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# FOREWORDS

## CHAIRMAN

Andrew Borsden MBE



### Welcome to our Annual Report 2022/23!

It's been an excellent year for BGC Wales! There have been many highlights including the recent boxing championships, international youth exchanges, football and rugby internationals and of course the amazing work done by our member clubs.

As Chairman, I would like to praise the boundless energy of the many volunteers who support our young people and the BGC Wales organisation. You make such a difference to young people lives and their communities. To our BGC Wales staff, I would like to express my thanks for another excellent year and hope we can continue to develop and grow the organisation into 2024 and beyond.

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Grant Poiner

I am delighted with the development that the organisation has made over the past year, and I would like to thank all those who have played their part. It has been a productive year with the recruitment of some additional staff members and some new projects that are helping us to achieve our mission to **“Support all young people to live healthy and happy lives, develop new skills, have fun and make a meaningful contribution to their community.”** However, there is so much more to do and as such we have some exciting plans for the future development of the organisation that builds on this firm foundation.

Once again, the Organisation has provided many opportunities for young people to travel around the UK, Europe, and the World. Whether this has been through sports or youth work, we plan to continue and expand this offer so young people can benefit from these experiences and gain new skills.

My heartfelt thanks go out to the volunteers who tirelessly support BGC Wales and the dedicated member clubs throughout Wales. Whether as Committee Members, Youth Workers, Sports Coaches, or Referees, your diverse contributions shape and change young people's lives.

I hope you find this annual report useful, and I would encourage as many people as possible to read this annual report, so please do share it far and wide!



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2023/24

President: Vacant  
Chairman: Andrew Borsden MBE\*  
Vice Chair: Robert Fussell\*  
Treasurer: Robert Williams\*  
Secretary: Vacant (Acting by Apple Tang)

\*Trustee

Members: Phil John\*  
Steve Khaireh MBE\*  
Jessica Lloyd\*  
Cathryn Evans\*  
Panels: Alan Howells\* (Football)  
Andrew Morgan\* (Rugby)  
Vacant (Boxing)

## BGC Wales Staff

Apple Tang - Organisational Support & Finance Manager  
Gayle Harris - Business Development Manager  
Dale Davies - Lodge Activities Centre Manager  
Jonathan Price - Youth Work Manager  
Tara Reddy - Youth Work Manager (PYVs)  
Lin Brackenbury - Senior Youth Worker (New Dragons YC)  
Clare Douglas - Senior Youth Worker (New Dragons YC)  
Barry Guest - Youth Worker (New Dragons YC)

Caroline Hunt - Youth Worker (New Dragons YC)  
Dee Ford - Youth Worker (PYVs)  
Andrew McKay - Senior Youth Worker (NPT)  
Dean Wood - Youth Worker (NPT)  
Kari Morgan - Youth Worker (International)  
Ethan Richards - Youth Worker (International)  
Jayne Tanti - Youth Participation Officer  
Elise Burgess - Youth Worker (Blaenau Gwent)

# TIMELINE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

**2022**

Wellbeing Projects

Spain SOYPAPV

Germany SOYPAPV

Youth Exchange

Croatia SOYPAPV

Taith



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Winter of Wellbeing

Pizza & Politics

Parliament Visit

WWE BEASTAR

USA Trip World Cup

**2023**

Warm Bank

Rugby Boys Netherlands

Canoe Test

German Exchange

International Conference

New ERA



Safeguarding Conference

Taith

USA Conference

Football Scotland

First Rugby Girls Team

CIO

## MEMORIAL

In May 2023, we've lost two valuable members of our Trustees.

### Tyrone O'Sullivan OBE

President of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales, Tyrone O'Sullivan OBE, has passed away. Tyrone was a true inspiration, he was an influential person within the communities of Wales and particularly in the coal industry having orchestrated the purchasing of the Tower Pit from British Coal by the former employees and was able to keep the mine open for a further 13 years.



### Ronnie Morris

Another amazing stalwart of the organisation. Many within the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales (Boxing) network would have known Ronnie extremely well. He was an amazing person who was instrumental in running his own Boxing Club, Cwmgors ABC, but also supporting the Boxing programme at BGC Wales and NABGC with Keith Jefferies for over twenty years. He will be sorely missed both within his community and by all at Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales.



## CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO)



The Annual General Meeting 2022 for the period of 2021/2022 was held on 26th January 2023 at Treharris Boys and Girls Club. Andrew Borsden MBE, the Chairman, announced the motion of moving the organisation to become a CIO was passed by the Executive Committee and member clubs at the meeting.

Robert Williams, the Treasurer, and Apple Tang, Organisational Support & Finance Manager had completed the process set out by the Charities Commission. An Extraordinary General Meeting was called and to be held at Treorchy & Cwmparc Boys and Girls Club on 15th November 2023.

# YOUNG FORUM

## Visit to the Senedd

On Monday 3rd April 2023, BGC Wales Youth Forum visited to the Senedd and met with Minister for Finance & Local Government **Rebecca Evans MS** for young people from **Bettws BGC, Cwmbran CYP, Grangetown BGC, Pontarddulais FC** and **Ystradgynlais AFC**.

The young people had a great discussion with the minister on youth participation and democratic issues, before enjoying lunch and a tour of the Senedd. Our thanks to the volunteers and staff of those five clubs for helping to facilitate this opportunity.

Members of the Youth Forum held a virtual meeting on 22nd May 2023, they discussed a great set of ideas were raised in this meeting for future projects.



## Talking about politics with young people is 'Easy Cheesy'

PIZZA & POLITICS is the direct continuation project of our Raise Your Voice campaign which helped young people to explore matters that were important to them and how the political landscape could impact on those things. If you'd like more information then please visit [RaiseYourVoice.Wales](https://www.raiseyourvoice.wales) or [CodaDyLais.Cymru](https://www.coda-dylais.cymru)



BGC Wales Youth Forum attended a residential stay at the Lodge where they joined in with political workshops to learn about democracy and everyday things in their life that are impacted by politics. The workshops allowed the young people to have an understanding of the importance of having a voice when it comes to voting. We then held a hustings event to celebrate UK Parliament week on the 10th of November.



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The event was extremely successful. Twenty two young people attended alongside three Bridgend Councillors, Two members of the Senedd and a MP. The Youth Forum did themselves very proud engaging with the politicians and asking questions on things that matter to them allowing them to feel empowered.

Jayne Tanti, Youth Participation Officer, visited clubs to see how we can support the clubs to support the young people to engage with UK Parliament week 5-10th November, Pizza & Politics workshops or a social action projects.



We would like to see young individuals actively participate in representing the interests of their club. We are very keen to recruit new members aged 13-18 for the Youth Forum, particularly to have representation from a boxing club, football club and a rugby club, or from areas which we don't yet have a representative, such as Rhondda Cynon Taff or Merthyr Tydfil.

If a young person at your club might be interested in representing the interests of their club, and their views to our Welsh Youth Parliament Representative and developing confidence & skills for their CV, please do get in touch with Jayne at [jayne@bgc.wales](mailto:jayne@bgc.wales) or contact the office on 02920 575705.

# YOUTH PROJECTS

## NATIONAL GRID - WARM BANK

nationalgrid

We secured funding from National Grid Electricity Distribution (South Wales) plc and their Community Matters fund.

The project ran from November 2022 to March 2023. As part of our Warm Banks Project, we helped with small one-off grants of £500 for our affiliated clubs who run their youth clubs at their own building and/or are responsible for paying their electricity and gas bills.

