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Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Advancing the education and general knowledge of the community by establishing and maintaining a centre so as to encourage the study and use of the Welsh language by the provision of lectures, discussion groups and arts activities through the medium of that language.

Executive Summary

Menter Iaith Merthyr Tudful is at the centre of Welsh language development with Canolfan Soar implementing the integration of the Welsh language in the local community. This plan outlines the vision and intentions of the Menter Iaith for the year ahead.

The strategic aim of Menter Iaith Merthyr Tudful is to support the implementation of Welsh Government's Welsh Language Strategy, Cymraeg 2050: A Million Speakers; by increasing the use of the Welsh language in the community. This is done by achieving targets that are set in cooperation with Welsh Government with the support of the Mentrau Iaith Network across Wales.

The aim of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 to create a Wales that we all want to live in today and in the future goes hand in hand with the Welsh Language Strategy. Thriving culture, heritage and Welsh language in Merthyr Tudful is central to the ethos of our organization.

Brief Introduction:

Menter Iaith Merthyr Tudful operates as part of a network of Welsh partners that serve the area including Dysgu Cymraeg Morgannwg (CiO), Urdd Gobaith Cymru and Mudiad Meithrin and Cymraeg i Blant. Menter Merthyr often refers individuals to the other partners and is considered to be the 'glue' that ensures the Network operates successfully in our community. Establishing Canolfan Soar as a home for these partners in Merthyr town centre has been key to the cooperation of our organisations in achieving Welsh Government's Strategies since 2011.

Menter Iaith Merthyr Tudful works in partnership with a wide variety of community, arts and wellbeing organisations to reach new audiences and communities. We endeavour to react and reflect the needs of our local community.

Context

Merthyr Tudful County Borough is one of the smallest in Wales. It is an old industrial area and even though the neighbourhood networks and the feeling of belonging is strong, the population here continues to suffer the side effects of the demise of the large traditional industries. Levels of unemployment here are among the highest in Wales and this is the most deprived area in Wales according to Government figures. The local authority, therefore, faces basic challenges relating to local people's health, well-being, employment and skills. Menter Iaith Merthyr Tudful was established in 2003 after years of voluntary activity in the area. The aim of the Menter Iaith is to expand and strengthen the use of Welsh in the area by nurturing opportunities and services for the county's inhabitants to use the Welsh language within their local communities

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Context period since Covid-19

Merthyr Tudful is one of the areas most effected by the Coronavirus with testing centres across the county showing the highest level of infection in Wales at times. As an organization that is rooted in our community, we need to supports the regeneration of our area and work in new ways to overcome this period.

Lockdown has given us opportunities as well as challenges. We've had time to thing about what's important to us. Through being part of national conversations about the Welsh language and the Arts in wales we have focused on the arts and heritage sectors as a way of realizing our ambition of engaging and supporting our community to thrive.

Public benefit

The charity's charitable activities have contributed to the growth in the use of the Welsh language in Merthyr Tudful, increased confidence levels, increased self-esteem and have broadened horizons for Merthyr people.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

Highlights / Events:

Activities for the Family

Soar Fun Day – 20/07/2019

A Family Fun Day was held in Canolfan Soar. The day gave us and our partners an opportunity to reach a lot of families. During the day, the Hall in Canolfan Soar had a soft play and arts and crafts area. The arts and crafts area was also an opportunity for us to continue with our 'Wales and the World' project which is being co-held with Merthyr Tydfil Global Village.

As well as this, we collaborated with the book siop, Llyfrau'r Enfys, to create a children's story and play area in the shop as well as a Lego area and even a visit by Lego Batman and also a visit from one of the Mentrau Iaith characters, Magi Ann.

Adding to the buzz and atmosphere we had 5 stalls – Welsh Learners, Welsh for children, Welsh Language Nursery Schools (Mudiad Meithrin), Merched y Wawr, Y Clochdar (the local Welsh language paper). This was an opportunity for people to chat about their organisations and the opportunities that are available locally for all ages.

Welsh Learners recruited 6 new names for their Welsh lessons that will start in September. Also, several parents noted their interest in attending Welsh for children sessions in September.

Pentrebach Fun Day – 02/08/2019

On Friday 2nd August we were present in a fun day at Pentrebach. We were there to promote the event and share Welsh education guidelines. We also offered painting activities for children.

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Soar Fun Day – 05/10/2019

As part of the Autumn Folk Festival, a Fun Day was held at Canolfan Soar. There was a children's play area including arts and crafts, and story time in the centre's shop. As well as this, information was provided about Welsh education and provisions for children in the local area. It was important to have activities for children and families as part of the day.

All Souls Day - 31/10/2019

At Halloween, a puppet show was performed by a company called 'Seren Ddu a Mwnci'. The show was to a very high standard and was an excellent opportunity for children to learn to enjoy Halloween activities in Welsh, outside school and during half term. As well as this, a puppet making workshop was held after the show.

Christmas Fun Day – 5/12/2019

On Saturday 7 December, following Christmas days with schools and nurseries, a Christmassy Day for the Family was held at Canolfan Soar. This was a chance for families to enjoy Christmassy sessions, visit Father Christmas and watch a brand new show in the theatre. The day was a great opportunity for non-Welsh speaking parents to enjoy the fun of Christmas with their children, in a Welsh atmosphere. It was also an opportunity for our Drama Club to experience performing on stage in a theatre production.

Half Term FUN - 21/02/2020

As part of our series of fun days in partnership with Cwmni Blodau Haul, an afternoon of 'Half Term FUN' was held in the centre on Friday 21st February. During the afternoon, children had an opportunity to do arts and crafts based on sunflowers, enjoy story time, and play in our soft play area. Also, each child received a packet of sunflower seeds to plant in the garden. The focus of the afternoon was a theatre show, 'Sunflower/Blodyn Haul'. Everyone enjoyed the show immensely, and it was great to see families and new faces enjoying entertainment in Welsh during half term.

Language Awareness Sessions

Bishop Hedley High School

Over two days – 4 and 5 September, 6 sessions with 6 groups were held, for pupils from years 7 and 8. The presentations and quiz were a good opportunity to get to know the new pupils and staff. It was also an opportunity to collect ideas from pupils about how we can help in future, by offering events and activities. As a result of the presentations, a lunch time club will be established in the school.

Pen y Dre High School

On Tuesday 24 September, 5 sessions were held at Pen y Dre High School. By the end of the day, the presentation had been seen by all Year 7 pupils.

Pen Y Dre is an English medium School with a very supportive Welsh department, and we look forward to organising more events with the school ensuring that our partnership is part of the work.

These presentations also contribute towards our work of operating locally in the Gurnos area.

