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Cydcoed aims to help people make better use of their land for economic regeneration, social inclusion, re

To meet these objectives, £12 million has been allocated in grants by the European Union and Welsh Assembly Government to be spent in the Objective 1 areas of Wales (which includes Gwynedd) between April 2003 and December 2008. Consequently, Cydcoed can offer up to 100% funding to community groups to develop woodland projects in their local area.

Such ventures must:

- Have permission from the landowner
- Have a community group to receive funds
- Provide benefits for the local community
- Provide benefits to specific woodland
- Provide long-term environmental, social and economic benefits for the local community
- Be finished by end of September 2008.

Once the eligibility requirements have been met, an assigned project officer will work with the group to develop bids to Cydcoed for funding suitable projects, and to help run and guide the project from initiation through to long term management.

The organisation will further help by liaising with relevant agencies, for example, the Countryside Council for Wales and local authorities, as well as putting the venture in touch with other local groups who would be able to offer examples of best practice.

To meet sustainable principles, Cydcoed also encourages groups to use local contractors and locally sourced materials.

Final words: Cydcoed projects are about more than improving paths into an existing wood, or creating a new community woodland, they are about the way we work with community groups to enable them to have control over the project.

Status of organisation: Statutory organisation

Area: Objective 1 areas of Wales