

CYLCH MEITHRIN CREIGIAU

England & Wales · Charity number 1056147

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-06-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: HYRWYDDO ADDYSG PLANT DAN OED YSGOL YNG NGHREIGIAU TRWY GYFRWNG YR IAITH GYMRAEG / TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PRE SCHOOL CHILDREN IN CREIGIAU THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE WELSH LANGUAGE

Activities: Charity provides nursery education for children between ages of 2 and 5 years old.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** YN YMARFEROL CAERDYDD / IN PRACTICE CARDIFF
- Cardiff

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£89,940	£100,720	-	-
2024-03-31	£77,369	£92,309	-	-
2023-03-31	£89,413	£76,899	-	-
2022-03-31	£80,940	£68,138	-	-
2021-03-31	£77,521	£67,647	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abi Lewis		2024-10-24
Bethan Worrall		2024-10-24
Holly Davidson		2024-10-24
Jordan Lewis		2024-10-24
Rhiannon Burton-Dadd		2024-10-24
Rhiannon Richards		2024-10-24

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Public benefit statement

The charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature Bethan Worrall

Full Name Bethan Worrall

Position Chair

Date Jan 2026

Income and Expenditure Account 2024/2025
Financial year 01/04/24-31/03/25

Income	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£	£
Mudiad Grant	0	0
Others Grants	280	0
Children's fees	46,409	38,825
30 Hours free childcare funding	39,458	36,819
Fundraising	1,546	354
Interest	1,249	1,371
Training Incentive Educ8	0	
Donations and sundries	1,000	
Total	89,940	77,369
Expenses	£	£
Salaries	89,965	79,781
Rent and heating costs	6,162	6,016
Registrations and PAYE scheme fees	150	125
Administration and training costs	0	553
Equipment, materials and resources	2,629	4,004
Fundraising	0	0
Other	1,815	1,830
Total	100,720	92,309
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-10,780	-14,940
Cash in bank at year end	88,514	99,293
Unallocated cash at year end	88,514	99,293
Cash held in bank increase (decrease) 2023/24:	-10,780	-14,940
Less: surplus/(deficit)	0	-14,940
Difference:	0	0

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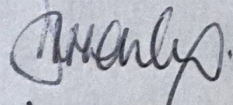
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Signed:



Name:

DARREN OXON

Date:

29/1/2026

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Signature Richard Nelmes

Full Name Richard Nelmes

Position Chair

Date Jan 2025

Income and Expenditure Account 2023/2024

Financial year 01/04/23-31/03/24

	2023/2024	2022/2023
<u>Income</u>	£	£
Mudiad Grant	0	0
Others Grants	0	1,178
Children's fees	38,825	52,041
30 Hours free childcare funding	36,819	33,930
Fundraising	354	786
Interest	1,371	
Training Incentive Educ8		1,000
Donations and sundries		478
Total	77,369	89,413
 <u>Expenses</u>	 £	 £
Salaries	79,781	66,743
Rent and heating costs	6,016	6,080
Registrations and PAYE scheme fees	125	125
Administration and training costs	553	391
Equipment, materials and resources	4,004	2,387
Fundraising	0	0
Other	1,830	1,173
Total	92,309	76,899
 Surplus/(deficit) for the year	 -14,940	 12,514
 Cash in bank at year end	 99,293	 114,233
 Unallocated cash at year end	 99,293	 114,233
 Cash held in bank increase (decrease) 2023/24:	 -14,940	 12,514
 Less: surplus/(deficit)	 -14,940	 12,514
 Difference:	 0	 0

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees/members of Cylch Meithrin Creigiau On accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

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Financial review

2022-2023 has been a very successful year for the Cylch, with an increase in income received. This is largely due to us reaching capacity early on in the year coupled with an increase in our sessional, full day and wraparound fees from September 2023 which were intended to cover the increased staffing costs. There was also an increase in Early Year's funding received as the local school reached capacity early in the academic year. We have found the 30 Hours child Childcare offer for Wales has helped us this year when it came into force January 2019. Our expenses did not increase by the same amount and therefore a surplus was made for the year. Much of this surplus is expected to be spent during the financial year 2023-2024 as we incur higher staff costs along with planned capital costs on improvements to the building, while income is no longer expected to rise significantly as capacity has been reached.

Cylch continues to fulfil the childcare needs in the local area, providing much needed childcare which coincides with the local state nursery, and its popularity is clear from the increase in fee income

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Signature Richard Nelmes

Full Name Richard Nelmes

Position Chair

Date Jan 2024

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<u>Income</u>	2022/2023	2021/2022
	£	£
Mudiad Grant		0
Others Grants	1,178	479
Children's fees	52,041	47,413
Furlough Scheme Grant Funding		0
30 Hours free childcare funding	33,930	30,582
Fundraising	786	494
Training Incentive Educ8	1,000	1,000
Donations and sundries	478	972
Total	89,413	80,940
 <u>Expenses</u>	 £	 £
Salaries	66,743	58,753
Rent and heating costs	6,080	5,952
Registrations and PAYE scheme fees	125	0
Administration and training costs	391	382
Equipment, materials and resources	2,387	0
Fundraising	0	126
Other	1,173	2,925
Total	76,899	68,138
 Surplus/(deficit) for the year	 12,514	 12,802
 Cash in bank at year end	 114,233	 101,719
 Unallocated cash at year end	 114,233	 100,330
 Allocated cash at year end:		
Children's play area cash raised:	0	689
Match funding for children's play area:	0	700
Total allocated cash	0	1,389
 Cash held in bank increase 2022/23:	 12,514	 12,802
 Less: surplus	 12,514	 12,802