More than 20 youth clubs within the BGC Wales network applied and 14 were successfully. Each club received £500, helped their clubs opened for youth activities, 190 young people who attended at those clubs were benefited.

**Clubs:** Margam Youth Centre, Nantymoel BGC, Ystrad Mynach BGC, Grangetown BGC, Penygraig BGC, Georgetown BGC, Ynyshir & Wattstown BGC, Willows Centre Troedyrhiw, KPC Youth, Treorchy & Cwmparc BGC, DrMz Carmarthen, Wyndham BGC, Area 42 Cardigan Youth Project and Llywnypia BGC.

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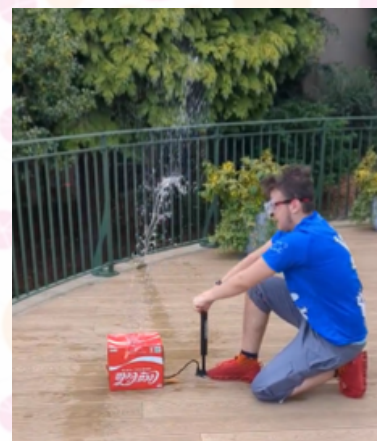
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## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Science week 2023 ran from 10/03/23 - 19/03/23. The theme was 'Connections'.

BGC Wales staff delivered youth sessions to our member clubs during the week. The sessions were run around connecting through debate. We were grateful to hear the young people's opinions in these debates. We had a lot of fun!

We thank all participating clubs and deliver these sessions, and uploaded their footages on social media. @scienceweekUK #BSW23



Above - New Dragon Youth Club  
Top - Treharris BGC  
Bottom - Ystrad Mynach BGC

## ROYAL SOCIETY OF BLIND CHILDREN (RSBC)

We are delighted to be working in partnership with the Royal Society of Blind Children to be able to offer training to our network clubs. Capacity Building Training is a free interactive, online, three-hour training course, where you will gain the knowledge and confidence to be able to include blind and partially sighted children and young people into your provision.

This course is for anyone delivering services for children and young people. You might be a youth worker, volunteer, a young person or anyone with a role working directly with children and young people. To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/3ymwnsdm>

**RSBC**

Royal Society for Blind Children  
Tuesday 24th October 5-8pm  
Tuesday 14th November 1-4pm  
Tuesday 28th November 5-8pm

## SAFER INTERNET SESSIONS



Safer Internet Day 2023 took place on the 7th of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online!**'

Our team continued to deliver sessions in the community to help young people stay safe online. We offered informal sessions for young people and volunteers to discuss the issues really matter to children and young people and how we could work together to keep them safe.

# YOUTH PROJECTS

## MSCT - MILLENNIUM STADIUM CHARITABLE TRUST

The Trust fund offered young people in Anglesey, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Conwy and Gwynedd a comprehensive programme of sporting and youth community activities.

This project helped us to restart our activities in North Wales following a staff member moving on during the Covid pandemic and our activities pausing.

As part of this project we provided clubs with new multi sport kit to run sports activities whilst we offered an opportunity for young people to attend a wellbeing residential workshop at The Lodge to develop their skills and improve their confidence.



## OVOE - OUR VOICE OUR ENVIRONMENT



Our Voice Our Environment is a legacy Erasmus+ project which focuses on amplifying the youth voice in regards to politics surrounding the environment. Over the last year we have done this by organising a variety of residential and day trip opportunities to enhance young people's engagement in environmental politics and increase understanding of political participation for young people who are disengaged from their communities for a variety of reasons. We have had great success with our participants' re-engagement with the environment and further participation in trips to the houses of parliament and other relevant destinations. Though the project is ending soon, there is still time for young people to get involved.



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Erasmus+ Programme  
of the European Union

## MEMBER CLUBS SUPPORT

Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales offers our member clubs to participate in our sport competitions and events, be part of best practice and evidenced-based educational projects and programmes both nationally and internationally. Member clubs can take advantage of our services such as DBS checks, training programmes, advice and support on youth work and best practice, helping to achieve sustainability goals in maintaining the standard within our BGC Wales Network.

### Funding advice

Gayle Harris, Business Development Manager, was appointed in December 2022 to fundraise for the organisation and provide help and advise to member clubs. Gayle has supported 27 clubs and made 44 visits or online meetings since she started. Support required from clubs has varied from funding to governance and financial accounting issues. Please contact Gayle at [gayle@bgc.wales](mailto:gayle@bgc.wales).

**Nantymoel BGC** – Postcode Lottery application

**Giants Grave** – CFF Fit for Equipment Fund

**Georgetown BGC** – Proofread and amended Sports Wales Bid

**Dr Mz** – Funding support for Garfield Weston Bid

**Ystrad Mynach BGC** – Sports Wales bid support

**Penygraig BGC** – Governance and funding support

**Baglan BGC** – Funding plan and search

**Ogmore Valley Dragons Boxing Club** – funding search, guidance, support with the SPF

**Cycling Project** at member clubs in NPT – Proofread bid for SPF small grant

**Ystragynlais FC** - support for VYWOSS bid

# PARTNERSHIP WORKING

## BLAENAU GWENT YOUTH SERVICE

Elise Burgess was appointed as Wellbeing Youth Worker working in partnership with **Blaenau Gwent Youth Service**. She carries out group wellbeing sessions in their areas and youth clubs as well as some member clubs of BGC Wales.



From September, Elise is supporting Positive Futures Project in Blaenau Gwent, which is alternative education for young people who are on the verge of being expelled. The group of young people enjoyed visiting **Bryn Bach Park** to work on their team building skills in their first week.

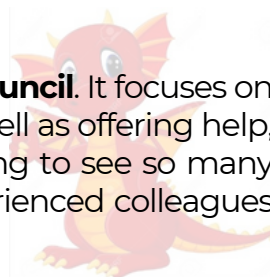
### Ofcom Project

From August 2023, Elise has been working with **ProMo Cymru** to deliver a Media Literacy project to 100+ young people aged 11-14. 5 young people have been chosen to be involved with the project as the steering group. Elise, **OfCom** colleagues, Sarah and Megan, are meeting regularly with the steering group and are looking forward to going out and delivering the project into the community.



## NEW DRAGONS YOUTH CLUB

New Dragons Youth Club is part funded by **Flintshire County Council**. It focuses on supporting young people with speech and language needs as well as offering help, support, and guidance to their friends and family. It was inspiring to see so many young people engaging in club activities organised by our experienced colleagues who led by Lin Brackenbury, Senior Youth Worker.



During the summer holiday, Lin organised the young people engaging **Forest School** sessions, allowing the young to fully immerse themselves in the wonders of nature. The team ran 3 Forest School sessions in August 2023 and the young people had an amazing time!



## NEATH PORT TALBOT YOUTH SERVICE

In March 2023, we appointed Andy McKay and Dee Ford to work in partnership with Neath Port Talbot Youth Service. Dee had moved on to another exciting project in September 2023 and we welcomed Dean Wood on board. The team has been working very closely with NPT Youth Service and its team and interacted with young people in its provisions. They also connected BGC Wales member clubs and their community with the youth service and promoted BGC Wales youth offers.

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Castell-Nedd Port Talbot



Blwydd Ffyrdd  
Young People First  
Neath Port Talbot  
Youth Service

### Baglan Boys and Girls Club

An Award Ceremony and presentation evening was held at the Club and it was a success. Despite the heavy rain, over 100 young people arrived to join in the fun. As part of the summer fun programme in partnership with NPT Youth Service, we delivered Basic First Aid to young people and sports sessions including Cycling maintenance and safety. A great news coming out of the Hub is that the veterans who run workshops there and intend to make their own track for the club. Great partnership and intergenerational project created by use of the BGC Wales and North Shore Track.



