

GWERIN Y COED SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

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Gwerin y Coed, the Woodcraft Folk in Wales, is an educational movement for children and young people, designed to develop self-confidence and activity in society, with the aim of building a world based on equality, friendship, peace and co-operation. Formed in 1925 as a non-militaristic, non-religious, democratic alternative to the Scout and Guide movements, it now has over five hundred groups across England, Wales and Scotland. Active groups within Gwynedd are based at Bangor, Bethesda and Machynlleth.

The Gwerin y Coed Sustainability project aims to give support to young people's ideas to promote all the elements of sustainability that affect Wales' environment, culture and place within a worldwide context. In accordance with its binding commitment to sustainable development, the Welsh Assembly has met fifty per cent of the project's funding needs to encourage and ensure young people's involvement and contribution towards sustainability.

The project's current main focus is the support it is giving to establish the Welsh Youth Forum on Sustainable Development. This ties in with the Woodcraft Folk's reputation for linking up and working with like-minded youth groups around the world, as well as funnelling the ideas of our youth 'young ideas' through to policy makers.

Desired help: Adults to help with the running of groups; more young people encouraged to join our groups and more links with other youth organisations

Status of organisation: Registered charity

Area: Wales, but specifically Gwynedd