

Home Education Wales

England & Wales · Charity number 1154036

Details

Other names NEW FOUNDATIONS HOME EDUCATION, NFHE

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2013-10-01

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF HOME EDUCATED CHILDREN OR CHILDREN WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ENGAGE WITH MAINSTREAM EDUCATION BY THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, RESOURCES, FACILITIES, SUPPORT AND INFORMATION FOR BOTH THEM AND THEIR PARENTS, IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: 1. PROVIDING RESOURCES, SUPPORT AND INFORMATION FOR HOME EDUCATORS AND THEIR FAMILIES; 2. PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS TO MEET IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A MUTUAL SUPPORT NETWORK AND ENABLE SHARING OF SKILLS, EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE WITHIN THE GROUP; 3. PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO MEET IN ORDER TO DEVELOP SOCIAL NETWORKS, FRIENDSHIPS AND A PEER GROUP; 4. ASSISTING PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS WHO ELECT TO HOME EDUCATE IN MEETING THE SPECIFIC EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN AND PROVIDE A SUITABLE AND APPROPRIATE EDUCATION; 5. PROMOTING GROUP WORKING AMONGST CHILDREN WHO ARE HOME EDUCATED; 6. ORGANISING PROGRAMS OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE ARTS AS A MEANS OF DEVELOPING THE SKILLS OF THE FAMILIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Throughout Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£25,255	£33,090	-	-
2024-04-05	£20,814	£20,629	-	-
2023-04-05	£17,751	£15,031	-	-
2022-04-05	£861	£1,426	-	-
2021-04-05	£4,086	£3,748	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rhianyeth Logue	Chair	2024-02-23
Amy Burrage		2025-09-01
Jayne Palmer		2022-02-09
Katharine Waters		2026-05-14
Rhian Cox		2025-03-17

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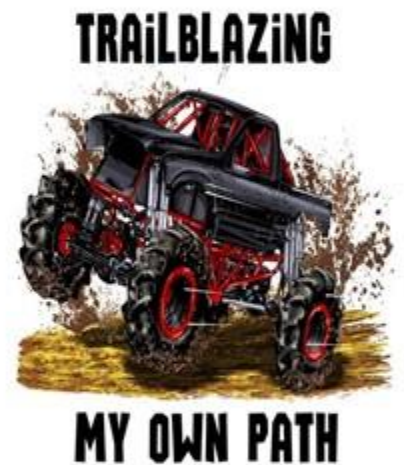
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INTRODUCTION

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groups. The number of reasons is endless and all of them are valid.

