containing 178 individual standards to which the University is required to comply with under the following themes; service delivery, operational, policy making and record keeping.

The Standards detail the University's responsibilities in terms of providing bilingual services to ensure that the Welsh language is not treated any less favourably than the English language.

The standards aim to:

- Make it clear to the University what its duties are in relation to the Welsh language,
- Make it clearer to Welsh speaking students, staff and the public what services they can expect to receive in Welsh from the University
- Make Welsh language services more consistent and improve their quality.

The [Welsh Language Commissioner](#) has a statutory duty to monitor organisations' compliance with the Welsh Language Standards, and investigate complaints and breaches in compliance. It is within their power to impose enforcement action, county court judgements and fines.

The University is required to publish its Welsh Language Standards annual report by the end of January each year and to publicise it appropriately.

Implementing the Welsh Language Standards

Welsh Language Monitoring Committee

The Welsh Language Monitoring committee was established by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in August 2018 (following dissolution of the former informal Welsh Language Monitoring

Group) and is currently chaired by Paul Davies, the current Deputy Vice Chancellor. The committee consists of members of both senior management and operational staff at appropriate levels. It is an advisory committee that does not have delegated decision-making powers and is a Sub-Committee of the Vice-Chancellor's Executive Team. The Deputy Vice Chancellor has strategic leadership for the Welsh Standards both from a compliance and language perspective. The day-to-day implementation of the Welsh Language provision is met by the Head of Welsh Medium Development and the University's Welsh Language Champion. The day-to-day implementation of Welsh language compliance is met by the University General Counsel and University Secretary and the Information Governance and Compliance Manager. Ultimate responsibility for the University's compliance with the Welsh language standards lies with the Deputy Vice Chancellor.

The Committee meets four times each Academic year as per its Terms of Reference.

This Annual Report is reviewed by the following committees within the University whose Terms of Reference include a requirement to monitor the University's compliance with the Welsh Language Standards:

- *Welsh Language Strategy Committee*
- *Vice-Chancellor's Executive Team*
- *People and Culture Committee*

The role and function of the WLMC committee is to support and facilitate compliance with the Welsh Language Standards throughout the University, ensuring that:

1. **Policies and Procedures** - relevant policies and procedures are established to comply with legislation, oversight of implementation occurs and all policies and procedures are periodically updated.
2. **Management of Risk** - the implementation of strategies/policies associated with legislation related to Welsh Language are monitored to ensure compliance and that the University undertakes timely record keeping and comprehensive reporting in accordance with the University's Compliance Notice.
3. **Practice** – all practice promotes and engenders a culture of quality improvement and the sharing of good practice with regard to the Welsh Language, ensuring the availability of high-quality information at the point of service delivery. In addition, any necessary guidance, support, and help should provide clarity to ensure the correct interpretation of relevant Standards and how University practice can be compliant.
4. **Communications and staff development** – the development and oversight of a communications and training programme is maintained to raise awareness within the University, and with others as appropriate, regarding all aspects of Welsh Language, providing appropriate advice in response to events and incidents and supporting staff to develop the skills and behaviours necessary to ensure compliance.
5. **Complaints** – reports are received, and recommendations made on actions, following any complaints (including but not limited to the Welsh Language Standards) and where appropriate remedial action is undertaken or recommended and that these actions are monitored.

From the 25/26 Academic Year, the Committee has been renamed to the Welsh Language Strategy Committee, highlighting the University's commitment to the Welsh Language.

Compliance with the Welsh Language Standards

Written Correspondence

When the preferred language of an individual being contacted is unknown, or when communicating with groups of people (for example, via email newsletters), all initial correspondence should be issued bilingually, with Welsh positioned on the left or at the top so that it appears first. Where the language preference is known, communications should be conducted in that language. If an individual writes to the University using both Welsh and English, a bilingual response must be provided.

University letterheads include a statement welcoming correspondence in both Welsh and English and confirm that the use of Welsh will not result in any delay in response.

Email signatures and/or footers state that correspondence is welcomed in both Welsh and English, and that response times do not differ between the language where employees are fluent speakers or learners. Signatures also include Welsh in the Workplace logos, bilingual job titles, and bilingual contact details.

