

MENTER FACHWEN

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Menter Fachwen is a community enterprise providing accredited training opportunities for people, some with learning disabilities. With the help of a specialised training team, instruction of the highest standard is offered. The training is delivered through six individual business ventures. These businesses include:

- *Craig yr Wylan*. A woodwork/joinery workshop which produces quality garden products such as benches, gates, and picnic benches. Timber off-cuts provided by local companies help keep production costs down, and contribute to waste reduction.
- *Padarn Catering*. Catering service.
- *Canolfan Arddio Tŷ Gwydr*. This garden centre offers a range of plants, a gardening service, its own home-produced compost, bedding plants, hanging baskets and wreaths.
- *Caffi Padarn Café*. Offers refreshments, an adventure playground, woodland and wildlife panels as a soft introduction to conservation. There are walks with seating and beautiful views.
- *Caban y Cwm*. Menter Fachwen is anxious to ensure that the local community feel that they are part of the organisation, and have developed Caban y Cwm in Cwm y Glo to offer the community and local businesses up-to-date IT facilities under the guidance of a professional team. The café sells home cooked meals in an informal, relaxed atmosphere and a meeting room is used by local groups.

The above businesses provide income for the project, and the substantial reuse of wood off-cuts and production and sale of compost helps the company reduce its impact on the environment.

Tips for others: Start small and increase gradually – bearing in mind that a high work force is needed for such projects.

Final words: The natural resources and way of life in Gwynedd are valuable – by planning carefully now we can develop in the right direction.

Status of project: Voluntary group/registered charity

Area: Arfon/Dwyfor