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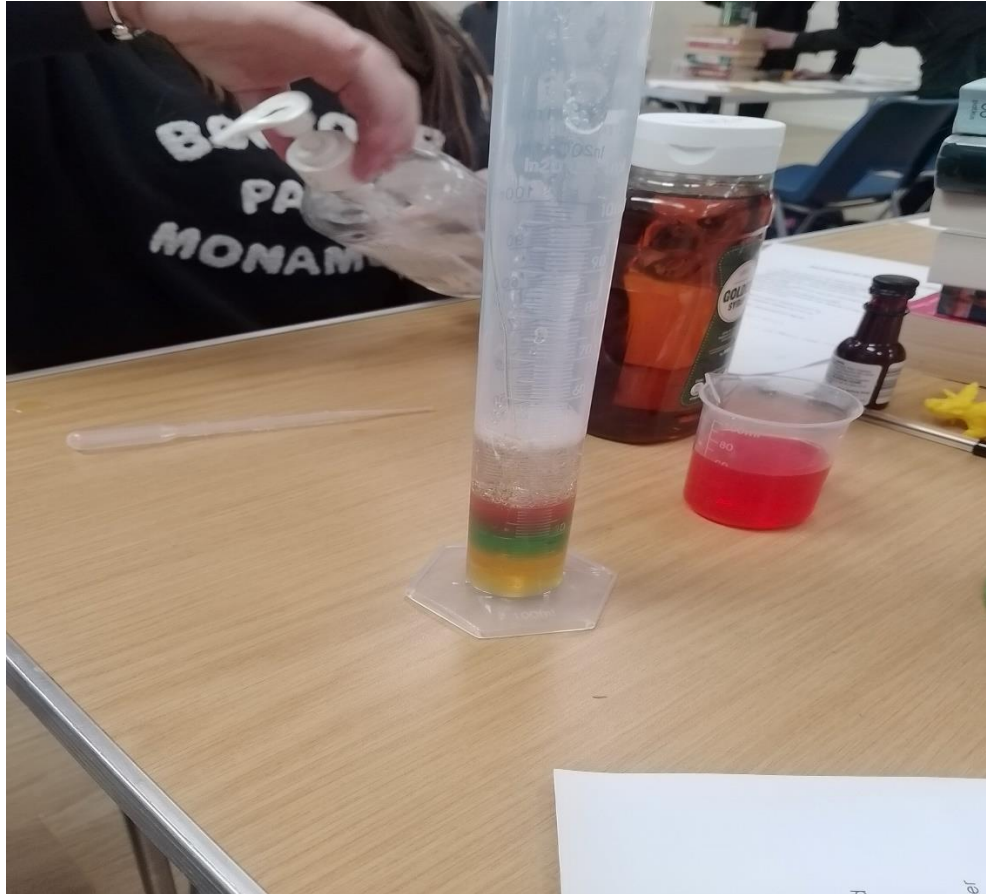
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Educators have known for a long time that children don't need to be sat at desks to learn science and math for example but will learn them from gardening, cooking and shopping.

Some families only follow their children's interests which can include work books, visits out and all the activities already mentioned. This kind of family learning model has been

shown to be very effective.

All of the styles mentioned work very well and encourages children to grow into adults who are capable of becoming critical and creative thinkers.



So what about socialisation:

There is a common misconception that children who are home educated don't get to socialise and that children need to play with children the same age. In reality children vary in so many ways and like to socialize in many different ways. Some like to play with children their own age, those with additional needs may prefer older or younger children, more mature children may want older children to interact with, and affectionate children may prefer younger children or babies. All children benefit from having interactions with people of all ages after all only school children are limited to interacting with others based on their date of birth.

So what do we do:

Well we provide lots of opportunities for activities at the Grange Pavilion that encourage play and interaction for both children and their families. We committed to do this with the absolutely minimum cost to families so everyone can afford to come and join in and we always provide soup or similar to help with the cost of living crisis.



Who are our trustees

Donna Heyler Rapely took SHEW (Spirit of Home Education Wales primarily aimed at normalising home education) to another level organizing trips, running 'everyones garden' in Barry, and running a youth club. She also

organized the annual prom for the teens who cooked the food themselves with lots of help and training from Craig and Rhian.

Rhian Cox joined us in 2024 running a group in Bridgend supporting Cardiff group and supporting Donna with SHEW

Ianna Melody Numen organized many activities in Cardiff and trips away she sadly left us at the beginning of 2025 to follow her musical dreams and focus on her family. We hope she gets everything she wants in life and will always have the door open for her.

Rhi Logue has worked endlessly running forest schools in Cardiff, Barry and Caerphilly as well as working hard to support various activities in all 3 areas.

Activities

Over the course of the year we ran more than 200 sessions over Cardiff Caerphilly Barry and Bridgend including

- SparkLab
- St Fagan's Iron Age Roundhouse workshop
- Swindon STEAM museum
- Sword fencing age 10-15
- Techniquist Mobile Plantarium show
- Teen Campfire Cooking
- Teen Social - Xmas
- The Beat X Club
- The Grinch Christmas Party with SHEW
- Theatre classes with Breakthrough theatre company and performance at the Sherman
- Theatre classes with Escopa
- Torfaen Forest School with Rhi
- VeganFest
- Visit to Aerospace Bristol
- Water Safety Education Visit
- wildflowers walk and activities bute park
- Witches walk story trail bute park