Welsh Clubs

Afon Taf High School Welsh Club

During the quarter, a Welsh Club was started at Afon Taf High School. The club is for pupils from Years 7,8 and 9. The club is an opportunity for pupils to practice speaking Welsh during their free time, by playing games and taking part in events like quizzes etc.

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Pen-y-dre High School Creative Writing Club

The Youth Officer has been working with a group of pupils from Year 8 to help them with creative writing for the Eisteddfod. The weekly sessions help them by introducing new vocabulary in a convenient way.

Individual Events

PSE Day at Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun - 28/06/2019

On Friday 28th June, a PSE Day was held at Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun. The teachers were keen for us to put on some activities and games, rather than presentations, because it was almost the end of term. So, along with the Urdd, we organised sessions of fast cricket and rounders. During the day, 6 sessions were held with different groups from Years 9 and 10. The sessions were an opportunity for the pupils to use their Welsh in a natural way, in an environment that is different from the environment in the classroom. It was also an opportunity for them to see that Welsh can be the language of leisure and sports too. As well as this, the day was a good opportunity for us to create relationships for the academic year ahead.

Christmassy Days for Schools and Nurseries - 5/12/2019

On Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December, Ysgol Santes Tudful and Chylch Meithrin Soar came to Canolfan Soar to join in the Christmas fun. The children enjoyed various events such as arts and crafts, story time and visiting Father Christmas. After the sessions, everyone enjoyed a Christmassy Show in the theatre, that was produced by a Welsh company from Merthyr. The days were an excellent opportunity for children in the area to enjoy the fun of Christmas through the medium of Welsh.

Show: Pryd Mae'r Haf – 6/02/2020 – 7/02/2020

As part of our partnership with the production company, Criw Brwd, we were very happy to welcome their brand new drama to the theatre at the beginning of February. 3 shows were performed in the theatre over two days, and it was great to be able to present a drama that had been based on life in the Valleys, to a local audience. It was also a privilege to show a pre-showing of the show to local schools, and also host a press evening at Soar. The new partnership was a great success, and we look forward to welcoming Criw Brwd and the National Theatre of Wales back in future.

Afon Taf High School's Welsh Day - 3/03/2020

On Tuesday 3rd March, a Welsh skills improving day was held for primary pupils that will attend Afon Taf High School in September. The day was an opportunity for primary pupils to get together to use the Welsh language in various activities, from cooking to history. Menter coordinated the games in the Hall, and pupils had to speak Welsh in order to win games. This was an opportunity for them to speak Welsh in a lively and convenient way. We hope that this will be an annual event for primary schools.

Work with Merthyr College

Freshers' Week - 18/09/2019

We had a stall at the Freshers' Fair on Wednesday 18th September. The stall gave us an opportunity to chat to pupils and staff, both Welsh speaking and non-Welsh speaking. There was quite a bit of interest in local Welsh events and activities and in the centre and theatre.

The stall shared information about different aspects of Welsh, including information about our partners – Welsh for Children, Mudiad Meithrin, Learning Welsh and the Urdd.

Welsh students were also interested in being Welsh Ambassadors at the College.

A monthly event will also be organised at Soar that will be specifically for Welsh students and learners.

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Volunteering Fair - 25/09/2019

An information stall for volunteers in the college was held on Wednesday 25th September. The stall gave us an opportunity to promote opportunities for Welsh speakers and learners who are students, to volunteer through the medium of Welsh, by helping with a variety of different tasks. Quite a bit of interest was generated for these opportunities and we noted 5 names as well as specific skills.

This stall was also an opportunity for us to promote the work of Menter and Canolfan, again.

Welsh Language Breakfast Clubs

During the quarter, the first Welsh Language Breakfast Club was held for students studying Welsh at the College. Three have been held during the quarter, with up to 15 students attending each one. The sessions give students an opportunity to use and practice speaking Welsh in a natural and social environment.

Chat and song with second language students - 25/11/2019

On Monday 25th November, our Development Officer went to Merthyr College with Lleuwen Steffan, to talk about Welsh and the opportunities students have to use the language in the area. The students also had a chance to ask Lleuwen about her career and her songs. It was a very useful morning for the students and was a great help for their 'Welsh in the community' module.

Saint Dwynwen's Day – 23/01/2020

On Friday 23rd January, we collaborated with the Urdd and the Welsh Officer from the College to hold a Saint Dwynwen's Day at the College. The intention was to promote Welsh traditions among students and college staff. We had a stall all morning in the college foyer, handing out cakes and cards about Saint Dwynwen to staff and students. The cards were created by Menter, and gave a bilingual interpretation of Saint Dwynwen's story. This stall was an opportunity to promote tradition and also promote the wider work of Menter and our partners.

Welsh Language Music Day – 6/02/2020

We held a gig on the morning of Dydd Miwsig Cymru, in the foyer at Merthyr Tydfil College. The gig was organised by Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol and Merthyr College. We supported the organising, and on the day we had a stall at the College with merchandise for Dydd Miwsig Cymru and information about us and our Welsh partners in the area. The event was a great opportunity for staff and students to hear quality Welsh music in their workplace. As well as students and college staff, primary and high school pupils were present. Everyone enjoyed a feast of Welsh music for free.

Saint David's Day – 2/03/2020

Celebration of Saint David's Day at the College. In collaboration with the College's Welsh Officer, it was decided that an event should be held on Monday morning 2nd March to promote Welshness among staff, students and visitors. The event was an excellent opportunity for all to take pride in Welsh culture in the area. Performances were given by Ysgol Santes Tudful and Delyth and Bethan Mclean. Excellent speeches were given by The Mayor and Deputy Welsh Language Commissioner. Free Welshcakes were provided and we provided St David's Day cards to explain legends about him. Also, on the day, competition results for tutors were announced. The tutors, who are part of 'Cymraeg Iaith Gwaith', had competed against each other to show how they use Welsh in their lessons. The competition was very close and everyone showed a lot of passion towards the language. Our Development Officer was one of the adjudicators for the competition.

Community events

World Book Day – 11/04/19

As with last year, to celebrate World Book Day, Spread the Word Festival was organised in Merthyr. This year's celebration was the largest to date.

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As with last year, Canolfan Soar was a hive of activity all day, with hundreds of children enjoying various workshops hearing the Welsh language in natural environments. This was an opportunity to reach hundreds of children that we cannot usually reach as easily.

As well as the hive of activity in the Canolfan, the Welsh language could also be heard in the festival at Penderyn Square. Welsh organisations shared a stall there which was an excellent opportunity to promote different aspects of the Welsh language in the town centre.

