



the future of the language

The establishment of the Welsh Assembly in 1999 was a turning point in Welsh history. It marked the beginning of the process of devolution. Since then, decisions which influence the future of the Welsh language have increasingly been taken in Cardiff, and not London.

These decisions are linked to every one of the Assembly's legislative areas, which include the education system, planning, housing, the environment, economic development, matters relating to health and social care, and the media.

Dyfodol i'r laith (*A Future for the Language*) was established to influence the politicians and civil servants who form the policies and legislation in these areas. **Dyfodol i'r laith** is an impartial and independent pressure group, which welcomes members from all political parties and beliefs who wish to see the Welsh language thrive in Welsh life.

The formation of such a group became especially important following the disappearance of the Welsh Language Board, as there is now no single statutory body responsible for the general promotion of the Welsh language.

Our aim is to establish an office with full-time staff, based in Cardiff Bay, who will be able to respond immediately to daily events in addition to working proactively.

Dyfodol i'r laith wishes to persuade the political parties to set the language at the centre of their agendas, and also to contribute to long term language planning and the thinking linked to this.

the future of your company

It goes without saying that creating a favourable environment for the language will contribute to the long term success of those companies and organisations which work within the cultural sphere, e.g. tourism, translation, theatre, the media and youth work. But **Dyfodol i'r laith**'s work also supports companies which provide goods and general services, and wish to work through the medium of Welsh or within a Welsh context.

One of the organisation's main aims is to prevent the migration of talent out of Wales, by creating lively economic and cultural centres to act as areas of Welsh growth.

Every company worth its salt wishes healthy profits, and should also, looking to the future, consider the wider environment within which it functions. We would like to invite you to help **Dyfodol i'r laith** to help you, by joining us as either a Corporate Member (£250 a year) or as a Patron (£500 a year). Your company will benefit from publicity through our website and from invitations to meetings, including those concerned with policy-making related to your specialist interests.



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your future

There can be few things more central to our quality of life than the language through which we communicate, and there can scarcely be any work that is more important than ensuring a firm future for that language, in our homes and in our communities.

This is exactly the mission of **Dyfodol i'r laith**, and we invite you to contribute practically to this work by becoming a patron of the organisation. This will cost just £10 a week or £500 a year (£5 a week or £250 a year for Patrons). This will be invaluable to us, and will enable us to press ahead with opening an office in Cardiff Bay employing two full-time staff members. Our aim is to at least treble our current turnover of £30,000.

Dyfodol i'r laith is a limited company, and all expenditure is overseen by professionally qualified officers. You can rest assured therefore that your contribution will be used in the most responsible way possible. There are very public ways of expressing support for the Welsh language. This provides an alternative – one which concentrates upon creating the right conditions for the long term success of the language.

Dyfodol has already...

- ▶ Responded to scores of consultations, including those related to health, older people, the economy and the Welsh language, planning, education, Welsh as a second language, broadcasting, public services, Welsh for adults, and the health service.
- ▶ Held many meetings with the First Minister, Carwyn Jones, and with several other politicians and civil servants from many departments.
- ▶ Had many successes, including
 - **Planning: success in ensuring a place for the Welsh language within the new Planning Measure. This will now require consideration of the linguistic implications of new housing developments.**
 - Welsh Language Centres: Dyfodol i'r laith recommended their establishment as a means of regenerating the language. The Welsh Government has now established centres in Pontardawe, Cardigan, Bangor, Cardiff, Carmarthen and other areas.
 - Welsh for Adults. Dyfodol i'r laith asked that a national unit be established to lead in this area. Such a body is being established in Carmarthen.
 - Carmarthenshire: Dyfodol i'r laith offered a number of suggestions to the local authority on improving the provision and promotion of the Welsh language. They were all accepted.
 - Mentrau laith (language initiatives). Dyfodol i'r laith set up a petition to support the Mentrau laith, which contributed to them receiving £700,000 in extra funding from the Welsh Government.
- ▶ Held meetings with councillors throughout Wales, including Gwynedd and Anglesey, discussing how to strengthen the Welsh language in their areas.
- ▶ Supported many causes, e.g. Welsh musicians, Saith Seren's campaign, establishing learning centres.
- ▶ Discussed the need to ensure that local government reorganisation leads to an opportunity to increase the use of Welsh as a working language.
- ▶ Published an action plan, based upon the principles of language planning, prioritising the home and community.

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