



# Aim and Philosophy of CWVYS

**To educate and help young persons to develop their physical, mental, cultural and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society by facilitating mutual support and co-operation among Voluntary Youth Organisations, the Youth Service and other related Agencies in Wales.**

## **CWVYS BACKGROUND**

CWVYS is the independent representative body for the voluntary youth work sector in Wales.

The aims are to represent, support and give a collective voice to its membership of national and local organisations in their work with over 250,000 young people in Wales.

It is an independent charitable body that promotes the interests of its membership. CWVYS was set up in 1974, preceded by the Standing Conference of Voluntary Organisations in Wales, which came into existence in 1947.

Membership of CWVYS comes from national and local voluntary youth organisations in Wales. The members collectively work with over 250,000 young people aged 11 - 25. The Council is composed of two representatives of each member organisation under the direction of an honorary Chair. The Executive Committee consists of ten representatives of national organisations and ten local community organisations. Membership is open to all voluntary organisations that agree with the Council's aim and share its remit for youth work.

**CWVYS** works in partnership with agencies promoting good youth work practice.

CWVYS fulfils its aim through:

- Advocacy
- Promotion of good youth work practice
- Involvement in local and national policy
- Resource development
- Promotion of the Youth Work Curriculum Statement for Wales
- Partnership projects
- Supporting Extending Entitlement and other youth policies in Wales
- Networking in Wales, the UK and wider
- Promoting the languages and cultures of Wales
- Supporting diversity and equal opportunities
- Training, accreditation and quality issues
- Sharing information and good practice
- Supporting the involvement of consultation with young people
- Funding Support