As a part of the festival, many Welsh authors were present, including Eurig Salisbury, Mererid Hopwood and Lowri Haf Cooke. Publicity for Welsh aspects of the festival was ensured by advertising the events on Menter's platforms.

Welsh Comedy – 27/04/19

As part of The Merthyr Comedy Festival, a Welsh language comedy show was held at Canolfan Soar on Saturday night 27th April. Steffan Evans took to the stage as well as many other new acts. The event had good coverage and many people attended.

The evening was a good opportunity to integrate the Welsh language into a local festival and normalise Welsh language entertainment.

Party to Celebrate Caffi Soar's First Year –30/05/19

A party was held to celebrate a year of Caffi Soar at the centre. The evening was an opportunity to enjoy many local talents performing in Welsh. Many of the cafe's users were at the party and so it was an opportunity for everyone to enjoy and socialise in Welsh.

Wales v Croatia Fanbase – 08/06/19

A fanbase was held for the football game between Wales and Croatia. The day was an opportunity to speak Welsh at the café whilst watching the game in Welsh on S4C. This was an opportunity for people that would not have watched the game in Welsh to do so for the first time. Also, Canolfan Soar was the only place in town where you could watch the game in Welsh.

Sioe Y Brain / Kalagar – 21/06/19

On Friday night 21st June, the above show came to visit us. This was a bilingual show (Welsh and Turkish) with English entry. It was good to see some new faces in the audience, and especially some of the local youth group, where the production company had been holding a workshop leading up to the performance.

The show was an opportunity for a challenge for Welsh learners whilst following the English translation. Also, for those non Welsh or Turkish speakers, it was an opportunity to see the Welsh language side by side with another language other than English.

Treharris Breakfast Club and Walk- 18/05/19

The first breakfast club was held in the area, with a walk to follow. This was an opportunity for people to socialise and speak Welsh outside the classroom. 15 attended, including 2 children whose father was a Welsh learner.

Instrumental Evening - 23/05/19

An instrumental evening was held at Ysgol Bedd Llwynog, with a group of Welsh learners and Welsh speakers. The evening was an opportunity for the learners to have a go at learning many different instruments. The evening was also a chance for everyone to speak Welsh outside the classroom. As well as this, one of the learners had had the chance to teach an instrument to others through the medium of Welsh, for the first time. It is hoped that the evening will encourage some of the group to go ahead and learn a new instrument and that lessons might be taught through the medium of Welsh in the county.

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Mask-making event – Global Village Festival 22/06/19

We collaborated with the festival's organisers to ensure that the Welsh language would be part of the day

The Development Officer and Youth Officer assisted with the workshop

It was also ensured that Welsh was part of the marketing for the event leading up to the day

A special workshop was held with a local youth group, where there was an opportunity to 'map Wales and the world' by showing, visually, the connections between Wales and countries around the world.

Global Village Festival - 24/08/19

The Global Village Festival was held on Saturday 24th August in the town centre. We had a stall in the festival, where we offered information about our work, Canolfan a Theatr Soar, Welsh medium education and other events in the area. It was also an opportunity for people to add to our project 'Wales and the World'.

As part of the festival, there were Welsh performances, Welsh medium workshop, and Welsh promoting materials. Dysgu Cymraeg Morgannwg had a stall there too.

All the information about the festival, including pictures and evaluation are available to be seen in our case study work with the Festival.

Information stalls – Merthyr v Swansea - 06/07/19

On Saturday 6th July, we had a stall at the first friendly game of the season between Merthyr and Swansea. The stall was co-run with Dysgu Cymraeg Morgannwg. The main focus was on promoting the new prospectus and also distributing leaflets at the gate.

It was also an opportunity to promote our social events and show that many events and activities are organised in the area.

Growing Wild Event - 22/08/19

As part of the 'Men's Project' on the Gurnos estate, a children's fun day was held on the primary school fields with stalls, sports and outdoor activities.

The day was an excellent opportunity to promote the Welsh language in the Gurnos, and to be present in a such a community event.

Dysgu Cymraeg Morgannwg and the Urdd set up a stall generating much interest in Welsh lessons with several people taking a prospectus.

Also, a workshop was held for the youngsters, asking them 'What does Wales mean to you?' This was an opportunity for the youngsters to speak any Welsh they could.

We also had information about Welsh events for people of all ages, including booklets from Mudiad Meithrin, and Welsh for Children sessions.

A stall at Prince Charles Hospital – 30/08/19

On Friday 30th August, we had a stall at the Gurnos estate along with Dysgu Cymraeg. The stall was another opportunity for us to have a prominent presence in a community that is central to the wider community of the Gurnos. We were promoting our own work, events at Canolfan, and the work of our partners, focussing specifically on provisions for the early years such as the work of Mudiad Meithrin and Cymraeg i Blant. We also distributed badges and lanyards to hospital staff who are Welsh speakers or learners and Dysgu Cymraeg recruited 6 names for courses during the new term.

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An evening with Ifor ap Glyn - 05/09/2019

On Thursday evening 5th September, an evening was held with the former National Poet of Wales, Ifor ap Glyn. Also there, taking part in the evening was the local young poet, Morgan Owen and several readings from local poets too, including Welsh learners.

Don Giovanni – 12/09/2019

On Thursday evening 12th September, the Opra Cymru production of Don Giovanni came to the theatre. It was an excellent evening and it was great to see so many new faces there enjoying Welsh theatre.

Autumn Folk Festival – 4th and 5th October

The festival was established in April 2019 as a collaboration between Menter Iaith Merthyr Tudful and Bagad Pibau Morgannwg. There had been some talk about the festival for some time since the Bagad crew were looking for an opportunity to hold a folk festival ever since a very successful one was held in Pontsticill in 2012. Also, as part of our wider work with the arts in Merthyr, we are trying to make Merthyr the home of modern folk scene in Wales.

So after receiving a grant £5000 from o Mentrau Iaith Cymru, it was a natural choice for us to collaborate with Bagad in order to achieve both our ambition.

The festival was held over two days from the 4th – 5th of October at Canolfan a Theatr Soar. The Friday evening session was held in the café from 19:00-22:00. Then, on the Saturday, there were folk workshops held all day as well as a children's fun day with information stalls by local Welsh societies. There was an evening concert that started at 15:30 in the theatre. So, the centre and theatre were alive with activity all day long with many new faces attending.

Lleuwen, Eadyth, Kizzy Crawford and The Marcellas Gig – 18/10/2019

On Friday evening 18th October, a gig was held by Lleuwen, Eadyth, Kizzy Crawford and The Marcellas. The gig was an opportunity to give local artists a chance to perform in Welsh on stage. It was great to see people of all ages enjoying the gig, including a second language crew from Merthyr College.