# PARTNERSHIP WORKING

## MUGA in Aberavon

The team worked with young people and raised awareness of the danger to public. They met the local Councillor, AM, PCSO and local housing complaint officer and put forward the case to officials. We were pleased that the area had been cleaned by the street cleaning team. A satisfactory result keeping our young people safe.

## Briton Ferry Boys and Girls Club

In July 2023, we introduced young people at the club to safe cycling skills (Body / Feet / Safety equipment and cycle set up) with the aid of our North Shore Cycle Track. To compliment these activities 14 young people took part in a basic First Aid course. Sincere thanks to staff and volunteers at Briton Ferry Hub for supporting this activity, youth service staff and to St Johns who run the event.



## Vernons Place Hub

17 young people attended a First Aid course for young people at the hub, delivered by St Johns, each will receive an attendance certificate to acknowledge their participation.

## Vape Awareness Training

BGC Wales staff received an amazing training with provided by the NPT Youth Service around Vape Awareness. It was a informative day about the impact of vaping and how we can have conversations with young people.



## BOOTROOMS

Swansea FC agreed to distribute boots and kit to young people within the Neath Port Talbot area. This was a great opportunity to work together and end the cost of kit being a barrier for our young people accessing sporting opportunities. Furthermore, we would like to thank Debs and her team from Wildmill Youth Club for donating some of their unwanted kit to this cause.

## Seven Sisters Wall Art Project

The team alongside NPT Youth Service promoted for the Seven Sisters Community Hall Wall Art Project, they met with young people in Year 6, 7 and 10 at YGG Blaendulais Primary School, Maesmarchog Primary School and Ystalyfera Comprehensive. Young people took part in the event and created their designs to start a timeline of the history of The Dulais Valley.



## Bowling at Talbot Memorial

A great opportunity for young people in to get involved in Green Bowling. In partnership with Neath Port Talbot Youth Service, BGC Wales provided this fantastic opportunity for young people this summer. The bowling took place at Park Bowls Association SA13 ISP, every Wednesday from 26th July to 30th August 2023.



## Trefelin Boys and Girls Club

We attended a presentation and consultation evening at Trefelin BGC on 09/05/23. The Club Leader, Martin Wagstaff, introduced his work with Mental Health Groups. A young person delivered a compelling presentation about their community involvement, recent apprenticeship with a Regional Rugby team and the challenges faced by young people. This young person is dedicated to inspiring others and plans to participate in the BGC Wales Youth Forum. We promoted the support BGC Wales can provide to member clubs, including funding, youth activities, and addressing anti-social behaviour through collaborative efforts with NPT Youth Service.



# UPCOMING PROJECTS

## TAITH

For the second year running, **TAITH**, the Wales' new International Learning Exchange Programme continue to provide opportunities for our young people, staff and volunteers in Wales.

BGC Wales has been successful in both a Pathway 2 application for 2022/23 and a Pathway 1 for 2023/24. Project staff are looking forward to delivering on a variety of projects over the course of the next year. We will be involved in many international visits for the young people including America Youth Exchange. Our boys' rugby teams are set to take the field in the Netherlands and Canada at the end of the season, whilst the girls will be visiting France. Whereas the Boys Football teams are set to Germany and Spain, whilst the girls teams who just returned from Spain will take on BGC Scotland next year. As an Organisation we are wholeheartedly committed to provide our young people with the opportunity to test themselves overseas and gain many new experiences along the way.

Follow our social media and newsletters for more information and access to opportunities to participate as they arise. For further information contact Kari at [kari@bgc.wales](mailto:kari@bgc.wales)



## Democratic Project

A 2-year project empowers young people to voice their concerns for their communities. We welcomed Jayne Tanti who has taken up the role as our Youth Participation Officer in September 2023. Jayne is currently working with the young people from our Youth Forum and recruiting more young representatives by visiting member clubs. The aim of this project is to build on the successful Raise Your Voice model, make grants available to commission young people to create or facilitate youth-led democracy events or workshops, and digital content for the Raise Your Voice website. 4 digital workshops per year would be run by Swansea MAD, as well as professional support from Deryn. Raise Your Voice was our award winning project in 2022, which encouraged young people and their peers to vote in the Senedd Election in 2021. For more information, please contact Jayne at [jayne@bgc.wales](mailto:jayne@bgc.wales)

## South Wales Police Youth Volunteers project

We are delighted that South Wales Police has partnered with ourselves, the Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services (CWVYS), Cardiff Metropolitan University and University of Wales Trinity St David's to enhance the delivery of the Police Youth Volunteers (PYV) Scheme.

The four-year agreement funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner marks an exciting new chapter for the scheme which works with young volunteers aged between 14 and 18.

The PYV scheme is part of a police uniformed youth group recognised throughout the UK. It aims to encourage the spirit of adventure and good citizenship and inspire young people to participate positively in their communities and it also delivers volunteer work which helps support local policing priorities.

We welcomed **Tara Reddy** who will work with us at BGC Wales to lead this project as the Youth Work Manager (PYV Scheme) with the support of **Dionne Ford** who is the Youth Worker (PYV Scheme).

## The Lodge

A warm welcome to **Dale Davies**, our newest addition to the organisation as The Lodge Activity Centre Manager. We are really excited to have Dale on board, contributing his expertise to the transformation of The Lodge into a leading activity centre integral to our projects and used by member clubs. With a passion for the outdoors, Dale is committed to ensuring that all young people have the opportunity to take part in many different outdoor activities.

Exciting developments are underway at The Lodge, thanks to funding from the Coalfield Regeneration Trust and Tesco Community Grants - Groundwork UK. Recently, we have installed new fencing and decking, however, the improvements will continue in the coming months.

If any groups would like to visit The Lodge to see what it can offer, book a stay, or would like to chat with Dale about what they would like to see at the Lodge, then please contact him at [dale@bgc.wales](mailto:dale@bgc.wales)

# INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK

## TAITH (PATHWAY 1) 2022/23

BGC Wales was awarded the **Taith** funding for our international projects for 2022-2023. Taith is Wales' new international learning exchange programme, funded by the **Welsh Government** and managed by **Cardiff University**, that supports activity that would have previously been funded by the Erasmus+ programme. Taith provides opportunities for young people, staff and volunteers at Welsh youth organisations and local authority youth services.

### Sector Organising Bodies

From July 2022 - June 2023, BGC Wales acted as a member of a **Sector Organising Body** for the Youth Sector alongside **WCIA (Welsh Centre Internal Affairs)** and **CWVYS (Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Service)**. We were delighted to have worked with so many organisations in their applications for Pathway 1 and 2.

### 100 Mile Canoe Test (26/05/23-30/05/23)

15 young people and 5 BGC Wales staff had a fantastic time at the 100 Mile Canoe Test! We were really proud of the young people who took part in the Test. Their hard work, resilience and teamwork skills have been commendable.

We arrived at base camp on Friday, and started paddling on the **River Wye** the next day. We finished off in Monmouth on the following Tuesday. Due to a few factors, such as a very low river, we didn't manage the 100 miles. However, the group pushed themselves every day, showing great team work and resilience. The goal was to make sure the young people had an enjoyable time canoeing, and we believe this was a success!