- WNO Schools Concert
- Yule party @the grange
- Zip Wire at Eden
- Funtastic
- Go with flow - Teen Art
- HEW @ The Grange - Film Festival
- Dinosaur park Tenby trip
- Djembe Drumming session
- Escape Room
- Family Christmas Disco (after the Gala)
- First Aid Training
- Forest Ed with SHEW
- Africa Day & Campfire Cooking
- Annual Teen Prom
- Aqua park /
- Art and Activism
- Art in the Park
- Arts & Craft Course
- Autumn Fayre
- Beltane Celebration
- Bluestone



- Bumbag Workshop
- Bute park - History of the Earth Walk
- Caerphilly Library Meet
- Camp Fire Cook Out
- Canal basin trip and workshops Brecon
- Cardiff Pottery Workshops
- Center for Alternative Technology

Many of these sessions have been organized by volunteers to whom we are eternally grateful.

Rose Rowson Cardiff

Amy Burrage Bridgend

Aimee Conway Caerphilly

Ellie Holland Cardiff

Cat Gent Caerphilly

Katie Cronly Cardiff

Chardonnay Palmer Cardiff

Eleanor Bowers Cardiff

Dawn Bowden Caerphilly

Charlotte Hutchings Barry

Craig Cox Bridgend

Finances

Vale Everyone's Garden	Grants/Donations	£1262	Expenditure	£1194
SHEW	Grants/Donations	£8161	Expenditure	£4122
SHEW Prom	Grants/Donations	£4236	Expenditure	£4236
Caerphilly	Grants/Donations	£1520	Expenditure	£1488
HEW	Grants/donations	£10076	expenditure	£22050

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In this year Donna has taken SHEW (Spirit of Home Education Wales primarily aimed at normalising home education) forward as her priority along with focusing on our teen members.

Aimee has focused on running activities in Caerphilly and has been significant in supporting Donna with SHEW.

Ianna and I have stayed focused on our Cardiff venue and the smooth running of our activities there.

Rhi has added to our repertoire with her highly skilled activities teaching forest school to all ages.

And we have all supported each other and been involved in running trips and activities.



Cardiff projects

Across the year we carried on developing and growing our very popular sessions at the Grange Pavilion centre in Cardiff - welcoming an average of 30 families weekly until the autumn, when we moved to fortnightly to give members time to access other sessions we run. Our numbers then rose to an average of 40 families per session as we created more outside space to allow for more to join.

During this time we hosted workshops from Water Aid, Dogs Trust, sport and Dance Fit and also ran themed sessions such as Studio Ghibli and fashion; while celebrating various traditions like Mayday, Day of the Dead and EID. We also offered regular classes in music band, science club, role play games like DND, nature and even ukelele to name a few! We always have toys, Lego, crafts and play!

These sessions were funded by the national lottery and magic little grants.

Regular home ed sessions around Cardiff were also held by us at red dragon bowling, Cardiff story museum, geek retreat and the national museums, with trips to local places like pizza express to make pizza and chapter arts for fun sessions like bug hotel making and their cinema

screenings. These were either funded by parents or the providers.



HEW also undertook some joint events at the Grange for a mix of home ed and local children during weekends and school holidays including a seed to feed project, winter warmer, Easter and story theatre. The money raised from those sessions helped cover a gap in our rent budget between lottery bids.

We also helped develop the area called Harmony Corner at the Grange, co creating a wonderful children’s space for play and imagination.

HEW Trips and Workshops

During April 23-24 we ran frequent workshops and trips at many other locations. We access education or group rates to bring costs down to an accessible amount for members.



This included a group trip to London in April 2023 where children attended Shrek Adventures, the Lion King theatre show and Kidzania where they could undertake a variety of jobs for the day, it was a huge success and we are returning to London October 2024.

Other trips included Legoland, Quasar, and Bowling.

Other theatre trips included Aladdin and snail and the whale.

Workshops included classes in pottery, magic, seeing how money is made at the royal mint, a visit to the medieval village at Cosmeston Country Park, Clifton Suspension Bridge, and climbing at Boulders.

We also had several Christmas trips to Role Play Lane, RCT mines and Jack and the beanstalk pantomime.