Gadael Tir Show - 16/11/2019

On Saturday evening 16th November, the show 'Gadael Tir' was held in the theatre. It was a very interesting show and it was an opportunity to learn more about the history of protest and folk singing in Wales. There were fluent Welsh speakers in the audience as well as Welsh learners and non-Welsh speakers.

Morgan Owen Book Launch - 16/11/2019

On Saturday 16th November, we were very pleased to welcome the local young poet, Morgan Owen, for the book launch of his new book. It was great to see new faces at the centre, including local people and some from other areas in Wales. The event was an excellent opportunity for us to appreciate the work of such a talented poet from Merthyr Tudful.

Soar's 1st Folk Session - 06/12/2019

Following the success of the Folk Festival, and feedback received, the first folk session in Caffi Soar was organised for Friday evening 6th December. This was a very lively session and was an excellent opportunity for local people to enjoy Welsh folk heritage. The next session will be organised in the new year.

Soar Christmas Party – 12/12/2019

An end of term a celebration for Welsh learners and Christmas celebration was held at Canolfan Soar. A variety of people attended, including, new learners, experienced learners, fluent Welsh speakers, and the friends and family of Soar. This was a fun evening with activities including word bingo, quiz, entertainment by local people and carol singing.

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Curry and Love Night - 23/01/2020

On Thursday evening 23rd January, an evening was held at Canolfan Soar to celebrate Saint Dwynwen's Day. The evening was an excellent opportunity for the Welsh community to get together to celebrate one of Wales' customs. It was also an opportunity for Welsh learners and new Welsh speakers to learn more about an important custom. During the evening there was a quiz about the legend of Dwynwen, a session where one of our volunteers recited the legend of Dwynwen, and the evening ended with a session singing in Welsh. The evening was also an opportunity for our Welsh shop to sell Christmas gifts and cards.

Karen Owen Book Launch Evening – 30/01/20

On Thursday evening, 30th January, an evening to launch Karen Owen's new book, 'Dedwydd a Diriaid', was held. Also, as part of that evening a local poetry group were present: 'Y Beirdd Cochion'. The evening was an excellent opportunity for local people to listen to one of Wales' most popular poets. Also, since the Beirdd Cochion were part of the evening, it was a good opportunity for non-Welsh speakers to hear quality Welsh poetry.

Welsh Language Music Day Folk Session - 07/02/2020

To coincide with Welsh Language Music Day celebrations, a decision was made by us and the organisers that we should hold our second Folk Session on Friday evening 7th February. Once again, we had a very lively evening at the centre, with singers coming together to display the best of local talent. The evening was also an opportunity for people who had been to the theatre to see the show 'Pryd Mae'r Haf?' to enjoy some folk music after the show ended.

Cawl a Chân – Saint David's Day – 28/02/2020

On Friday 28th February, an event was held in Canolfan Soar to celebrate Saint David's Day. The afternoon was filled with music, singing, performance and cawl (soup). The event was an opportunity for us to welcome Pen-y-Dre High School to join us at the centre, in order to perform some of the pieces they had been preparing for the Eisteddfodau that would be held. The event was an opportunity for the pupils to rehearse in front of a Welsh audience, before they started on the Eisteddfodau. As well as giving this school an opportunity to perform, it was also a chance for Soar's Ukulele Group to perform for the first time. The event was organised in collaboration Merched Y Wawr Merthyr Tudful.

Regular Events

Siarad Hapus – Happy Talk

Siarad Hapus has gone from strength to strength this year, with more members than ever. The group is still run by volunteers and Menter does the promoting work.

Cymdeithas Soar – Soar Society

Because of all the other events, only one evening was held during this period. It was a very popular evening that demonstrated the good work done by the society's voluntary committee. Cymdeithas Soar continues to be an essential group for the area's Welsh learners.

Clwb Drama Soar – Soar Drama Society

Once again this year, Clwb Drama Soar was held throughout the year. Up to 20 children attended weekly sessions having the opportunity to practice drama and have fun through the medium of Welsh. The sessions were held by Delyth Mclean and the Youth Officer.

Clwb Iwys Soar – Soar's Ululele Club

The Ukulele Club, that was established in October 2019, has gone from strength to strength this year, with over ten members joining each week. The group is an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to learn new skills through the medium of Welsh. By now, the group has performed in front of an audience twice, and has already been booked for future events.

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Sesiwn Werin Soar – Soar's Folk Session

Following the success of the Autumn Folk Festival, Gŵyl Werin-Hydref, it was decided that monthly folk sessions should be held at Caffi Soar, so that the liveliness around the project is kept going between the big events in October. Both sessions that have been organised so far have been an opportunity for people of all ages to get together sharing their music and talents.

Organ Project

The project's team David Jones (DJ Associates), Dr William Reynolds, Anne England and Lisbeth McLean, managed and implemented the project. The work on the refurbishment of the organ was started by the organ builders, Martin Goetze & Dominic Gwynn Ltd. Regular reports of the project's progress were presented to the Board of Directors. We were fortunate that the work was able to proceed throughout the Covid lockdown periods. It was decided that a Heritage Officer would not yet be appointed. The appointment will be re-considered as the Covid Pandemic progresses.

Translating Service

The main event during this period has been setting up Lingo Soar Cyfyngedig. We continue to be busy and use external translators occasionally when we have too much work arriving at the same time. The cross-section of customers coming our way demonstrates the broad variety of work translated by us, and it can be categorised as follows:

Corporate: County Council; Metro Bank; Welsh Language Commissioner Voluntary; VAMT;

Charities: National Star; Click Sargent; Papyrus; Nolan Trust

Educational: Merthyr College; University of South Wales; Gweld Gwyddoniaeth/See Science; Ready Steady Music

The Arts: Glasebury Arts; David Jones Associates; Theatr na nOg; Brecon Baroque Festival

Creative: Wayland Boulanger; Legal: Emeritus Legal;

Political: Plaid Cymru;

It is noted that the company promotes bilingualism in the community and evidence of this is seen occasionally when resources translated by us are used to facilitate activities in Welsh e.g. walks around town commissioned by MTCBC to promote tourism were used by Cymdeithas Soar.

We look forward to expanding the company further during the next year.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to its operation. It has established a policy that unrestricted funds not committed or invested should be equivalent to 6 months expenditure to allow the charity to continue to operate in the event of an unexpected drop in funding.

At the balance sheet date the Charity's free reserves amounted to a negative figure of £26,335 (2019 - £11,026) The Board have taken steps to restore Funds to a positive balance.