### Essex Adventure Weekend (16/06/23-18/06/23)

36 young people and 7 club leaders from **Llywynypia BGC, Grangetown BGC, Bettws BGC** and **Treharris BGC** took part in the Essex Adventure Weekend. The weekend was hosted by **Essex Boys and Girls Club**. It was a fantastic opportunity for young people to take part in a wide range of outdoor activities, such as Climbing, High Ropes, Bush Craft and Archery. Young people will gain confidence, a sense of achievement and teamwork skills from taking part in this weekend. So thank you to Essex BGC again!



# INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK

## 2023 Youth Exchange with Germany

During August 2023, 20 young people led by 4 staff travelled to Germany by minibuses for the Youth Exchange with our German partners near Lake Ebni. This year we drove to Germany for the first time to support the green travel policy and tested how our travel impacts the environment. Although the journeys were long, the young people however enjoyed the sceneries on the way there and back.



We have seen year after year what a positive impact this exchange has on young people, so we are proud of this opportunity we provide for young people.

Stay tuned for the reports!



# INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK

## SPORT TEAMS EDUCATIONAL VISITS



### Rugby Boys' U16s & U18s (13/04/23-19/04/23)

What a great weekend we have had for our rugby boys in the **Netherlands**! 52 boys travelled to Amsterdam for an educational visit funded by Taith and had a tough encounter against the Netherlands International Team at the **NRCA (National Rugby Centre Amsterdam) Stadium**. The National Anthem was played and sung proudly as they lined up before kick-off for their games. The boys had a fantastic time despite an injury during training.



Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales U16s **31 - 12** Netherlands International Team U16s  
Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales U18s **33 - 32** Netherlands International Team U18s

### Football Boys' U15s (29/05/23-02/06/23)

Congratulations to the **BGC Wales U15s** team who have recently returned from a cultural exchange with partners in Germany. The team undertook team building activities, developed friendships with the German group but they also got to play two games.

BGC Wales U15s **4 - 0** FC Union Heilbronn  
BGC Wales U15s **5 - 0** Neckarwestheim



### Football Girls' U15s & U17s (14/10/23-19/10/23)

Congratulations to the **BGC Wales Football Girls U15s and U17s** who had an amazing time and a successful football exchange in Malgrat de Mar. 32 girls took part in the KOMM MIT trofeo Malgratense 2023 in the opening and closing ceremony. 7 girls were chosen to be the flagbearers when the national anthems were being sung. All teams were involved in a cultural night and an inter-cultural team building activities on the beach. the U17s being crowned overall winners of the tournament! Shout out to U17s striker Sophie McMullen for winning top goal scorer award.



#### BGC Wales Under 15's

BGC Wales U15s **1 - 4** BGC Wales U17s  
BGC Wales U15s **9 - 1** Ametlla CF  
BGC Wales U15s **0 - 1** PBB La Roca  
BGC Wales U15s **0 - 3** Brommapojkarna IF

#### BGC Wales Under 17's

BGC Wales U17s **4 - 1** BGC Wales U15s  
BGC Wales U17s **15 - 0** Ametlla CF  
BGC Wales U17s **2 - 0** PBB La Roca  
BGC Wales U17s **1 - 1** Brommapojkarna IF

# CLUBS SUPPORT/ACTIVITIES

## MEMBER CLUBS NEWS

### Georgetown Boys and Girls Club

In August, Georgetown BGC was honoured with the prestigious M&S Eat Well Play Well Award, recognising the club's commitment to a healthy lifestyle and active play. As part of the award, the young people enjoyed a remarkable day with the Fantastic Welsh Football Team.

The memorable experience included an exclusive training session with the football team, an exciting trip to St Fagans to embrace Welsh culture, and a tour of the iconic Cardiff Stadium. To top it off, the young people received training kits and throughout this amazing day they got to travel in the Team Coach. Georgetown BGC takes pride in their achievement, and the event serves as a testament to the positive impact of supporting young people and recognises the dedicated volunteers. It also inspires the entire community and reinforces the importance of healthy and active lifestyles.

### Llanrumney Phoenix Amateur Boxing Club

Please join us to congratulate one of our member clubs, Llanrumney Phoenix Amateur Boxing Club, who won the award for the Best Social Impact Initiative. They have been running a social initiative programme with homeless people since 2018, started for bringing homeless people into the boxing club to help with their physical and mental well-being. A truly inspiring story and well-deserved! Llongyfarchiadau mawr!

### Maerdy Youth Club

The team attended a Youth Fest on 27th May 2023 at Maerdy YC. They were amazed that opportunities that BGC Wales could offer to young nationally and internationally. The team was able to access some kit from the BOOTROOM for a young person. A great day spent with real passionate youth workers and volunteers, to meet some of their trustees and chat about potential pathways for their work with young people.

### Club Support

Gayle Harris, Business Development Manager, has been supporting Ogmores Valley Dragons Boxing Club, Giants' Grave BGC and Briton Ferry Llansawel AFC.

Please contact Gayle at [gayle@bgc.wales](mailto:gayle@bgc.wales) to see if she could support you with fundraising and governance. Get in touch.



## SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD DAY

Change Hearts. Change Minds. Change Lives.

As a Youth Organisation, well known for our Youth Sports, it is important that we advocate for all young people to have equal opportunities in Sport and a safe environment to enjoy it!

On Friday 20th Oct 2023, we show our support not just on **Wear Red Day** but everyday to help to eradicate Racism. Many member clubs joined us to support by sharing on BGC Wales social media platforms and Show Racism the Red Card in the wear red day photos!

**Be a proud anti-racist. Be the difference #ShowRacismtheRedCard #MOACvmru23**

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# YOUTH LEADERS EXCHANGES

## USA - Practitioners Exchange (29/04/23-07/05/23)

Thank you so much to everyone that took the time to apply. Two BGC Wales staff, two Trustees and two Club Volunteers visited BGC America in Orlando.

Our time in America was a resounding success, leaving a profound impact on our team. One of the standout moments of our trip was the opportunity to visit BGC America clubs and witness the incredible youth work happening there. The state-of-the-art facilities and the remarkable opportunities they provide for young people left us deeply impressed and inspired.

The trip was specifically for club leaders and volunteers in our network in order to help them:

- Build connections and network with **Boys and Girls Clubs of America** in order to work with them in future projects
- To explore how youth work is delivered in America
- To help our BGC Wales network gain a practical understanding of how a Taith project work



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## Inward Mobilities (04/08/23-08/08/23)

We were joined in Wales by leaders from **Escola Pia Salt, Catalonia**. Leader Eloi was an Erasmus+ volunteer with BGC Wales in 2013 and has been involved in our recent Safeguarding our Young People Project. During the visit they met with Nantymoel BGC and old friend Andrew McKay.

We are looking forward to working with our Catalonian friends in the future!

## Inward Mobilities (14/10/23-21/10/23)

In October 2023, we welcomed 12 participants coming from 4 different countries. We are hosting **Sports & Leadership Academy (USA)**, **Club de Niños y Niñas de México**, **Boys and Girls Clubs of South Africa** and **Youth Challenge Africa (Rwanda)**.



We will continue building positive connections with these organisations and it is a really exciting opportunity. We are going to show off Wales, our culture and how great our BGC Wales Network is.