Difference:

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Fundraising has gone back to our normal attendance after covid restrictions have been lifted, including a successful Sports Day and Christmas Concert. Plans to use the funds raised to build a designated external play area for the children in the grounds of the Scout Hall during Spring 2016 are still on hold as due to the Cylch's success we are still looking to relocate to a larger building once one can be sourced, and funds are instead going to be reallocated to that. Currently, no suitable building has been found, and we are looking into options with the Scout group to extend the current building. This is dependent on permissions from Cardiff County Council from whom the Scouts lease the building under a long term arrangement.

Financial review

2021-2022 has been a very successful year for the Cylch, with an increase in income received. This is largely due to us reaching capacity early on in the year coupled with an increase in our sessional, full day and wraparound fees from

September 2021 which were intended to cover the increased staffing costs. There was also an increase in Early Year's funding received as the local school reached capacity early in the academic year. We have found the 30 Hours child care from Cardiff Council and RCT Council has helped us this year when it came into force January 2019. Our expenses did not increase by the same amount and therefore a surplus was made for the year. Much of this surplus is expected to be spent during the financial year 2022-2023 as we incur higher staff costs along with planned capital costs on improvements to the building, while income is no longer expected to rise significantly as capacity has been reached.

Cylch continues to fulfil the childcare needs in the local area, providing much needed childcare which coincides with the local state nursery, and its popularity is clear from the increase in fee income received as we reached capacity, and the increase in children attending from the English side of the school.

Our current reserves policy is to maintain a reserve equivalent to 3 month's operating costs, along with a designated reserve for redundancy costs should they become necessary. All income through children's fees, Early Year's Funding and fundraising/donations is put towards the general running of the Cylch, with general reserves fluctuating depending on occupancy levels.

We aim to hold at least £10,000 cash in bank above the reserves detailed above to cover wages in times of low occupancy.

Public benefit statement

The charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature

Full Name Richard Nelmes

Position Chair

Date

Income and Expenditure Account

2021/2022

Financial year 01/04/21-31/03/22

<u>Income</u>	2021/2022	2020/2021
	£	£
Mudiad Grant	0	4,000
Others Grants	479	2,000
	47,41	22,40
Children's fees	3	6
		16,22
Furlough Scheme Grant Funding	0	9
	30,58	28,84
30 Hours free childcare funding	2	3
Fundraising	494	2,745
Training Incentive Educ8	1,000	0
Donations and sundries	973	1,299
	80,94	77,52
Total	0	2
<u>Expenses</u>	£	£
	58,75	61,98
Salaries	3	4
Rent and heating costs	5,952	3,738
Registrations and PAYE scheme fees	0	0
Administration and training costs	382	0
Equipment, materials and resources	0	0
Fundraising	126	118
Other	2,925	1,807
	68,13	67,64
Total	8	7
	12,80	
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	2	9,874
	101,7	88,91
Cash in bank at year end	19	7
	100,3	87,52
Unallocated cash at year end	30	8
Allocated cash at year end:		
Children's play area cash raised:	689	689

Match funding for children's play area:	700	700
Total allocated cash	1,389	1,389
	12,80	
Cash held in bank increase 2020/21:	2	9,874
	12,80	
Less: surplus	2	9,874
Difference:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees/members of Cylch Meithrin Creigiau On accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given to the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

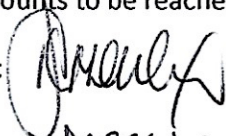
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Signed:



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DARREN COXON

Date:

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CYLCH MEITHRIN CREIGIAU

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Accounts

Trustees Annual Report

For the period 01 April 2020-31 March 2021

Cylch Meithrin Creigiau

Charity No: 1056147

Scout Hall, Castle Close, Creigiau, Cardiff, CF15 9NJ

Charity Committee

Chair: Richard Nelves

Treasurer: Victoria Jones

Secretary: Vanessa Sadler

Vice Secretary:

Structure, governance and management

Cylch Meithrin Creigiau is a non-maintained Early Years education provider and playgroup which caters for children aged 2-5 through the medium of Welsh in the small village of Creigiau in Cardiff. It is well received in this area in which Welsh is spoken widely, and where there is a Welsh stream within the local primary school. Cylch Meithrin Creigiau is governed by a Constitution which was adopted at the inception of the Cylch, and was reviewed by the current Committee in January 2019.