Principal funding sources

Funding for the employment of the Chief Officer and Outreach Officer of £60,000 was provided by the Welsh Government. A total £7,500 was provided by Merthyr Tudful County Borough Council for the provision of Welsh language services for young people and children.

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The majority of the charity's income was generated by its charitable activities, namely a range of grants and donations.

In accordance with the charity SORP grants and donations are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year of receipt and, if unspent, carried forward within the reserves balance.

Investment policy and objectives

All the charity's funds are to be spent in the short term and so there are no funds available for long-term investment.

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

Canolfan a Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful are continuing the work to refurbish the organ at Theatr Soar and run a variety of community projects to raise awareness of the history of the organ and the history of music in Merthyr Tudful, which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Trustees recognise that the free reserves of the Charity are low and are working with the Chief Officer on a programme to increase income generation. Plans include a Friends of scheme and the establishment of a new trading arm, Lingo Soar Cyf to enable the Charity to develop and grow translation services.

Synopsis of Work since Covid-19

Following the worldwide pandemic and Westminster Government regulations Canolfan a Theatr Soar had to close its doors on 17 March 2020. Both our officers, who are funded by a grant from Welsh Government, continue to work from home. 8 members of staff were put on furlough from 18 March 2020 and we lost one member of staff. In August 2020, we lost 2 further members of staff. By now 6 members of staff are on Flexible Furlough, with 2 members working their full hours.

Since this period started every aspect of our communication work has occurred digitally. This has enabled us to keep in contact with our participants and the wider community, demonstrating that we are a community. Naturally, this has led to a large increase in our on-line presence, as we share information on our platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Because of the platform's structure and our participants' technical skills, most of our communication and events have happened through Facebook. We have also used platforms such as MailChimp to keep in touch with our wider users and programmes such as Zoom to hold our weekly chatting sessions. As well as by digital communication, we have also kept in touch with people who don't have internet access, by sharing information in the local Welsh language newspaper, posted to people in the community. Most of our messages and activities are aimed at caring for health and welfare in our community. This has led to an increase in the number of people who engage with our social media platforms.

We have succeeded in continuing to serve our community by holding events and services. We have also managed to work flexibly by finding new ways of connecting and developing future plans.

Supporting volunteers

Volunteers have assisted us with events during this period: Sign Language Sessions, Drama Club Sessions, Friday Sessions, Weekly Quizzes, Participating in the Language Race. Also, our Committee meetings have occurred weekly on Zoom. This has enabled us to keep in touch with the committee; discussing staff needs and our work.

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VAMT

We have been in touch with VAMT to promote our digital events and services to the wider community, ensuring that everyone in the community is aware of what we have had on offer during this time.

Health Board

We have been sharing messages from our local health board on our digital platforms and have been asking children to create and share messages of thanks to all the staff working during this period. We did this for all sorts of key workers too.

Local Authority

As well as our regular contact with the Council's Welsh Language Officer, we have also been working with the Council sharing all their relevant information with the community, ensuring that important instructions reach as many people as possible.

MENTRAU IAITH CYMRU

We have received regular training and support from Mentrau Iaith Cymru during this period. This has enabled us to collaborate on projects, sharing resources and ideas on a regular basis.

Financial Support during the period

We have been fortunate to ensure finance from Art Council Wales (£35,000), Lottery Heritage Fund (£76,630), and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (£30,000). These grants have ensured our organisation's future, contributing towards running costs of the buildings and building restoration work and projects.

Development in the Arts in Wales (March 2020 – February 2021)

A Covid-19 Stabilisation Grant was received from the Welsh Arts Council towards Canolfan a Theatr Soar buildings' running costs and running projects to be developed during and after this period.

The grant is used for:

- Paying for Canolfan a Theatr Soar buildings' operation costs.
- Working with advisors to recognise new ways of working during the health emergency around us to ensure a continuation of the organisation's short term and midterm proposed work and projects.
- Buy IT equipment so that small performances / gigs can be broadcast live as we restart using the building again.
- Build in competence to Theatr Soar's arts offer by commissioning Angharad Lee, Leeway Production Company to:

a. Be a mentor to Cwmni Blodau Haul who run our Performance School, as they develop content for children on-line, i.e., weekly drama sessions for children from several 'adrannau/youth groups' and create digital performances.

b. Hold a Digital Welsh Musical Theatre Project that inspires young people to participate and perform, building midterm audiences and ensuring support to a more long-term project.

Menter's Chief Officer has worked hard networking and contributing towards national arts' conversations that have become evident in the wake of Covid-19; the intention here raising the profile and awareness of the importance of collaborative work in the community and its effect on the Welsh language.

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Mentoring with Elen as Robert, The Chief Officer has received 4 mentoring sessions so far, helping to develop Menter's Arts Strategy and build capacity into the work of the theatre and Canolfan.

Cwmni Blodau Haul have received 4 mentoring sessions with Angharad Lee to develop artistic work with children of the Menter's drama club.

During this quarter, work started on establishing Academy Leeway Youth Theatre Musical Theatre . The partnership has grown and now includes Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru. 18 young people between 14 – 25 have been recruited to be part of the initial digital project.

The Chief Officer has played a prominent part in networks discussing the Arts in Wales, and how the Arts can support communities on their way out of Covid-19. These Networks include: What Next? Valleys, What Next? Wales and Wales Arts Syndicate. Lis represents the Welsh language as part of a group that is putting together a Manifesto for the Arts in Wales. Lis is also a part of CDC Strategic group that has a monthly meeting with Arts Council Wales to discuss matters that are influencing the sector at the moment.

Menter is leading on a Welsh Theatre Consortium plan, in collaboration with Theatr na nOg, Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall and Maesteg Town Hall. The Consortium has managed to attract a grant from the Arts Council Wales' Connect and Thrive scheme.

Menter has been collaborating with Mentrau Iaith Cymru, Menter Iaith Rhondda Cynon Taf and PYST on a scheme to establish a digital platform to demonstrate and promote creative work in our communities. Even though the application led by PYST did not secure a grant, we intend to resubmit the application during the next quarter.

Menter has started discussions with Mentrau Iaith RCT, Caerffili, Bro Ogwr and Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen and Mynwy as well as the following art organisations: Tanio, Celf ar y Blaen and Cymuned Artis on a new project supporting the use of the Welsh language in local artistic work.

Menter has started discussions to develop an artistic network in Merthyr with Merthyr Council, Merthyr College and the County's Leisure Trust.

Heritage Work Development (March 2020 – February 2021)

Money was received towards the costs of running the buildings and investing for preparations to reopen the building. The building has had a deep clean and health protection equipment bought. Several maintenance projects have been funded including entrance stairs, work on the toilets, downstairs air conditioning system and repairing the canopy connecting the buildings.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Canolfan a Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 16 May 2007 and registered as a charity on 11 June 2008.