We were delighted to have an International Youth Work Networking Lunch, that was sponsored by **Huw Irranca-Davies**. The group had a wonderful time at **The Lodge** and enjoyed visiting our member clubs



# YOUTH LEADERS EXCHANGES

## SAFEGUARDING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (SOYP) CONFERENCE

The Safeguarding Our Young People conference was a great success. Funded by **Erasmus+**, the conference was held at The Lodge from 16/01/23 to 24/01/23. We hosted a residential conference in **The Lodge** with 28 youth work practitioners including from **Spain, Germany** and **Croatia**.

HUGE HUGE thank you to all those who took part as facilitators, trainers and participants - it would not have been so amazing without you. Diolch yn fawr iawn i chi!

This was a great example of the voluntary and statutory sectors coming together to promote the safeguarding of young people and the quality work being carried out in Wales on a daily basis.



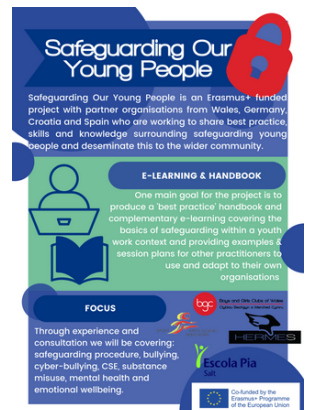
We had a jam packed itinerary for our visitors with guest speakers from both statutory and voluntary sectors for 5 days to exchange our good safeguarding practices, and visited places including Bridgend Council Chamber, Nantymoel Boys and Girls Club, St. Fagans, Cardiff Museum, Big Pit and STEER - We thank everyone who involved.



We were grateful to our local partners who delivered sessions at the conference:

- **Education Workforce Council** - Safeguarding in the Youth Work Quality Mark
- **Adult Learning Wales** - Safeguarding in Youth Work Qualifications
- **Mayor Martyn Jones** & Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub - Collaborative safeguarding
- **STEER Enterprise Academy** - Safeguarding in an alternative education based setting
- **Vale of Glamorgan Youth Service** - Statutory safeguarding
- **StreetGames** - Safeguarding in a sports based setting

The resources and learning produced as a result of this conference. We thank our international partners for their work on this project. It is now available on our website [www.bgc.wales](http://www.bgc.wales) For more information, please contact Kari [kari@bgc.wales](mailto:kari@bgc.wales)



# BGC WALES SPORTS

## Rugby Presentation Evening 2022/23

The annual rugby presentation evening took place on May 7th 2023, at the Towers Hotel in Swansea. It was a joyous occasion where players from the U16s and U18s teams, who had participated in the 2022/23 season, gathered alongside their proud parents and supporters. The event served as a celebration of their achievements, and they were joined by their dedicated coaches and officials.

We were honoured to have the esteemed **Max Boyce MBE**, the president of our Rugby Panel, in attendance. Mr. Boyce graciously presented the well-deserved caps to the talented players, acknowledging their hard work and dedication throughout the season.



## RUGBY SQUADS 2023/24

In September 2023, the Rugby panel had been extremely busy for the BGC Wales Rugby Talent ID days and trials for the Boys' U16s & 18s, and the Girls' U16s. The Panel was delighted with the great turnout and went successfully. A massive thanks to our volunteer coaches and selectors for the countless hours that they have worked in those weeks.



Many Congratulations to both of our Boys' U16s & U18s and Girls' U16s on their impressive season opener! The Boys held their matches home at **Porthcawl RFC** against **Bristol Bears**, resulted in fantastic victories, whilst our Girls' team away match against **Dings RFC** in Bristol marked a proud moment in our organisation's history!





# BGC WALES SPORTS

## BGC Wales v BGC Scotland 2023

The Wales - Scotland rivalry resumed once more in late July 2023. The electric atmosphere at Afan Lido FC saw the Girls U15s and U17s extend a warm Welsh welcome to the **BGC Scotland** Teams on Sunday of 23rd July 2023. Meanwhile, the Boys' Teams embarked on an exhilarating Scottish expedition, showcasing their prowess at Stenhousemuir FC on the captivating Sunday of 30th July 2023.

Our girls hosted their very first Presentation Evening at Blanco's Hotel. Radiant in their caps, they were greeted with the thrilling announcement from BGC Wales staff - a journey to Spain in October 2023!

Our heartfelt thanks extend to the esteemed panel members from both BGC Wales and BGC Scotland, whose unwavering dedication ensured the resounding success of these two remarkable events, leaving an indelible mark on our young people.



### GIRLS TEAMS - HOME

U15s BGC Wales 1 - BGC Scotland 5  
U17s BGC Wales 1 - BGC Scotland 5

### BOYS TEAMS - AWAY

U15s BGC Scotland 1 - BGC Wales 2  
U17s BGC Scotland 4 - BGC Wales 2



# BGC WALES SPORTS

## NABGC National Cross Country

It was a fabulous Saturday afternoon for the Boys & Girls Club's of Wales Cross Country team who travelled up to Layer Marney outdoors, Layer Marney Essex for the annual National Cross Country Finals Competition.

There were outstanding performances across all age groups with both BGC Wales teams winning 8 Silver medals.

**Kyron George, Pharrel Djaiz** and **Jay Cooper** were amazing during their individual races. It was a tough course but their grit and determination shone through.

Our Girls team was outstanding, **Aivah Wheeler, Nathifa Mohamed, Freya Djaiz** and **Amaya Hooper-Stroude** won Silver medals in the team race.

Not to be undone by the Girls, the Boys' team was also in excellent form with **Trevae Callender, Mckai Pace, Lewin Salley** and **Pharrell Djaiz** also winning Silver medals in the team event.

However, the Championships best performance was saved for the opening event with outstanding performance from Lewin Salley who was on fire winning his individual race comfortably and then going on to race in one of the older races.

Steve Khaireh MBE said, *'The National Cross Country final is the pinnacle of our athletics season. The award celebrates and rewards not only the achievements of those individual athletes and their teams but also the dedication and hard work by those volunteers who run our teams throughout the year.'*



## Football Federation Cups 2022/23

Congratulations to **Graig Villa Dino** who won the Under 12s Federation Cup Final on 5th May 2023 at **Afan Lido FC** by beating **Bryntirion Juniors FC** 4-0.

The under 14's final was held at **Penydarren BGC** on Sunday May 28th (3pm KO) between **Treharris BGC** and **Penlan BGC**.

Treharris beat **Treowen Stars** 2-1 in their semi final and Penlan beat **Mumbles Rangers** 4-3 in theirs. The U16s final will take place on Thursday 25th May 2023 at Penydarren BGC (7:30pm KO) between Penydarren who beat Bryntirion 2-1 in their semi final and either **St Josephs** or Treowen Stars who are due to play on Friday 19th May 2023.

## Pool Competition 2022

The pool competition in memory of Ken Davies was held at the Memorial Hall in **Nantymoel BGC** on Sunday 30th November 2022 - it was a great success. Congratulations to the victors and runners-up in the U12s, U14s and U16s categories for boys and girls, who were awarded their shields by the BGC Wales staff in attendance.



Thank you to Nantymoel for being such great host, and we look forward to the next competition in the new year!

# BGC WALES SPORTS

## BGC Wales Boxing Shows 2023

In Loving Memory of Ronnie Morris, BGC Wales proudly presents two Boxing Shows in Wales in year!

**Welsh Boxing Championships Final 2023 on Saturday 28th October 2023**  
**NABGC Boxing Championships Quarter-Final 2023 on Saturday 11th November 2023**  
at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen, Tondu, Bridgend, CF32 9EG

101 young boxer entries from 41 member clubs across Wales. Almost double the amount of participants than last year. We thank all member clubs for all your support!