Guidance around Welsh Language compliance is provided to all staff during their mandatory induction, which includes how to generate a Welsh signature and on how to set Welsh out-of-office messages. Information around Welsh compliance is also distributed to staff throughout the year through our internal campus newsletter.

Telephone Calls

The University's main telephone number connects to an automated telephone system which greets the caller bilingually with Welsh being spoken first. Thereafter, the system allows the caller to choose whether they wish to speak to an employee in Welsh or English.

Calls to one of the University's other campuses in St. Asaph or Northop will also be answered bilingually by a member of the reception.

Employees are instructed on how to deal with calls in order to ensure that callers receive the best service in the language of their choice.

Meetings

When arranging meetings with those external to the University, attendees are asked to confirm their preferred language in advance of the meeting, and simultaneous translation is offered if required.

The University conducts its internal meetings in English; however, it provides full simultaneous translation upon request.

Any minutes which are published on the University's website are provided in Welsh and English.

Signage, Notices, Publicity, and Promotional Materials, Documents, and Forms

University materials produced for students and external stakeholders are either bilingual, with Welsh either positioned on the left or on top so that it appears first, or in separate Welsh and English versions. English only versions notify the reader that that material is also in Welsh.

Website and Social Media

The University website and associated web-services are fully bilingual, and users can easily switch between Welsh and English.

Main social media accounts are on Bluesky, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube. All posts and messages are posted onto two separate pages, one in Welsh and the other in English. Both pages will mirror one another, and Welsh is not treated any less favourably to English.

All social media messages are responded to in the language of the original query. Videos on the University's YouTube channel are posted in Welsh and English wherever possible, and subtitles are provided in Welsh and English when an interviewee speaks in one language.

Policies and Procedures

All policies and procedures presented for approval are required to be accompanied by a Welsh Language Impact Assessment Form to demonstrate that the introduction of such policies and procedures would not be detrimental to the Welsh Language.

The University also has a Welsh Language Policy which is reviewed every 3 years or as and when there are changes to legislation.

All Policies, procedures, or documentation that is uploaded to the University website are in both Welsh and English.

Complaints

The University had received one informal complaint in 2024/25, relating to a lack of Welsh lanyards during an open day.

The University had also received one formal complaint in 2024/25; this was regarding a social media post on Facebook and LinkedIn where a mistranslation was discovered.

Internal Spot Checks

The University's Information Governance and Compliance Team conduct regular spot checks of signage both within and external to university premises. Colleagues within departments are

notified of any issues identified to ensure correction. Details of these and follow-up actions are reported to the Welsh Language Monitoring Committee.

During this reporting period, there were a number of issues identified and highlighted to colleagues. These included:

- Some out-of-office automatic responses had English-only messages, or bilingual messages where the Welsh text did not match the English text, or where the Welsh text was not formatted similarly to the English text. The University has now sent multiple all-staff emails reminding staff of the importance of Welsh compliance and guiding them to the templates available on the staff intranet.
- Some posters were displayed on University Premises that were not bilingual. When this occurs the compliance team gets in contact with creator of the poster and requests that a Welsh version be created. If it does not, the English-only poster will be removed.
- Some documents on the University's website had been saved in different formats, such as Microsoft Word and PDF.

These themes were identified through internal spot checks, such as reviewing the website and associated social media pages, mystery calls to the three campus receptions, and reviews of posters displayed around the campus buildings.

We are also seeing a positive trend of staff reporting instances of where Welsh is not treated as favourably to English and offering guidance on how to access information around Welsh compliance.

Recruitment

The University continues to evaluate the requirement for Welsh language skills at the vacancy request stage and recruiting managers are supported to consider the requirement for Welsh speaking skills by their HR Business Partner. It is mandatory for the Recruiting Manager to indicate at the vacancy request stage whether Welsh skills are Essential or Desirable for each request.

A further enhancement to the recruitment system was implemented in 2023/24 which ensures that the information on the vacancy request is automatically populated to the advert when the vacancy is advertised. This removes the manual element of having to add a sentence to each advert eliminating the risk of not displaying the level of Welsh Language skills required for the role.

