

Môn a Menai – Background information

Background / Context

Menter Môn has been successful in securing £530,000 from the Welsh Government for this two-year project which will be operational from April 2021 until June 2023.

Menter Môn also delivers a range of other projects that will complement and add value to Môn a Menai. These include the following:

- **Menter Maith Môn** – We deliver a range of activities to promote the use of the Welsh Language on Ynys Môn, with an emphasis on children and young families. We will explore opportunities to collaborate on activities involving both projects e.g. learning Welsh while clearing footpaths.
- **Menai Rivers** – This project protects the biodiversity of the rivers flowing into the Menai Straits. This includes tackling invasive species, monitoring wildlife and raising awareness. Given that this project is active along both sides of the Menai Straits there will be an excellent opportunity to collaborate and add value to each other e.g. Môn and Menai volunteers to support project identified by the Menai Rivers project (where they are relevant)
- **Cwlwm Seiriol** – This is a Lottery Funded project delivered in the South West of Ynys Môn with the aim of developing links between the local community and their natural environment. While we don't envisage any direct Môn a Menai activity in this area, there are lessons to be learnt with regards to volunteer recruitment and green prescribing.

Summary of Project activities

The aim of project will make residential areas a more attractive place to live, work and visit. It will also strengthen networks that connect them to green places and provide better access to the countryside.

This will be achieved by providing employment to local young people and training them in a variety of countryside skills. It will also support volunteers to work alongside them to strengthen community cohesion. As a result, communities will gain an insight to their environment and a feeling of ownership.

The project will look to support and work with, 4 **communities on Anglesey and 2 in Arfon, Gwynedd**. The project will work closely with residents and community partners to identify suitable interventions in each of the areas. These will include activities within towns and villages, as well as nearby sites of environmental importance e.g. local nature reserves.



Over the life of the project it will employ and train a minimum 20 young people (via the kickstart programme: (kickstartschemegateway.co.uk), with an emphasis on recruiting from areas where the project will be delivering. This has practical benefits (i.e. travel) and will also allow young people to work on their own patch.

Project Team:

The team will include the Environment Team Manager (responsible for MM environmental portfolio), Môn a Menai Senior Project Officer, and Administration Support.

Specialist support:

The project will need to procure support to deliver training (various) and coordinate environmental works. The scope of these activities will be determined largely by the opportunities identified within the communities and associated training requirements.

Further information

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