The BGC Wales Welsh Final on the 28/10/23 was a resounding success. We extend our gratitude to have four regional representatives who played pivotal roles in organising the Preliminary Bouts leading up to the Welsh Final. They are **Keith Jefferies - Cwmbran BC** (East), **Brett Parry - Maerdy ABC** (South), **Stephen Brophy - Premier ABC** (West) and **Darryl Jones - Clwyd ABC** (North). We sincerely thank them for volunteering their time and efforts supporting the organisation!

We are also grateful for the invaluable support provided by the **WABA (Welsh Armature Boxing Association)**. Additionally, our dedicated Referees and Judges to find time from their already very busy schedule to help make it happen. We extend our gratitude to **Nicky Piper MBE**, who once came through BGC Wales (formerly Boys' Clubs of Wales, for gracing our boxing show as an inspirational figure for our young boxers. Nicky Your presence and wisdom have left an indelible mark, motivating our rising stars to reach for greatness. Thank you for being a beacon of inspiration.



We commend the young boxers who showcased their remarkable talent at the show. Your dedication, passion, and extraordinary performances were nothing short of inspiring. You are the future of boxing, and your hard work and commitment are truly commendable. Keep reaching for the stars!

All winners from the BGC Wales Welsh Championships Final will progress to box at the NABGC British Boxing Championships which we are preparing to host the British Championships Quarter Final on behalf of NABGC.



**THANK YOU POLICE YOUTH VOLUNTEERS AND ABERKENFIG BGC FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

# ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITIES

## THE URDD EISTEDDFOD

Grant, Apple and Gayle attended the **Urdd Eisteddfod in Llandoverly**. A big thank you to **CWVYS** who shared their stand with us.

We met up with lots of other organisations including **EWC, Educators Wales, Taith, The Football Museum of Wales, Plaid Cymru, Dyfed Powys Police** and **Crime Commissioner, Dafydd Llewelyn** and more. We met **Mark Drakeford, First Minister** and **Bryn Terfel!**

It was a fantastic event and was a great opportunity to talk about what we do at Boys and Girls Clubs of Wales down in West Wales!



## WSA SPORTS INDUSTRY AWARDS

As a member of the **WSA** (Welsh Sports Association), we were honoured to be nominated for the Best Collaboration Initiative Award and to have been invited to celebrate at the WSA Sports Industry Awards evening that was held on 8th June 2023 in Cardiff. Though we didn't win, it was so inspiring hearing about the great work taking place in Wales, with so many fantastic projects delivered by passionate leaders and organisations using sport to have wider community and social benefits.

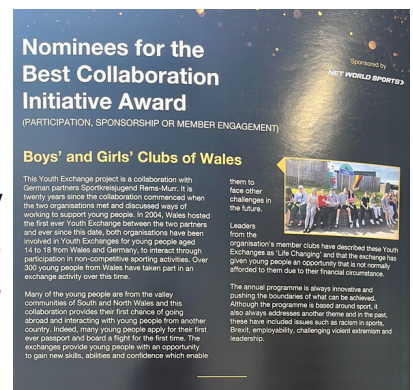
## STREETGAMES NETWORKING EVENT

Two members of staff joined the **StreetGames's** World Cup Partner Support Fund, Family Engagement Celebration & Network event in Caerphilly in April 2023. BGC Wales was grateful to have received the World Cup Partner support Fund. This fund enabled us to have worked with **Youth Cymru** and supported a series of sports taster sessions for the young women from **Flintshire City of Sanctuary** and **EYST** in North Wales.

Our project targeted young women from areas of deprivation/marginalised groups. Our aims were to encourage young women to participate in sports and dance, raise their confidence in attending sports venues, increase their levels of fitness, become more aware of sports and leisure opportunities available to them and meet with other young women to widen friendships opportunities. It was great to have the opportunity to share our story and hear from organisations sharing the journeys of their World Cup projects and Family Engagement Projects they delivered within their communities.

## WREXHAM UNIVERSITY

We had an extremely positive meeting in Wrexham between our Chief Executive Officer, **Grant Poiner**, and **Simon Stewart** from Wrexham University to discuss some exciting future projects. Really impressed with the facilities at the university and at the nearby Colliers Park.



## VOLUNTEERS AT THE LODGE

In September 2023, we were pleased to have a team of staff from **Gallagher** - partner of Premiership Rugby and The Special Olympics - who volunteered their time and efforts by decorating at The Lodge. This exciting day has been facilitated by Neighbourly and the painting equipment and some of the paint was kindly donated by Christian and the wonderful team at **Johnstone's Decorating Centre** Swansea!



Nantymoel BGC - "The Mem" has taken up the offer of volunteer help from the team at Gallagher. They will be visiting The Mem in November! Look forward to seeing the before and after photos! Thanks to Gallagher again for your support.

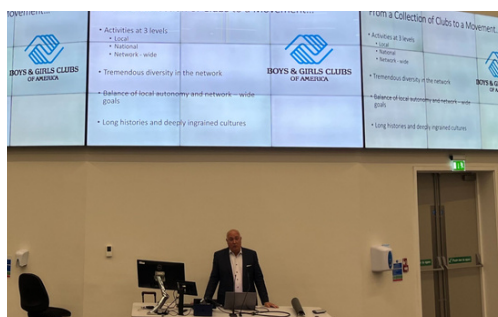
## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS CONFERENCE AND AWARDS 2023

We were thrilled to have attended the remarkable **NABGC** "Stronger Together" Conference and Awards 2023!

This year's event took place at the Isaac Newton Building, University of Lincoln and was a resounding success, celebrating the tremendous work of Boys & Girls Clubs Nationwide.

### Engaging Seminars and Workshops:

Youth development professionals, club leaders, and advocates came together for dynamic workshops, sharing ideas, best practices, and innovative approaches to youth work and youth sports. There were really inspiring sessions from **Kirk Dominick, CEO of the World Federation of Youth Clubs** and **Bob Rhodes** on Why Youth Clubs Work. We also talked impact of youth work with a panel of young people. There were workshops on Health and Wellbeing, the donor lifecycle, valuing relationships and community, and a fantastic session on the Special Olympics and the impact of inclusivity in Youth Sports.



### Awards Ceremony - Honouring Excellence:

The NABGC Awards recognised outstanding Young people, Youth Workers and initiatives that had significantly impacted the lives of young people, emphasising leadership, informal learning success and community engagement. The amazing **Alan Watson MBE, from Durham Boys and Girls Clubs**, was awarded the Long Service Award for 60 years of service to youth work.

### Inspiration and Empowerment:

The conference was a source of inspiration, empowering us to continue their vital work in shaping the future of Boys and Girls Clubs.



## STUDENTS RECRITMENT FAYRE

Cardiff Met hosted a Students Recruitment Fayre on 24th October 2023. Dee and Jayne joined the event and showcase our work and opportunities for students from the university at the fayre.

This is a great opportunity for students to find a perfect work placement who are studying Youth Work & Community at foundation level, Level 4 and Level 5 to meet with variety of youth work organisations and agencies. As a youth work organisation, we will continue to offer placements for students and we look forward to their support in the future.