Lastly the teens had a visit to a skills academy in Cardiff to see what they had on offer post 16.

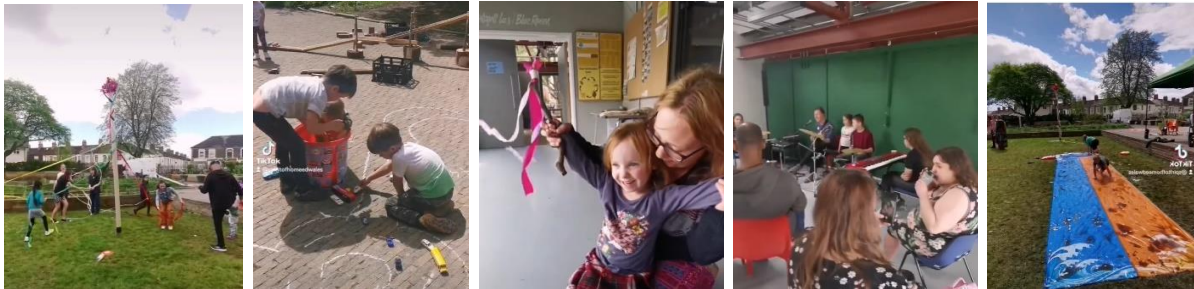
The children and volunteers wear their HEW or SHEW logo clothing for a lot of these trips- helping to normalise home education as a legitimate choice,

Without our volunteer's work, members could not access most of the above cost wise and the trips it would not be offered to the public.

SHEW – Spirit of Home ed Wales



Spirit of home ed has been attracting families with its different events and trips as it celebrates the choice to home educate.



May Day celebrations where we celebrated home education at the Grange Pavilion with crafts, games and a maypole.



Our 1st Teen Prom was also held at the Grange Pavilion in June with over 30 teens attending, it had a masquerade theme, DJ and mocktail bar.



Alton Towers in July 2023.



We held our 2nd SHEWFEST at the Grange Pavilion on Fri 21st July 2023 which attracted many families to take part in the activities that were put on.



We had a Halloween Party in Barry Oct 2023.



We took a group of teens to Thorpe Park in Oct and a trip to the Harry Potter studios was organised in November with children and teens also attending the script to screen workshop.



In Nov we also decorated a Christmas tree for SHEW at Margam Park, children made the decorations and families attended to help decorate the tree.



We held our 2nd Autumn Fayre at the Grange Pavilion where families could take part in different craft activities, attend a conference and watch the teen band perform.



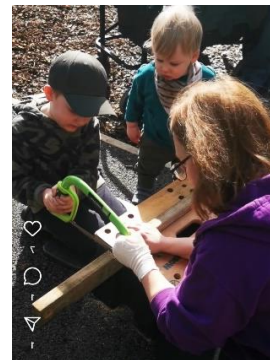


In Feb 2024 we went to Bluestone which attracted over 100 families, we celebrated with various activities and a buggy convoy.

Vale of Glamorgan



Everyones Garden in Barry started running forest school sessions in Nov 2023, teen campfire cooking started in April 2024 and free monthly open days with free forest school, gardening and graffiti which will be an ongoing project.



Our Christmas open day in Dec 2023 was a great success with home ed families and residents attending, with a visit from Santa too!



Cookery lessons.

In March 2024 x6 teens started attending cookery sessions at the Hub in Barry, Led by our volunteers Craig and Rhian who have been sharing cookery skills with the teens. The purpose of the project is to work towards an event that Donna has coordinated under SHEW, the event is being held in Dec 2024 and will be a family Xmas Gala, the teens will be cooking a 3 course meal for families to enjoy, we'll have live music followed by a disco and raffle.



DND sessions started in Sept 2023.

David has been running DnD sessions in Barry at lost and found society, these sessions have been successful and still running. We tried to attract other teens that didn't want to play dnd with board games and craft but sadly the

numbers were too low so we have just stuck with the DND sessions David is running.

Porthkerry Lodge.

