

## **My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding, Thelma agrees to work with the Anglesey Fashion Academy in 2013**

*Thelma with Denise Jones the fashion show compere*

**The star of My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding, Thelma Madine, hosted the inaugural fashion show at The Town Hall Llangefni on 19 December to exhibit outfits created by the Anglesey Fashion Academy.**



Thelma was joined on stage by make-up artist Samantha Donald and hairdresser Kevin Hughes, both highly respected professionals. As well as giving a lucky member of the audience a makeover on stage, they also took questions on how to look your best for Christmas and New Year parties.

The highlight of the evening was a catwalk of sixty outfits designed and produced by young designers between the ages of 14 and 20. Thelma was very impressed with the work of the Academy and agreed to work with the girls on a new range for 2013.

The Anglesey Fashion Academy is part of Ffiws project which aims to inspire and encourage young people to design and develop new products.

Robert Jones, the Ffiws Project Officer, explained “The Fashion Academy is the first of several design academies. We are also in the process of establishing a Sports Academy and have had initial discussions with Colin Jackson, as well as a Technology Academy which will create new mobile technology applications.”

He continued “We have our own facility at the old WO Jones Printers in Llangefni where young designers can use the latest IT equipment and create prototypes using a 3D printer and laser cutter. We can even support the best ideas with a business grant to progress the product to market”.

The Anglesey Fashion Academy is seeking to develop the range of products next year and will be developing fashion accessories as well as clothes. These will include jewellery and shoes.

Anybody between the ages of 14 and 25 with an interest in design, fashion or otherwise, should contact Rob at Ffiws. [robert@mentermon.com](mailto:robert@mentermon.com)

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