When advertising Welsh essential posts, the University will consider using Welsh language recruitment websites. At interview stage, at least one member of the selection panel is a fluent Welsh speaker and asks the candidate at least one question in Welsh, requiring a response in Welsh.

Our application form provides a space for applicants to indicate if they wish to use the Welsh language at interview, or at any other method of assessment. It also explains that we will provide a translation service, if required.

When we offer a new post, we ask the individual whether they wish to receive any formal correspondence, including the contract of employment, in Welsh.

In the reporting year, we advertised new and vacant posts (as detailed below):

01/08/2024 to 31/07/2025			
	Academic	Professional Services	Totals
Welsh Essential	5	2	7
Welsh Desirable	66	107	173
Welsh Not Required	0	0	0
Total adverts			180

Welsh Language Skills

Through the University's HR system, new starters have their Welsh Language Skills captured and there are staff surveys conducted through this system which requests the language levels of current University staff. As of this report, we have captured around 50% of staff Welsh language levels, and the results can be seen below.

Academic Staff

	Speaking Level – No.	Listening Level – No.	Reading Level – No.	Writing Level – No.
Level 0	60	53	56	71
Level 1	43	42	44	34
Level 2	8	13	8	5
Level 3	3	5	4	4
Level 4	5	4	6	5
Level 5	10	12	11	10
Total	129	129	129	129

Professional Staff

	Speaking Level – No.	Listening Level – No.	Reading Level – No.	Writing Level – No.
Level 0	74	74	70	91
Level 1	57	55	57	46
Level 2	15	11	19	15
Level 3	15	15	10	15
Level 4	8	9	12	5
Level 5	11	16	12	6
Total	180	180	180	180

Welsh Medium Delivery and Enhancement

Since 2022 Wrexham University has been committed to the development of Welsh and bilingual provision through its strategy - CYFLE. Regular updates on CYFLE are reported to key committees at the university. The committee structure at Wrexham University changed during this academic year and as a result what was the Welsh Language Monitoring Committee has changed to the Welsh Language Strategy Committee, this committee aligns itself directly with CYFLE's strategy. During this academic year, changes were made to the committee structures at Wrexham University and CYFLE now reports to the Welsh Language Strategy Committee, the External Engagement Committee and to Academic Board as well as Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol's Academic Board.

During 2025 Wrexham University launched its new vision and strategy for 2030. The new strategy outlines our goals in creating an outstanding student experience, strengthen our role within Wales and beyond, and drive impactful research and innovation by:

- Providing an Excellent Student-Centred Experience
- Being an Anchor and Beacon University for Wales
- Driving Successful Innovation and Transformation

The key themes of the new strategy are:

- Our Student Experience and Opportunities.
- Our People, Places and Partnerships.
- Our Research and Enterprise.

Running through these themes is our commitment to Welsh Language Heritage and Culture. This commitment to Welsh Language Culture and Heritage not only enriches our partnerships locally, nationally and globally, but strengthens our sense of community. As we work towards our 2030 vision, we will continue to ensure our Welsh heritage is a fundamental part of Wrexham University – actively promoting the language, culture and heritage of Wales through our course provision and activities. As a result, CYFLE will now be a strategy which sits under our new 2030 Vision and Strategy of Wrexham University and has been redesigned to include a broader overview of the Welsh language and to further enhance our appetite to grow and develop opportunities, services and provision at Wrexham University.

- Provision
- Welsh language skills for staff and students
- The Welsh and bilingual culture of the university
- Services
- Confident Bilingual Graduates
- Wrexham, Wales, and the World

In addition, an annual review and update on Welsh Language provision was completed for Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol in November 2024, alongside a mid-year review at the end of May 2025. A review of the Inter-professional provision in Health was also completed in June 2025.

At the end of each semester staff at Wrexham University were asked to record any Welsh medium activity within their programmes. <https://forms.office.com/e/6chzaQ0zRg>

Welsh Medium Credits

Forty credits in the medium of Welsh are now offered on the Speech and Language Therapy programme and the Football training programme. Twenty credits are offered Allied Health programmes including Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Operating Practices can now offer work-based learning modules through the medium of Welsh. This year also saw developments around Welsh Language provision in Education and in Nursing.

