

Annual report of Croeso Teifi 9th February 2018-8th February 2019

Croeso Teifi Annual Report 2017-2018

Reference and Administration

CroesoTeifi charity registration number: 1173014.

St Mary's Old School Hall, Pontycleifion, Cardigan, Wales, SA43 1DR.

Trustees:

Caroline Richmond, chair

John Bennett, vice-chair

Vicky Moller, project director (secretary from September 2018)

Caroline Juler ,secretary, resigned September 2018, trustee role filled by Louise O 'Neill
September 2018

Jeffrey Lester, treasurer (from July 2017)

Gwyndaf Tomos (treasurer, retired July 2017).

Structure and Management

In early February 2017 an inaugural meeting was held for the charitable organisation to be known as Croeso Teifi. In May 2017 Croeso Teifi was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with voting members other than its charity trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the CIO, for the public benefit are:

To provide aid to refugees, those seeking asylum or granted leave to remain in the U.K., who reside or wish to reside temporarily or permanently in the town of Cardigan and the surrounding area, and to promote their harmonious integration into the local communities.

The main activities undertaken to further these objectives are:

assistance with provision of accommodation, furnishings, clothing and other requirements essential for security and wellbeing.

arrangement with the refugees of education, providing English and Welsh language tuition, training and work activity leading to fulfilment, skills and employment.

facilitation of access to local services e.g. health, banking, schools, job centre, as well as social activities and the sharing of friendship, knowledge and skills leading to linguistic and social integration.

working with support organisations sharing any or all of the above charitable purposes.

For the Public Benefit:

The trustees have understood the guidance on Public Benefit and use it to guide decisions, such as to ensure funds are used to maximise the number of people we can benefit.

The activities of Croeso Teifi explained below have helped to build community cohesion through bringing diverse people to work together as volunteers.

The publicity, fundraising and information events have extended awareness of global situations in particular the situation of Syrian refugees forced to leave their war torn homes for camps in Lebanon. Preparing for and bringing a refugee family to Cardigan has advanced cultural awareness, as has the provision of social opportunities for cultural exchange.

The work of the charity has provided opportunity to extend welcome, empathy and kindness, which have enhanced individual self-esteem as well as pride in the local community.

Achievements of the charity during the year:

This has been another busy year. There have been more people involved in volunteering with Croeso Teifi than ever; the Home Office approved Croeso Teifi's application for a second family, policies are in place and final arrangements have been made to receive and welcome the family at the end of February 2019. The first family continue to thrive and are very appreciative of the support they receive. The father is continuing with his college course; he now looks forward to working with a local building company in the summer and further qualifications next year. The mother has passed her first external English exam and looks forward to taking the next level up.

Our first team's teachers continue to teach on an informal basis as the required year of teaching ended in 2018. The older children are comfortable speaking Welsh and English. They are doing well in school and enjoy extra-curricular activities. The youngest is learning English in his nursery group.

A great thank you is due to all of the team who have looked after the first family since November 2017 and to the second team who have put in considerable work in preparation for the arrival of the second family. The work of the trustees and many volunteers is greatly appreciated.

An Iraqi with asylum status, who benefitted from the charity and acted as a translator during 2017-2018, has gone on to university to continue his studies.

Community sponsorship is not just about helping a few people, it is also an enrichment of the town. We have put on a number of educational and cultural events. All have been well attended and during the last year we put on community sponsorship training led by Citizens

Wales and further training from Ceredigion County Council. A Syrian refugee from Aberystwyth came and shared her experiences with the group. There was also a translator training afternoon attended by volunteers and some members of our Syrian families from three neighbouring towns which are all part of the community sponsorship scheme. We also put on a cultural training event with a Syrian doctor and his family from Cardiff who talked about Syria before the war.

The wider community is a vital part of everything we do and we wish to especially thank those who have contributed in any way.

It is clear many objectives of the charity have been met and CroesoTeifi trustees and volunteers will strive to continue to fulfil the charity's purpose.

Sally Richmond, chairperson

Financial Review

Treasurer's Report:

For the year February 9th 2018-February 9th 2019 of Croeso Teifi's operation the receipts were £5,409 plus £118 cash and expenses were £5,161, leaving a balance of £15,176. Please refer to attached summary.

Jeffrey Lester, Treasurer

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Receipts and payments accounts for AGM 14 May 2019
Period 09 February 2018 to 08 February 2019


Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,302	-	-	1,302	4,669
Events/Fund Raising/Collections	943	-	-	943	13,145
Grants	-	3,164	-	3,164	3,485
Other	-	-	-	-	100
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,245	3,164	-	5,409	21,399
A2 Asset and investment sales, N/A					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,245	3,164	-	5,409	21,399
A3 Payments					
Teaching		847	-	847	373
Translation	525		-	525	551
Administration/First Friends	190		-	190	708
Insurance	255		-	255	448
Petty Cash	300		-	300	200
House	479		-	479	1,898
Family and Arrival	938		-	938	1,449
Karwan Support	553		-	553	843
Microgrant		1,074		1,074	
Sub total	3,240	1,921	-	5,161	6,470
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,240	1,921	-	5,161	6,470
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 995	1,243	-	247	14,929
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,022	1,907	-	14,929	-
Cash funds this year end	12,027	3,150	-	15,176	14,929

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	12,027	3,150	-
	Petty Cash	118	-	-
		-	-	-
		12,145	3,150	-

NOTE CATEGORIES B2 TO B5 NOT APPLICABLE/NOT USED FOR THIS AGM REPORT

Prepared by Croeso Teifi Treasurer	Signature	Print Name	Date
	<i>JTL</i>	J.T. LESTER	05/04/2019
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Louise O'Neill	05.04.2019

Treasurer's Notes to Accounts:

1. Accounts prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.
2. Reference made to Charity Commission/gov.uk CC 16a and 16b but format adapted/summarised for AGM Report requirements
3. Gift Aid claim in process
4. Gifts and Donations in kind for the House/Family not valued but list maintained
5. Verified by Tim O'Neill date 24 April 2019