Porthkerry meets went really well but due to the organiser having a fire and losing all the resources it was decided to close these meet ups in July 2023.

THE COMMITTEE



Rhi Louge	Chairperson
Ianna Melody Numen	Trustee
Donna Heyler Rapley	Trustee
Aimee Conway	Trustee
Jayne Palmer	Trustee

FINANCES

Year start	£3,184.69
Income	£20,813.88
Expenditure	£20,629.01
2024 Start	£23,369.56

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

THE GRANGE PAVILION

VOLUNTEERS

RHIAN & CRAIG COX

KATIE WATERS

ROSE ROWSON

ELEANOR HOLLAND

ELEANOR BOWERS

CATHERIN GENT

DAVID MUMFORD

DAWN BODEN

SARAH HOOK

CHARLOTTE

NATALIE JONES

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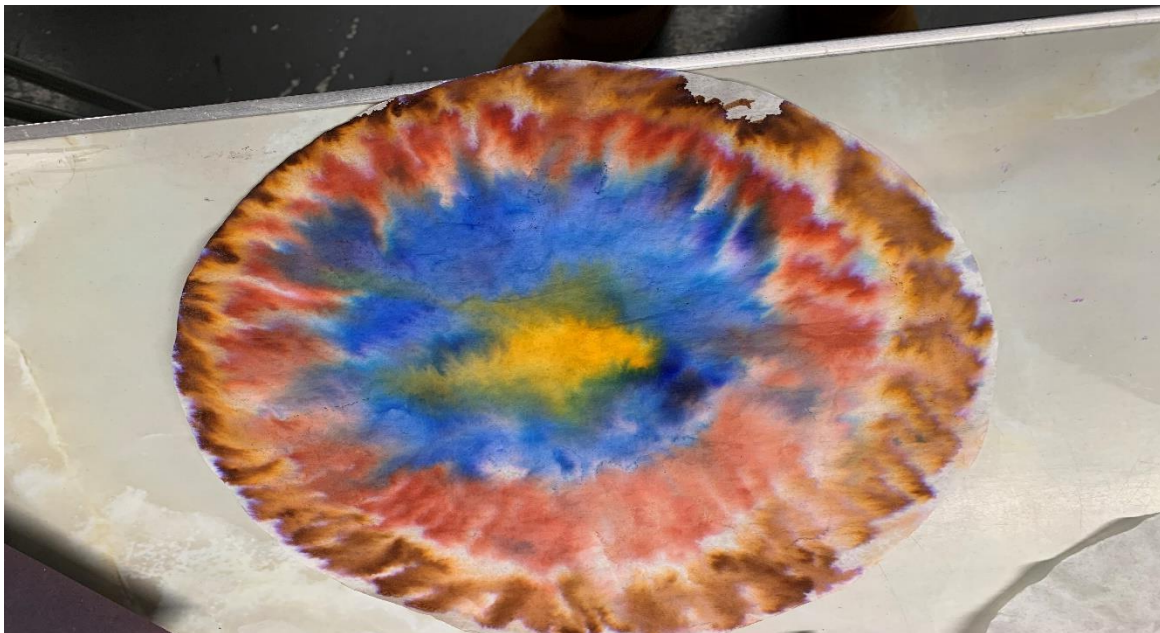
We have over 75 families who access our weekly or monthly program and around 100 families who access our spirit of home Ed events,

Due to increasing numbers, in September 2022 we left our small YMCA venue and launched in a new venue to over 100 ppl- at the Grange Pavilion in Cardiff.

We initially capped numbers to 90 people a week over Autumn as we needed extra funding, help and space. In January 2023 we got the space and help to remove the cap along with introducing a small nominal weekly subscription for attending families to try and meet the extra costs.

We received funding towards rent, printing, circus, tutors, books, sewing, tablets, crafts and gardening, from the National lottery, magic little grants.

Over the course of the year Home Education Wales also merged with two small home ed groups from the vale and Caerphilly, growing our expertise, volunteer space and membership also sharing resources and facilitating the smaller groups.