The Faculty of Social Life Sciences launched their Foundation programme in 2024 including Welsh language modules and the Faculty of Arts Computing and Engineering are developing modules for 2025.

As of the beginning of the 2023/24 academic year, students on the Professional Policing degree at Wrexham University are required to complete the Welsh in the Workplace module as part of their studies. Fifteen students successfully achieved a Level 2 Welsh in the Workplace qualification. This will help prepare them for working with North Wales Police where this is a professional requirement. Wrexham University have worked closely with North Wales Police on developing this provision and for 2024/25 this is being extended to Law and Criminology students also.

A short course was created by the Education team in preparation for the National Eisteddfod, a 20-credit module titled 'Welcoming the Eisteddfod'. This work resulted in collaboration with the National Trust where Wrexham University's resources were used to support their preparation for the National Eisteddfod visit in Wrexham.

Welsh Language Awareness in Action Module

In January 2024 two of the Academic Development Team led on the first Interprofessional Welsh Language awareness day in Health and Nursing. The event titled 'Care and Language Hand in Hand' saw more than two hundred Nursing and Allied Health students taking part in a collaborative Inter-professional Education Day – with a focus on the Welsh language within healthcare settings. The event featured talks from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol representatives.

The day consisted of a morning conference with speakers from the Health Board and Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol, in the afternoon the cohorts were able to network with other students and discover more about the different Allied Health disciplines, as well as take the opportunity to speak with various organisations, such as Menter Iaith, Coleg Cambria and the University's Welsh Language Tutor, Teresa Davies. Students were also able to learn more about Welsh language classes and societies to practice the language outside of the classroom. The afternoon session saw students take on mini-Welsh lessons, based on their ability, aimed to increase their confidence, and widen their healthcare related vocabulary.

As a result of the success of this day, we saw an opportunity to develop this innovative learning experience into a formal credit bearing module. In June 2025 The Welsh Language Awareness in action module was launched for all Allied Health students and 85 completed the 20-credit module which focused on pre and post work on Moodle.

Welsh at Work Scheme

Funding for the Welsh Work scheme for 2024/25 was approved by the Welsh Language Centre and as a result the University is now able to provide five levels of Welsh Language study for all staff. Sixty six members of staff took an interest in the courses this year. As part of the scheme, the University runs a coffee morning 'Coffi a Chlonc' on every first Wednesday of each month which is well attended by staff and these sessions now directly link to the learning activities of the staff who follow the Welsh Work scheme. Wrexham University also recruited a new Welsh Language skills tutor who also has responsibility over provided Welsh Language skills Academic support to students.

Welsh in the Workplace

These pathways are designed for all students at the University and assist students to improve their Welsh Language skills while studying at Wrexham University. These pathways are free of charge for all students studying at Wrexham University.

Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol

The 'Coleg Cymraeg' branch at the University (Cangen Wrecsam) was established in 2022 and is still thriving, the branch is an opportunity to discuss 'Coleg Cymraeg' academic matters with staff and students at the University. All are welcome to the meetings but an established core membership of Welsh language staff (operational and academic) as well as student representation has now been established. Five branch meetings are held during the academic calendar.

The 'Coleg Cymraeg' Academic Board is a forum for hearing the voice of the higher education academic community and to advise on activities in the sector. Membership includes: the Chairperson, representatives of the student and staff communities; providers (individuals with strategic responsibilities for the Welsh language within their organisation); co-opted members. Wrexham University representatives on the board are Elen Mai Nefydd (Head of Welsh Development, Awel Wynne Williams (Children's Nursing Lecturer) and Ffion Roberts (Lecturer in Speech and Language and Welsh champion for Health and Llio Owen (student representative)

Welsh Language Simulation Resources

Wrexham University was successful in securing a bid by Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol to develop Welsh language simulation resources through the medium of Welsh. This project, led by Wrexham University in partnership with Cardiff Metropolitan University, will result in new learning resources being made available for Health learners in Wales.

Y Coleg Cymraeg Welsh Language Skills Certificate

The Welsh Language skills certificate by Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol has been promoted to all fluent Welsh students. Elen Mai Nefydd presented certificates to students from Wrexham University who followed the certificate last year – Elen Keen from Physiotherapy and Becky Davies from Children's Nursing.