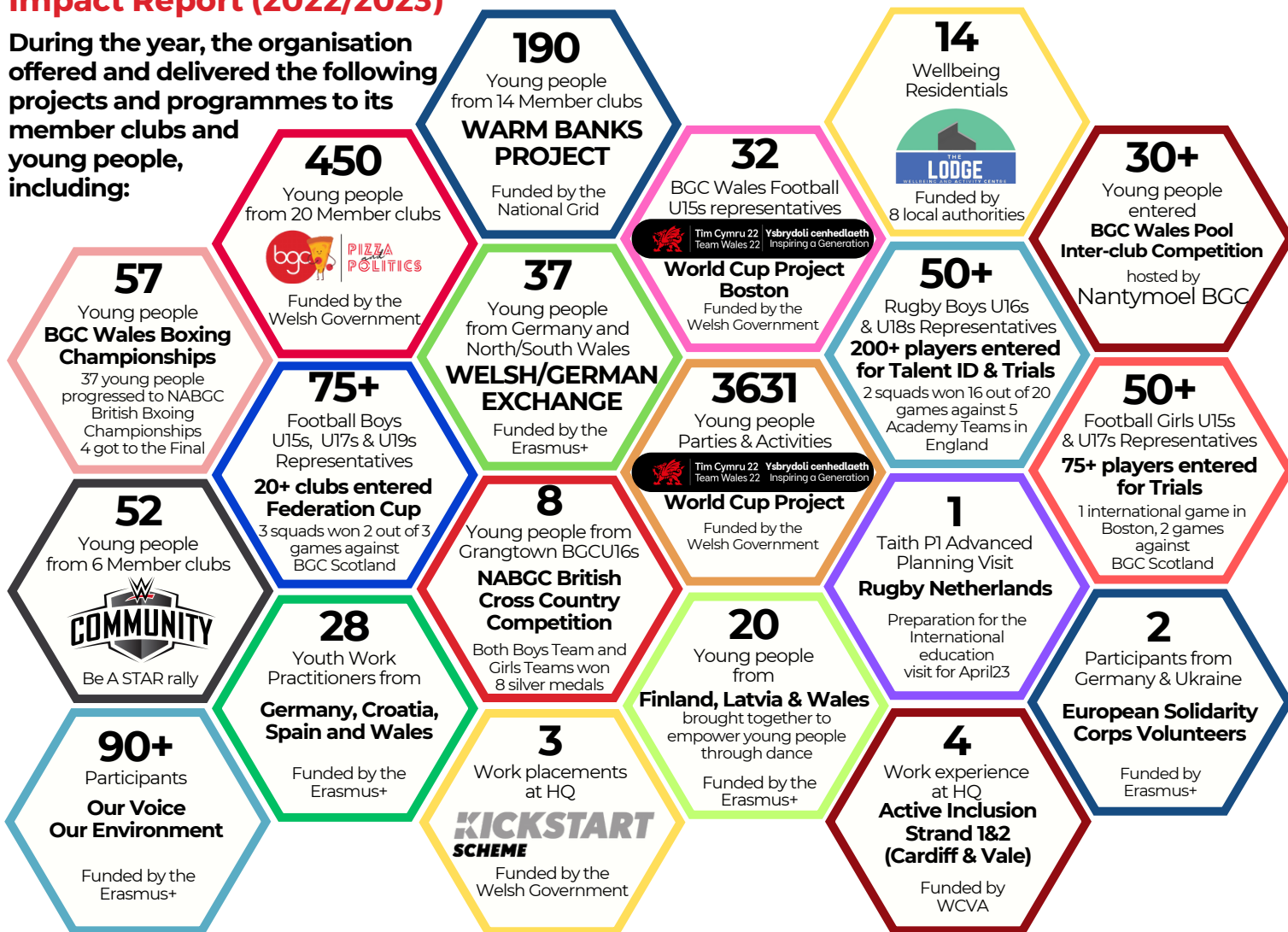
# BGC WALES REPORTS

## Finance Report for the Period April 2022 - March 2023

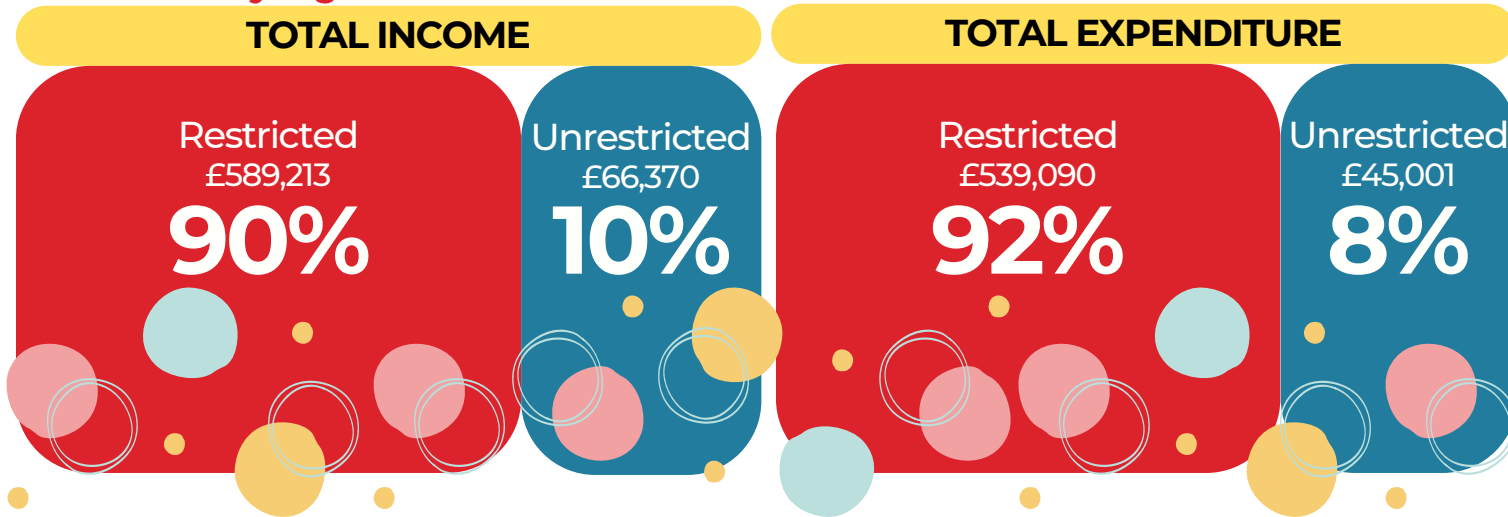
It had been an extremely busy year for BGC Wales during the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. The post pandemic means member clubs, such as Boys and Girls Clubs, Youth Clubs and Sports Clubs, were able to resume their activities in their community, and the organisation was able to resume its services to member clubs and deliver its youth offer to the young people.