On 23 February 2009, the unincorporated charity, Canolfan a Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful, was wound up and transferred into this Charitable Company.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and are known under the company's Articles of Association as trustees.

- The business of the Charity shall be managed by a Board of Directors which shall be accountable to the members.
- A third of the Board of Directors, that is those Directors that were in positions during the preceding year, will be elected annually by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Charity. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election without further nomination. If there is a choice to be made between Directors that are retiring that have equal service then lots will be drawn.
- Invitations for nominations for the position of Director will be sent to all members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. Completed nominations will be accepted up to seven days before the date of the meeting. All nominations require the signature of the nominated person and the signature of a proposer and seconder all of which shall be members of the Charity.
- Unless otherwise determined by the Charity in General Meeting the number of Directors shall be not less than 3 and not more than 15.
- The Directors may at any time co-opt any person to the Board of Directors whether or not they are a member of the Charity, provided that the maximum number prescribed in Articles 39 is not exceeded and that no more than three such co-options shall be made between one Annual General Meeting and the next. All persons so co-opted shall retire at the Annual General Meeting following their co-option but shall be eligible to be re-appointed thereafter.

Induction and training of trustees

Trustees are inducted and trained by existing Trustees and by senior staff. They are also informed about charity matters via regular newsletters for Trustees from the Charity Commission, including external training opportunities that may have been of interest.

Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration

The organisation is managed by the Chief Officer, L G McLean, who oversees the work of all staff. Remuneration is set by the Board.

Organisational structure

The organisation was first established in 1992. The organisation has expanded to include a bi-lingual Community Theatre (Theatr Soar), a project that has successfully secured nearly £1.4 million to renovate the Welsh Centre and transform an old Welsh Chapel into a Community Theatre. The Centre is now known as Canolfan Soar.

The organisation is managed by the Chief Officer, L G McLean, who oversees the work of all staff.

The board of Trustees of Canolfan a Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful meets 8 times a year, and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The planned activities for the year are set out in an action plan for the year. Responsibility for ensuring the activities take place and for meeting the charity's targets rests with the Chief Officer.

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Relationships with related parties

The charity has developed a good working relationship with a wide range of relevant organisations. Other Welsh language organisations that serve the Merthyr Tudful community are now located within the Canolfan Soar Building. These include Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Prifysgol Morgannwg Cymraeg i Oedolion and a Cylch Meithrin.

Canolfan a Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful works closely with other Menter Iaith organisations across Wales through the Mentrau Iaith Cymru network.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees
A England
L R Harrington (appointed 10 December 2019)
R L Howell
M L Howells
H Lowe
D Morgan

Secretary L G McLean

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Neuadd Soar
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Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk.

Credit risk

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables.

The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

Major risks and management of those risks

The board of Trustees has examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Systems have been put in place to set budgets for each financial year and monitor income and expenditure against the budget each quarter. The Trustees ensure that the systems are adequate for the scale and current financial health of the charity.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 25/02/2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A England
Trustee

Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful

I report to the group trustees on my examination of the consolidated accounts of Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful and its subsidiary undertakings for the year ended 31 March 2020 which are set out on pages 20 to 38.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the trustees of the group you are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated accounts of Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the consolidated accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the consolidated accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

Since Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg
Merthyr Tudful**

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M L Barnes
Mitchell Meredith Limited
Chartered Accountants
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date 25/02/2021

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2020 (Including Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	275	124,945	125,220
Charitable activities	5	87,683	-	87,683
Other trading activities	6	72,603	-	72,603
Investment income	7	91	-	91
Total income		<u>160,652</u>	<u>124,945</u>	<u>285,597</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	8	(75,418)	-	(75,418)
Charitable activities	9	<u>(134,311)</u>	<u>(128,138)</u>	<u>(262,449)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(209,729)</u>	<u>(128,138)</u>	<u>(337,867)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(49,077)</u>	<u>(3,193)</u>	<u>(52,270)</u>
Net movement in funds		(49,077)	(3,193)	(52,270)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,313,383</u>	<u>25,845</u>	<u>1,339,228</u>
Total funds carried forward	21	<u>1,264,306</u>	<u>22,652</u>	<u>1,286,958</u>
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2019 £
	Note			
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	4,000	122,050	126,050
Charitable activities	5	152,994	-	152,994
Investment income	7	3	-	3
Total income		<u>156,997</u>	<u>122,050</u>	<u>279,047</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	9	<u>(188,233)</u>	<u>(113,808)</u>	<u>(302,041)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(188,233)</u>	<u>(113,808)</u>	<u>(302,041)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(31,236)</u>	<u>8,242</u>	<u>(22,994)</u>
Net movement in funds		(31,236)	8,242	(22,994)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,344,619</u>	<u>17,603</u>	<u>1,362,222</u>
Total funds carried forward	21	<u>1,313,383</u>	<u>25,845</u>	<u>1,339,228</u>

All of the group's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2019 is shown in note 21.

Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful
(Registration number: 06249902)
Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	16	1,304,501	1,324,408
Investments		-	1
		<u>1,304,501</u>	<u>1,324,409</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	18	16,412	31,902
Cash at bank and in hand	19	10,556	27,517
		26,968	59,419
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	20	(47,322)	(44,600)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		<u>(20,354)</u>	<u>14,819</u>
Net assets		<u>1,284,147</u>	<u>1,339,228</u>
Funds of the group:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	21	21,920	25,845
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>1,262,227</u>	<u>1,313,383</u>
Total funds	21	<u>1,284,147</u>	<u>1,339,228</u>

The financial statements on pages 20 to 38 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 25/02/2021 and signed on their behalf by:

A England
Trustee

Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful

(Registration number: 06249902)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	16	1,304,501	1,324,408
Investments		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
		<u>1,304,502</u>	<u>1,324,409</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	18	11,443	31,902
Cash at bank and in hand	19	<u>9,334</u>	<u>27,517</u>
		20,777	59,419
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	20	<u>(38,317)</u>	<u>(44,600)</u>
Net current (liabilities)/assets		<u>(17,540)</u>	<u>14,819</u>
Net assets		<u>1,286,962</u>	<u>1,339,228</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	21	21,920	25,845
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>1,265,042</u>	<u>1,313,383</u>
Total funds	21	<u>1,286,962</u>	<u>1,339,228</u>

The financial statements on pages 20 to 38 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 25/02/2021 and signed on their behalf by:

A England
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.

The address of its registered office is:

Neuadd Soar
Pontmorlais
Merthyr Tydfil
Mid Glamorgan
CF47 8UB

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 25/02/2021

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 31 March 2020.