Y Coleg Cymraeg Ambassadors

Annually the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol call for Welsh Language ambassadors from all the universities in Wales. For 2024/25 Lottie Edwards from Criminology became was accepted on the Coleg Cymraeg Ambassadors scheme, representing the Criminology degree at the university and Wrexham University nationally through the medium of Welsh.

Events

Over 2024/25 the University has hosted various internal and external events to promote its work and engage with stakeholders which can be seen below.

Hay Scribblers

Wrexham University hosted the second Welsh language 'Hay Scribblers' event with external speakers as well as presentations from the Coleg Cymraeg branch officer.



Graduations

2 Graduation Ceremonies were held in the 2024-25 academic year, in October and April. Both ceremonies were conducted bilingually, with the presentation opened in Welsh by the University Orator.

Wrexham Talks' Research Public Lectures

Wrexham Talks' Research Public Lectures are a series of free, on-campus evening lectures run by the Research Office and are open to all. Wrexham Talks Research is a key part of the Wrexham University public face, and the lectures' purpose is to invite discussion and debate in a variety of thought-provoking subject areas. The University prides itself on applied research, research that transforms, and research that impacts.

All Wrexham Research Talks marketing materials are bilingual, including series brochures, posters, banners, the Eventbrite page, emails, email banners, and the website. The Research Office endeavours to provide a Welsh Speaker at Public Lectures to ensure that audience members can ask a question in Welsh at the end of the Lecture. All public lectures are recorded and made available on the University Websites with a Welsh transcript.

Welsh Language Public Events

A successful evening welcoming Lili Jones from Wrexham AFC in conversation with Elen Mai Nefydd. Organisations such as Menter Iaith Flint and Wrecsam, Urdd Gobaith Cymru and the Football Museum of Wales supported the evening.

Y Noson Gyda...

**Ymunwch â Chwaraewr
Ifanc y Flwyddyn Merched
Wrecsam, Lili Mai Jones
mewn sgwrs wrth iddi
drafod ei profiad o
chwarae y gêm hyfryd.**

Ym Mhrifysgol Wrecsam, rydym am ddathlu chwaraewyr a hyfforddwyd Cymru sydd yn ganolog i fyd pêl-droed yng Nghymru. Mae'r digwyddiad hwn yn sicr o fod yn un ar gyfer eich dyddiaduron.

P'un a ydych chi'n chwaraewr ifanc, yn hyfforddwr, yn rhiant neu'n athro, mae'r digwyddiad Cymraeg hwn yn sicr o'ch diddori a'ch ysbrydolli!

An Evening With...

**Join Wrexham Women's
Young Player of the Year, Lili
Mai Jones, in conversation
as she discusses her
journey within the beautiful
game.**

At Wrexham University, we want to celebrate the Welsh players and coaches making strides in the world of football and this event is sure to be one for your diaries.

Whether you're a young player, coach, parent or teacher, this exclusively Welsh event is sure to inform and inspire!

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Lili Mai Jones

18th November

Cyraedd 6.30pm i ddechrau am 7pm a gorffen am 8pm gyda lluniaeth ysgafn i ddilyn.

Neuadd William Aston
Prifysgol Wrecsam
Ffordd yr Wyddgrug,
Wrecsam
LL11 2AW

18th November

6.30pm arrival for a 7pm start and 8pm finish with light refreshments to follow.