### Impact Report (2022/2023)

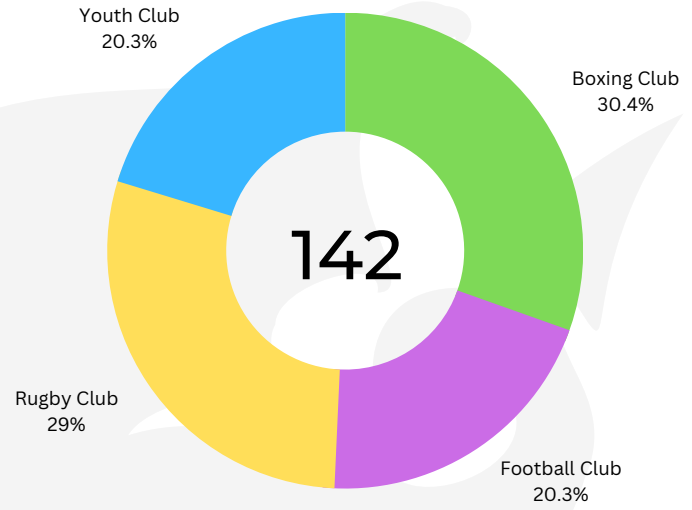
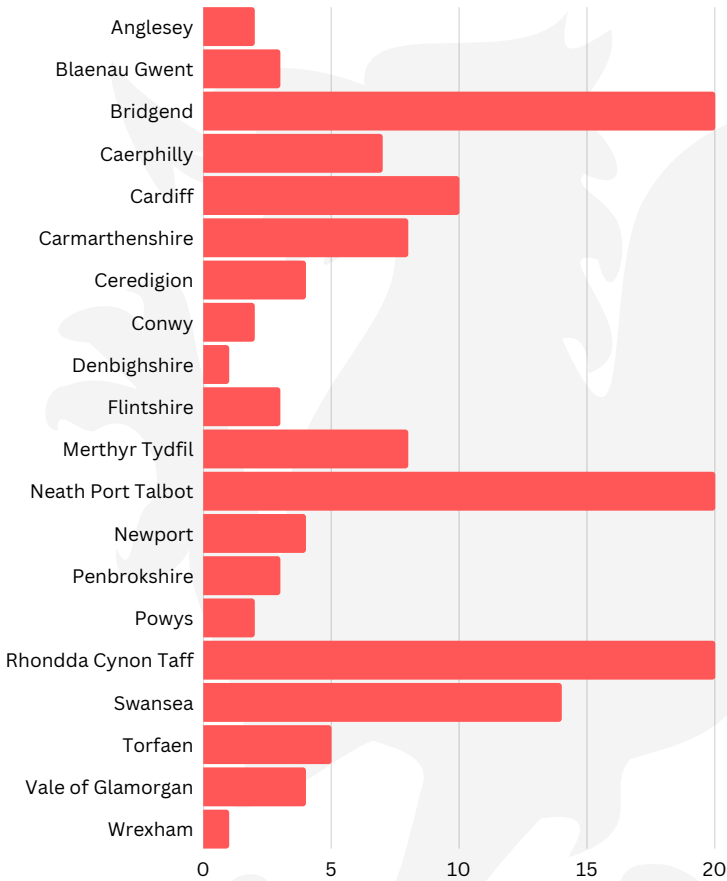
During the year, the organisation offered and delivered the following projects and programmes to its member clubs and young people, including:



### Financial Key Figures For The Year Ended 31st March 2023



# Affiliated Clubs for period from November 2022-November 2023



Over the last 12 months, we have received 142 affiliations. Among these 142 clubs/ organisations, there are **42 boxing clubs, 30 football clubs, 31 youth & community clubs** and **39 rugby clubs**.

We are extremely proud with these figures, a 10% increased from the last report. We can also see the grow in North Wales. Again, we are not going to stop! As a national youth organisation, we are working on developing on All Wales operations.

The Committee decided to keep the affiliation fee the same as in previous years. The review allowed clubs continue to enjoy an affordable fee of £30 for a 12-month period. Within the affiliation period, we would be able to provide quality assured youth work and fantastic opportunities offer to the young people at member clubs and in their community. Please contact the office on 02920 575705 or email to office@bgc.wales for further information.

## Funders and Partners

The following logos represent the funders and partners of the organization:

- Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government
- UK Parliament
- Senedd Cymru Welsh Parliament
- Cyngor y Gweithlu Addysg Education Workforce Council
- CWVYS
- Ariennir gan Funded by 9 Taith
- HEDDLU POLICE Youth Volunteer
- WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUTH CLUBS™
- BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS National Association
- BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
- BRITISH COUNCIL
- Erasmus+
- PEOPLE'S POSTCODE LOTTERY
- RSBC Royal Society for Blind Children
- WSA Welsh Sports Association Cymdeithas Chwaraeon Cymru
- AFOMO Cymru
- Ofcom
- Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
- Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
- Sir y Fflint Flintshire COUNTY COUNCIL
- CRONFA GYMUNEDOL COMMUNITY FUND
- street games
- WCIA WELSH CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CANGYFNHATERION RHYNGWLADOL CYMRU
- THE MILLENNIUM STADIUM CHARITABLE TRUST YMDIRIEDOLAETH ELUSENHOL STADIUM Y MILLENNIUM
- the coalfields regeneration trust
- TESCO Community Grants
- Garfield Weston FOUNDATION
- Principality Building Society Cymdeithas Adeiladu
- TABLE TENNIS WALES
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- Community Foundation Wales
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# THE LODGE

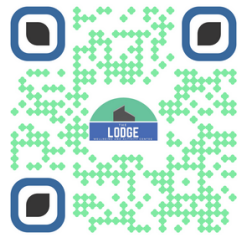
Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales is proud to present its residential centre - The Lodge. The Lodge is a delightful, relaxed 28 bed group bunkhouse-style-venue and facility with a self-catering kitchen and communal areas. The venue offers a gateway to the stunning Garw Valley and the neighbouring Llynfi and Ogmere Valleys.



We offer exciting, tailored residential visits to suit the needs of the young people attending. A range of adventure activities, wellbeing workshops, outdoor team building sessions and bushcraft activities etc are available. Outdoor activities we have offered include BMX riding, GoApe, surfing, mountain biking, mountain walks, coastal walks, quad biking, star gazing, geocaching sessions and many more. All these activities can help young people with their wellbeing.



We took over **The Lodge** in Bettws from Bridgend Council in December 2021. The Lodge is situated in the heart of Bettws, Bridgend, where it offers a gateway to the stunning Garw Valley and the neighbouring Llynfi and Ogmere Valleys. [www.bgc.wales/the-lodge](http://www.bgc.wales/the-lodge) or **scan the QR code**.



**All our member clubs are encouraged and welcome to use The Lodge for activities, workshops or a stay! Some of our member clubs have already started, contact us at [TheLodge@bgc.wales](mailto:TheLodge@bgc.wales)**

**May 23** Penysarn Youth Club, Anglesey, had a brilliant time visiting the Royal Mint, The Senedd and Cardiff Bay. BGC Wales would like to thank Club Leaders Carol and Gordon for bringing their amazing group of young people down to South Wales. ***“For our use the Lodge was perfect, everything that we required was there and was of a very high standard. The location was amazing very peaceful, but close enough to various walks and amenities”***

**Aug 23** **WCIA** (Welsh Centre for International Affairs) stayed at The Lodge as part of their Peace and Future's Thinking workcamp.

**Sep & Oct 23** Our Girls Rugby Section invited all players with their family travelled from North Wales to The Lodge in September for the trial for our first Girls U16s Rugby Team. ***“The Lodge was great, knowing where the girls are going to stay if they were selected...”, “...fantastic facility, not far from the motorway...”*** The squad stayed for their training session for the first time as BGC Wales representatives. Players from all over Wales, including as far as Anglesey.

**Oct & Nov 23** BGC Wales hosting two boxing shows in Bridgend in this two months - The Lodge welcomed boxing clubs from Conwy, Debigshire, Flintshire, Llanduno and Wrexham to stay for the competitions. ***“...really appreciated, this offer really helped the cost for accommodation or time travelling early in the morning... encourage grassroot boxing from NW!”***

**Aug 23** BGC Wales Youth Forum is also preparing for their event at The Lodge in November.

Don't forget, you can book the Lodge for a stay with groups of young people, a team building day for adults or for an event! If you need help to find funding for this contact [Gayle.gayle@bgc.wales](mailto:Gayle.gayle@bgc.wales)