Cylch Meithrin Creigiau is run on a day to day basis by one Leader who is responsible for the smooth running of the playgroup and for the childcare assistants. She is assisted by a Committee who are appointed from the parents of children who currently/previously attended the Cylch, and an administrator who is employed on a part time basis; they organise fundraising events, collect fees, pay staff wages, and provide additional information to families through regular contact and newsletters. Committee Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in the Autumn. Regular meetings of the Committee and Staff are held to discuss matters regarding the Cylch and to make important decisions.

The Committee and Staff are also supported by Mudiad Meithrin and Cardiff County Council who provide advice and guidance.

Disclosure and Barring checks are carried out on all members of staff (including students) prior to commencement of employment, and are renewed in a timely fashion.

We work closely with the local Scout group from whom we rent the hall for the Cylch.

All Committee members give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and activities

Cylch Meithrin Creigiau aims to provide high quality early year's education and childcare for children aged 2-5 through the medium of Welsh. We continue to offer sessions which work around the local school times, are reasonably priced and which have the best interests of local children and their families at heart.

Our activities are designed to stimulate and engage young children, and encourage them to socialise with their peers. We work within the framework for early year's education to provide a challenging curriculum with achievable goals. Young children benefit from the immersion into the Welsh language and get used to routines similar to those used in school. Our hours work in tandem with those of the local school, including a wraparound service for the nursery and Meithrin sections, which allows a full day's childcare for working parents.

Cylch Meithrin Creigiau welcomes all young children regardless of background, faith, language, or disability.

Achievements and performance

2020/2021 has seen continued calling for full daycare to children in the area, in particular with the wraparound service with the local school Nursery/Meithrin which remains highly popular with working parents. Providing full daycare for 2 year olds also continued to prove popular with parents, with many children attending for full days. The Wraparound Scheme has further increased in popularity, with notable expansion into the English side of the local primary school, and we now hold a waiting list for wraparound places well in advance of children receiving a part time school place. All of this has stabilised occupancy and ensured that we are full every morning, and have a significant occupancy in the afternoon sessions, which are seeing increased uptake. We have been affected by the pandemic COVID – 19 unfortunately, where all our staff were placed on the government scheme furlough.

Demand for early year's provision in the area continues to rise and we work hard to meet that demand. The commencement of the 30 hours childcare scheme for 3-4 year olds in Cardiff (January 2019) and Rhondda Cynon Taff (September 2018) has led to children being entitled to either 17.5 or 15 hours free childcare per week (dependent on which LEA they reside in). Demand for this service around the part time school place they are entitled to has been significant and we provide childcare for a significant number of children through this scheme. As a result, the Committee took the decision to stop offering Early Year's funded places (the equivalent of a part time school place where no place at the local school is available) and to concentrate on providing the Childcare aspect of the care – this was as a result of both the demand for this aspect of the funding from parents whose children had a part time school place, and the level of work involved to maintain the contract to provide EY funded places. No significant impact was noted as a result of this decision as any children who did not get a part time school place were able to retain their childcare place but receive funding for it, and no children were withdrawn as a result – mainly as parents wish to continue to receive the 30 hours funded place once their child was granted a part time school place.

We continue to have 4 part time members of staff, all of whom live and work locally, and we are very proud to be able to offer employment to local people, who are able to work flexibly to meet their own personal childcare needs. We also employed a part time administrator to look after the paperwork of the Cylch.

Fundraising has been slower than previous year due to the pandemic, including a Christmas Concert and a Ball. Plans to use the funds raised to build a designated external play area for the children in the grounds of the Scout Hall during Spring 2016 are still on hold as due to the Cylch's success we were still looking to relocate to a larger building. Currently, no suitable building has been found, and we are looking into options with the Scout group to extend the current building. This is dependent on permissions from Cardiff County Council from whom the Scouts lease the building under a long term arrangement.

Financial review

2020/2021 has seen the income fall due to the pandemic. This is largely due to us being closed from March – June. Legislation regarding the living wage for all employees, and increased pension costs. Although there was a drop in fees received due to many children benefitting from the 30 hours childcare scheme, this was more than compensated for by the funding received under this scheme. Our expenses did not increase by the same amount, with the most significant increase being in staff costs and therefore a surplus was made for the year.

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Income and Expenditure Account 2020/2021

Financial year 01/04/20-31/03/21

<u>Income</u>	2020/2021	2019/2020
	£	£
Mudiad Grant	4,000	400
Other grants	2,000	0
Children's fees	22,406	45,332
Furlough Scheme Grant Funding	16,229	0
30 Hours free childcare funding	28,843	35,388
Fundraising	2,745	3,013
Donations and sundries	1,299	666
Total	77,521	84,799
 <u>Expenses</u>	 £	 £
Salaries	61,984	63,096
Rent and heating costs	3,738	6,484
Registrations and PAYE scheme fees	0	299
Administration and training costs		206
Equipment, materials and resources	0	268
Fundraising	118	3,744
Other	1,807	2,293
Total	67,647	76,390
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,874	8,409
 Cash in bank at year end	88,917	79,043
 Unallocated cash at year end	87,528	77,654
 Allocated cash at year end:		
Committed cash for building improvements	0	0
Budgeted costs - 2 x Kiddibuses	0	0
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