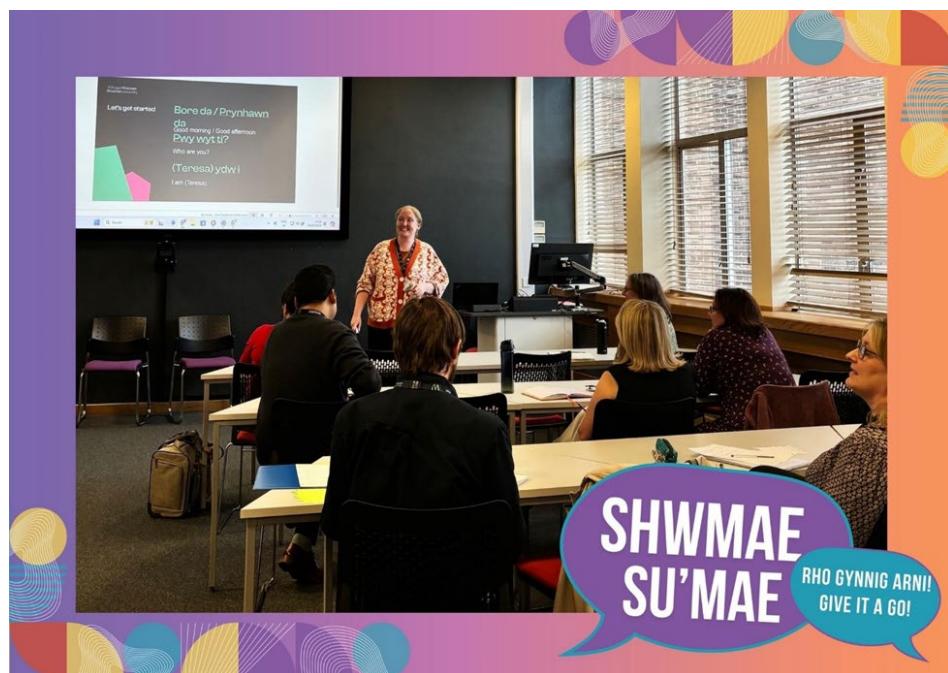
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Wrexham
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**Prifysgol Wrecsam
Wrexham University**

Diwrnod Siwmai/Sumae Day

Wrexham University took part in the 'Diwrnod Shwmae/Sumae Day' in October 2024. The day is designed to promote the idea of starting every conversation with shwmae, su'mae or shwdi! The event aims to show that the Welsh language belongs to all – fluent speakers, learners or those shy about their Welsh and encourages Welsh learners to 'give it a go' - 'rhowch gynnig arni' whatever their level of ability. The Day is celebrated annually on the 15th of October.



Welsh Language Commissioner's Defnyddia Dy Gymraeg Campaign

The 'Defnyddia dy Gymraeg' (Use your Welsh) campaign ran between 25 November and 9 December 2024. The purpose of this campaign was to encourage Welsh speakers and learners from all over Wales to use the language in their everyday life - at work, with the family, with colleagues, when going to the shop, face to face or on-line.

The campaign aims to raise confidence, and to increase the use of Welsh language services. The focus was on the health and care sector, and Wrexham University supported the campaign by posting short films and testimonials from staff and students at the university. The campaign started on the 25th with a coffee morning – Bore Hoffi Coffi to raise funds for the National Eisteddfod and to celebrate 250 days until the Eisteddfod in Wrexham 2025.

Mae defnyddio'r sgiliau hyn wedi tynnu sylw at bwysigrwydd cynnig gwasanaethau fewn mamiath unigolyn. Mae hon yn helpu feithrin ymddiriedaeth a parch ac yn ei gefnogi'r unigolyn i deall eu sefyllfa yn well.

Rwyf yn ddeall rhai termau yn fwy haws yn yr iaith Gymraeg ac yn gallu weld sut y byddai hyn yn berthnasol i unigolion sydd yn defnyddio gwasanaethau mewn gofal cymdeithasol ac iechyd cysylltiedig yn barhaus neu am y tro cyntaf

Montanna Bacon
Myfyriwr Gwaith Cymdeithasol, Prifysgol Wrecsam

#DefnyddiaDyGymraeg

Cymraeg

Gŵyl yr Haf

The Coleg Cymraeg Gŵyl yr Haf festival was held at Wrexham University in June for students from years 11 and 12 who were studying Welsh as a second language



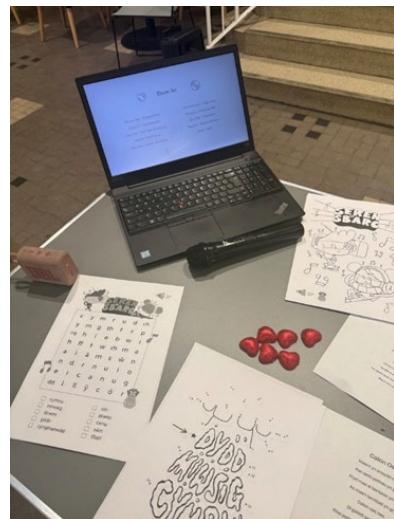
St. David's Day

On the 1st of March, Wrexham University were proud to take part in the annual St. David's Day parade in Wrexham, representing the University within the community.