No statement of financial activities is presented for the charity as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The charity made a loss after tax for the financial year of £52,266 (2019 - loss of £22,994).

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A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charity. Control is achieved where the charity has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the statement of financial activities from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with those used by the group.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between the charity and its subsidiaries, which are related parties, are eliminated in full.

Intra-group losses are also eliminated but may indicate an impairment that requires recognition in the consolidated financial statements.

Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the group

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

There has been pressure on cashflow as a result of the considerable annual Financial contribution of the council having come to an end a few years ago, together with the reluctance of funders to provide for core costs of the Menter. Added to this are the inherent uncertainties as a result of the Covid 19 Pandemic. The Trustees are confident that securing funding from two Business Rates Grants, the Job Retentions Scheme, the Arts Council Stabilization Fund and the Heritage Lottery Covid Emergency Fund has enabled the Charityo plan for the future of the organisation. Please see the synopsis of the work carried out since the Covid outbreak for evidence of this on page 11 -13. Despite the problems faced by the organisation during the last 2 years and the uncertainty that the Covid 19 Pandemic presents us with, the trustees believe that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the group has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Freehold property	2% on cost
Furniture and Equipment	15% reducing balance

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price.

Fund structure

General Fund are unrestricted income funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Fixed asset fund represents the net book value of property and other tangible fixed assets.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the group has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due.

Financial instruments

Classification

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are recognised at transaction value.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	General Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	275	13	288	4,405
Grants, including capital grants;				
Grants from other charities	-	124,932	124,932	121,645
	275	124,945	125,220	126,050

4 Grants Receivable

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Welsh Government	70,000	70,000	70,000
Arts Council of Wales	350	350	13,450
MTCBC	7,500	7,500	22,055
Heritage Lottery	2,082	2,082	9,200
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	-	-	6,940
Menter Iaith	5,000	5,000	-
Millennium Stadium	5,000	5,000	-
CFAP	25,000	25,000	-
Big Lottery	10,000	10,000	-
	124,932	124,932	121,645

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5 Income from charitable activities

	General Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Rental income	67,310	67,310	65,506
Translation work	-	-	54,429
Theatre activities	15,636	15,636	25,789
Centre activities	4,737	4,737	7,270
	<u>87,683</u>	<u>87,683</u>	<u>152,994</u>

6 Income from other trading activities

	General Funds £	Total 2020 £
Trading income;		
Translation work	72,603	72,603
	<u>72,603</u>	<u>72,603</u>

7 Investment income

	General Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>91</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>3</u>

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8 Expenditure on raising funds

Trading subsidiary costs	General Funds	
	2020	2019
	£	£
Freelance Translators	12,650	-
Staff Costs	44,905	-
Office costs	6,382	-
Premises costs	9,424	-
General expenses	13	-
Subscriptions	300	-
Accountancy fees	1,722	-
Professional fes	22	-
	75,418	-

9 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	General Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Direct costs		11,441	56,752	68,193	47,893
Staff costs		40,906	61,378	102,284	153,280
Allocated support costs	10	73,953	10,008	83,961	93,521
Governance costs	10	8,011	-	8,011	7,347
		134,311	128,138	262,449	302,041

10 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	General Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	4,200	4,200	4,068
Other fees paid to examiners	3,811	3,811	3,279
	8,011	8,011	7,347

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Analysis of support costs

	Charitable Activity £	Governance Function £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Advertising	3,882	-	3,882	530
Office costs	3,619	-	3,619	10,957
Premises costs	27,385	-	27,385	31,427
General expenses	1,663	-	1,663	1,026
Accountancy fees	-	8,011	8,011	7,347
Subscriptions	1,502	-	1,502	-
Professional fees	5,972	-	5,972	10,180
Bad debt	3,106	-	3,106	2,729
Bank charges	1,446	-	1,446	2,314
Depreciation	35,386	-	35,386	34,458
	83,961	8,011	91,972	100,968
	83,961	8,011	91,972	100,968

11 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2020 £	2019 £
Operating leases - plant and machinery	343	3,135
Depreciation of fixed assets	35,386	34,458
	35,729	37,593

12 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the group during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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13 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	92,719	143,693
Social security costs	6,979	7,739
Pension costs	2,586	1,848
	<u>102,284</u>	<u>153,280</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the group during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2020 No	2019 No
Staff	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the group were £33,570 (2019 - £33,570).

14 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2020 £	2019 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,068</u>
Other fees to examiners		
The examining of accounts of any associate of the charity	1,722	-
All other services	<u>3,811</u>	<u>3,279</u>
	<u>5,533</u>	<u>3,279</u>

15 Taxation

The Charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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16 Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2019	1,532,649	83,258	1,615,907
Additions	-	15,479	15,479
	1,532,649	98,737	1,631,386
At 31 March 2020	1,532,649	98,737	1,631,386
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2019	234,334	57,165	291,499
Charge for the year	29,853	5,533	35,386
	264,187	62,698	326,885
At 31 March 2020	264,187	62,698	326,885
Net book value			
At 31 March 2020	1,268,462	36,039	1,304,501
At 31 March 2019	1,298,315	26,093	1,324,408

Charity

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
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Additions	-	15,479	15,479
	1,532,649	98,737	1,631,386
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At 31 March 2019	1,298,315	26,093	1,324,408

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17 Fixed asset investments

Group

	2020 £	2019 £
Shares in group undertakings and participating interests	-	1

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Shares in group undertakings and participating interests

	Subsidiary undertakings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2019	1	1
At 31 March 2020	1	1
Net book value		
At 31 March 2020	1	1
At 31 March 2019	1	1

Details of undertakings

Details of the investments in which the charity holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

Undertaking	Country of incorporation	Holding	Proportion of voting rights and shares held		Principal activity
			2020	2019	
Lingo Soar Cyfyngedig Canolfan Soar, Pontmorlais, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8UB	England and Wales	Ordinary Shares	100%	100%	Provision of translation services

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Subsidiaries

The loss for the financial period of Lingo Soar Cyfyngedig was £2,815 (2019 - £Nil) and the aggregate amount of capital and reserves at the end of the period was £(2,814) (2019 - £Nil).

The Company was incorporated on 06/02/2019 and commenced trading on 01/04/2019. The Company registered number is 11810191.