Welsh Language Music Day

Wrexham University hosted a fantastic event in main reception, on the 7th of February to celebrate Welsh Language Music Day. The University was delighted to host Guitarist and Singer Andy Hickey, accompanied by a Welsh Language karaoke stand hosted by Olivia Neen. Both staff and students participated in singing fluent Welsh songs, and songs translated from English into Welsh. This event also welcomed Golwg magazine, to document a successful celebration of the Welsh Language.



Eisteddfod Steering Group

The University established a cross-institutional Eisteddfod Steering Group, bringing together representatives from every department to coordinate Wrexham University's contribution to the Eisteddfod visit. The group was responsible for shaping and delivering a diverse and engaging

programme of activities that showcases the University's strengths in Welsh language, heritage, culture, research, and community engagement. Through collaborative planning and wide departmental involvement, the Steering Group ensures a vibrant, inclusive, and a coordinated presence for the University throughout the Eisteddfod period for the visit to Wrexham in 2025.

Please find the programme of events created by the group for the Eisteddfod visit:



English Schedule .pdf

Gŵyl yr Hydref

Wrexham University played an important role in formally welcoming the National Eisteddfod to the area through its involvement in Gŵyl yr Hydref, a two-day festival aimed at engaging the local community and building awareness of the upcoming Eisteddfod. University staff provided hands on support throughout the event, contributing to activities that celebrated local culture and creativity. As part of the festival, the School of Art organised a colouring competition for local primary schools, encouraging children to explore artistic themes connected to the Eisteddfod. The resulting artwork was proudly exhibited around Tŷ Pawb for the duration of the festival, creating a vibrant display of community participation.



National Eisteddfod Reciting Group

Elen Mai Nefydd was appointed Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of the National Eisteddfod in 2023, with specific responsibility for leading and shaping its cultural portfolio. In this role, she played a key part in strengthening opportunities for participation and widening engagement with Welsh language culture. Building on the success of the university's Welsh at Work scheme and recognising the value of embedding linguistic and cultural confidence among staff and students, she helped establish a Welsh language learners' recitation group.

As a result, Parti Prifysgol Wrecsam was formed, an ensemble that not only supported learners on their language journey but also contributed meaningfully to local cultural life. The group went on to register formally to compete at the Wrexham Eisteddfod.

Maes B Sponsorship

In 2025, Wrexham University was announced as the headline sponsor for Maes B, the Welsh-medium contemporary music festival for young people that takes place alongside the National Eisteddfod. This partnership solidified the University's commitment to supporting Welsh language culture and investing in creative opportunities for the next generation. As a lead sponsor, the University played a prominent role in promoting youth engagement, contemporary Welsh music, and the wider cultural impact of the Eisteddfod.



Gorsedd of the Bards Honour

In June 2025, it was announced that Elen Mai Nefydd was to be honoured by the Gorsedd of the Bards at the National Eisteddfod in Wrecsam Is y Coed, August 2025. Elen Mai Nefydd has been recognised for her contribution to the sector over the last 25 years in North Wales, as well as attracting new audiences to the Welsh language and the Eisteddfod.

She is one of a select number of individuals who have been recognised from all parts of the country for their achievements and their commitment to Wales, the language and their local communities.

Freshers Week/Students Union

Welsh and bilingual events were promoted to students at Wrexham University during Freshers week. The activities included a formal presentation from the Head of Welsh Development on the Welsh language opportunities on offer, an informal coffee morning, and a Welsh/bilingual Bingo event.

Further Information/Provide Feedback

For further information regarding the University's compliance with the Welsh Language Standards, or if you wish to provide us with constructive feedback regarding our Welsh language provision, please contact the following email address: welshcompliance@wrexham.ac.uk