18 Debtors

	Group		Charity	
	2020 £	2019 £	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	16,951	28,814	10,920	28,814
Due from group undertakings	-	150	1,062	150
Prepayments	2,432	2,938	2,432	2,938
	19,383	31,902	14,414	31,902

19 Cash and cash equivalents

	Group		Charity	
	2020 £	2019 £	2020 £	2019 £
Cash at bank	11,708	27,517	10,486	27,517

20 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2020 £	2019 £	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	20,674	20,787	18,553	20,787
Other taxation and social security	2,283	2,419	2,283	2,419
VAT payable	4,637	-	-	-
Pension scheme creditor	524	290	524	290
Accruals	20,516	21,104	18,269	21,104
	48,634	44,600	39,629	44,600

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21 Funds

Group

Group	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	(11,026)	160,652	(175,962)	(26,336)
Fixed Asset Fund	1,324,409	-	(33,767)	1,290,642
	<u>1,313,383</u>	<u>160,652</u>	<u>(209,729)</u>	<u>1,264,306</u>
Restricted funds				
Organ Fund	8,905	32,095	(41,000)	-
Youth Grant	-	7,500	(7,500)	-
Coalfield Regeneration Trust	6,940	-	(780)	6,160
Welsh Government	10,000	70,000	(73,026)	6,974
Arts Council of Wales	-	350	(350)	-
Big Lottery	-	10,000	(1,174)	8,826
Menter Iaith	-	5,000	(4,308)	692
Total restricted funds	<u>25,845</u>	<u>124,945</u>	<u>(128,138)</u>	<u>22,652</u>
Total funds	<u>1,339,228</u>	<u>285,597</u>	<u>(337,867)</u>	<u>1,286,958</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2019 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	(14,247)	156,997	(153,776)	(11,026)
Fixed Asset Fund	1,358,866	-	(34,457)	1,324,409
	<u>1,344,619</u>	<u>156,997</u>	<u>(188,233)</u>	<u>1,313,383</u>
Restricted funds				
Organ Fund	5,965	13,105	(10,165)	8,905
Youth Grant	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Coalfield Regeneration Trust	-	6,940	-	6,940
Welsh Government	-	70,000	(60,000)	10,000
Arts Council of Wales	11,638	13,950	(25,588)	-
MTCBC - Salary	-	3,055	(3,055)	-
Total restricted funds	<u>17,603</u>	<u>122,050</u>	<u>(113,808)</u>	<u>25,845</u>
Total funds	<u>1,362,222</u>	<u>279,047</u>	<u>(302,041)</u>	<u>1,339,228</u>

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Charity

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	(11,026)	88,048	(100,543)	(23,521)
Fixed Asset Fund	1,324,409	-	(33,767)	1,290,642
	<u>1,313,383</u>	<u>88,048</u>	<u>(134,310)</u>	<u>1,267,121</u>
Restricted funds				
Organ Fund	8,905	32,095	(41,000)	-
Youth Grant	-	7,500	(7,500)	-
Coalfield Regeneration Trust	6,940	-	(780)	6,160
Welsh Government	10,000	70,000	(73,026)	6,974
Arts Council of Wales	-	350	(350)	-
Big Lottery	-	10,000	(1,174)	8,826
Menter Iaith	-	5,000	(4,308)	692
	<u>25,845</u>	<u>124,945</u>	<u>(128,138)</u>	<u>22,652</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>25,845</u>	<u>124,945</u>	<u>(128,138)</u>	<u>22,652</u>
Total funds	<u>1,339,228</u>	<u>212,993</u>	<u>(262,448)</u>	<u>1,289,773</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2019 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	(14,247)	156,997	(153,776)	(11,026)
Fixed Asset Fund	1,358,866	-	(34,457)	1,324,409
	<u>1,344,619</u>	<u>156,997</u>	<u>(188,233)</u>	<u>1,313,383</u>
Restricted funds				
Organ Fund	5,965	13,105	(10,165)	8,905
Youth Grant	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Coalfield Regeneration Trust	-	6,940	-	6,940
Welsh Government	-	70,000	(60,000)	10,000
Arts Council of Wales	11,638	13,950	(25,588)	-
MTCBC - Salary	-	3,055	(3,055)	-
	<u>17,603</u>	<u>122,050</u>	<u>(113,808)</u>	<u>25,845</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>17,603</u>	<u>122,050</u>	<u>(113,808)</u>	<u>25,845</u>
Total funds	<u>1,362,222</u>	<u>279,047</u>	<u>(302,041)</u>	<u>1,339,228</u>

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Organ Fund – Organ refurbishment from Heritage Lottery Fund, Millennium Stadium and CFAP.

Youth Grant – costs of Youth officer

Coalfield Regeneration Trust - update of computer systems

Welsh Government - Employment costs of Chief Officer and Development Officer and marketing support

Arts Council Wales - Audience Development Project

MTCBC – Employment costs of Welsh Language Officer

Big Lottery – Equipment

Menter Iaith – Folk Festival

22 Analysis of net assets between funds

Group

	General Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31/03/2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,290,641	13,860	1,304,501
Current assets	22,299	8,792	31,091
Current liabilities	(48,634)	-	(48,634)
Total net assets	<u>1,264,306</u>	<u>22,652</u>	<u>1,286,958</u>

	General Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31/03/2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,324,408	-	1,324,408
Fixed asset investments	1	-	1
Current assets	33,574	25,845	59,419
Current liabilities	(44,600)	-	(44,600)
Total net assets	<u>1,313,383</u>	<u>25,845</u>	<u>1,339,228</u>

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Charity

	General Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31/03/2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,290,641	13,860	1,304,501
Fixed asset investments	1	-	1
Current assets	16,108	8,792	24,900
Current liabilities	(39,629)	-	(39,629)
Total net assets	1,267,121	22,652	1,289,773

	General Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31/03/2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,324,408	-	1,324,408
Fixed asset investments	1	-	1
Current assets	33,574	25,845	59,419
Current liabilities	(44,600)	-	(44,600)
Total net assets	1,313,383	25,845	1,339,228

23 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

The company's immediate parent is Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful, incorporated in England and Wales.

The most senior parent entity producing publicly available financial statements is Canolfan A Menter Gymraeg Merthyr Tudful.

24 Non-adjusting events after the financial period

Following the worldwide pandemic and Westminster Government regulations Canolfan a Theatr Soar had to close its doors on 17 March 2020. Both the officers, who are funded by a grant from Welsh Government, continue to work from home. 8 members of staff were put on furlough from 18 March 2020 and the Charity lost one member of staff. In August 2020, the Charity lost 2 further members of staff. By now 6 members of staff are on Flexible Furlough, with 2 members working their full hours.

Financial Support during the period

The Charity has been fortunate to ensure finance from Art Council Wales (£35,000), Lottery Heritage Fund (£76,630), and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (£30,000). These grants have ensured the organisation's future, contributing towards running costs of the buildings and building restoration work and projects.

Further details of the activities undertaken by the Charity in response to the pandemic are included within the Trustees report.