The sessions we have set up to help families this year include-

Geek Retreat Cardiff sessions:-

Set up pathfinder kids taught sessions at geek in 6 weekly blocks for age 8-12.

Set up DND (dungeons and dragons) teens sessions fortnightly.

These sessions are funded by parents.

At the Grange pavilion we have run:-

An arts award block giving over 25 children a certificate,

Set up a circus block for 8 weeks giving new skills and well-being support to 50 children a week.

We set up single workshops in YouTube, living history pirates, drama, dinosaurs, music band, dog trust, crystals, spark lab, sport and dance fit, crystals, mandala art, the mabinogion. These had at least 50 children a week accessing.

Set up ENWC nature curriculum sessions weekly for 8 months with 20-30 children a week.

Set up under 8 welsh music sessions for around 15 children.

Set up a block of ukelele sessions for 10 children.

Set up a block of taekwondo Sessions for 50 children.

Set up a teen space that has been much needed and is growing steadily from 5-20 teens weekly.

Co worked on Harmony corner- a funded permanent play space at the grange providing a natural play and children gardening area.

Facilitated space for a monthly story club for 10 children.

Set up events for Diwali, Halloween, day of dead, xmas, Candlemas, ostara, Easter, Chinese New Year, EID, Mayday for up to 200 people.

The weekly space at the Grange also provides crafts, play space, toys, books, games, soup, tea, coffee and squash for on average 30 families.



Trips-

Set up trips to cadw, pumpkin picking, pizza express, Xmas tree decorating, panto, Rhondda heritage, kidzania and shrek London, multiple theatre trips , See monster exhibition, techniquet, chapter arts, ponty lido, cosmeston medieval village, skills academy teen tour, Alton towers.

We access school or education rates for trips. Some were free and some paid.

Set up regular trips to bowling, quasar, ninja warrior, climbing in Cardiff at education rates.

In the Vale-

Set up a new lodge venue in the Vale for a monthly meet up with arts, crafts, food and play for around 25 families.

Set up a new weekly garden project in the Vale for 15 families.

Set up a new teen space in the Vale for around 10-20 teens.

Ran a sports day for around 30 families.

Spirit of home education (shew)

is a project set up to help normalise home education.

We set up 'shew' events for summer and autumn fayre and a 5 days bluestone family break and a week long spring camp and and parade. Families had a small nominal fee for the fayre and we sourced low pricing for bluestone and the camp. We are in the Planning phase of workshops



Caerphilly-

Set up Funtastic play and nature club in Caerphilly fortnightly for 10-25 families.

Set up coding for 3 months weekly for 25 children.

Sports day for 25 families.

Cardiff-

Story museum in Cardiff -monthly museum sessions for 6 Months for 20 children.

The year has seen rising costs especially with rent, crafts and sessions. We rely on funding to help bridge these costs as the economy is affecting families ability to access education opportunities. Many of our families are

low income with neurodiverse children. We are accessible to all. Over the autumn and winter we co provided food with a local initiative to make sure families had a warm meal to take home.

We have also volunteered at the Grange with local children and families helping them to reach those who could benefit.

We look forward to next year.



Finances

6th April 2022 to 5th April 2023

Opening Balance 512.26
Income Grants £10250
Donations £7501.40
Expenditure £15031.96
Closing Balance £3,231.70

Breakdown

Magic little grants 5th August 2022 £500
Awards for all grant 26TH August 2022 £8500
Vale Council Garden 25th October £200
22nd November 2022 £200
UNBOXED 15TH November £850 See Monster FESTIVAL

Committee Members

Ianna Melody Violet - current Chair Person and a home educator of 14+ years with many years experience running groups and managing grants.

Donna Heyler Rapley – trustee who has been a home educator for 14+ years runs the Vale group and community garden and has experience managing grants.

Aimee Conway – trustee who has many years experience as a youth worker and now runs the Caerphilly group and educates her 3 youngest children.

Jayne Palmer – trustee and founder of the charity as well as being an active home educator for 14+ years during which time she has gained many years experience running groups and managing grants and is currently acting treasurer.

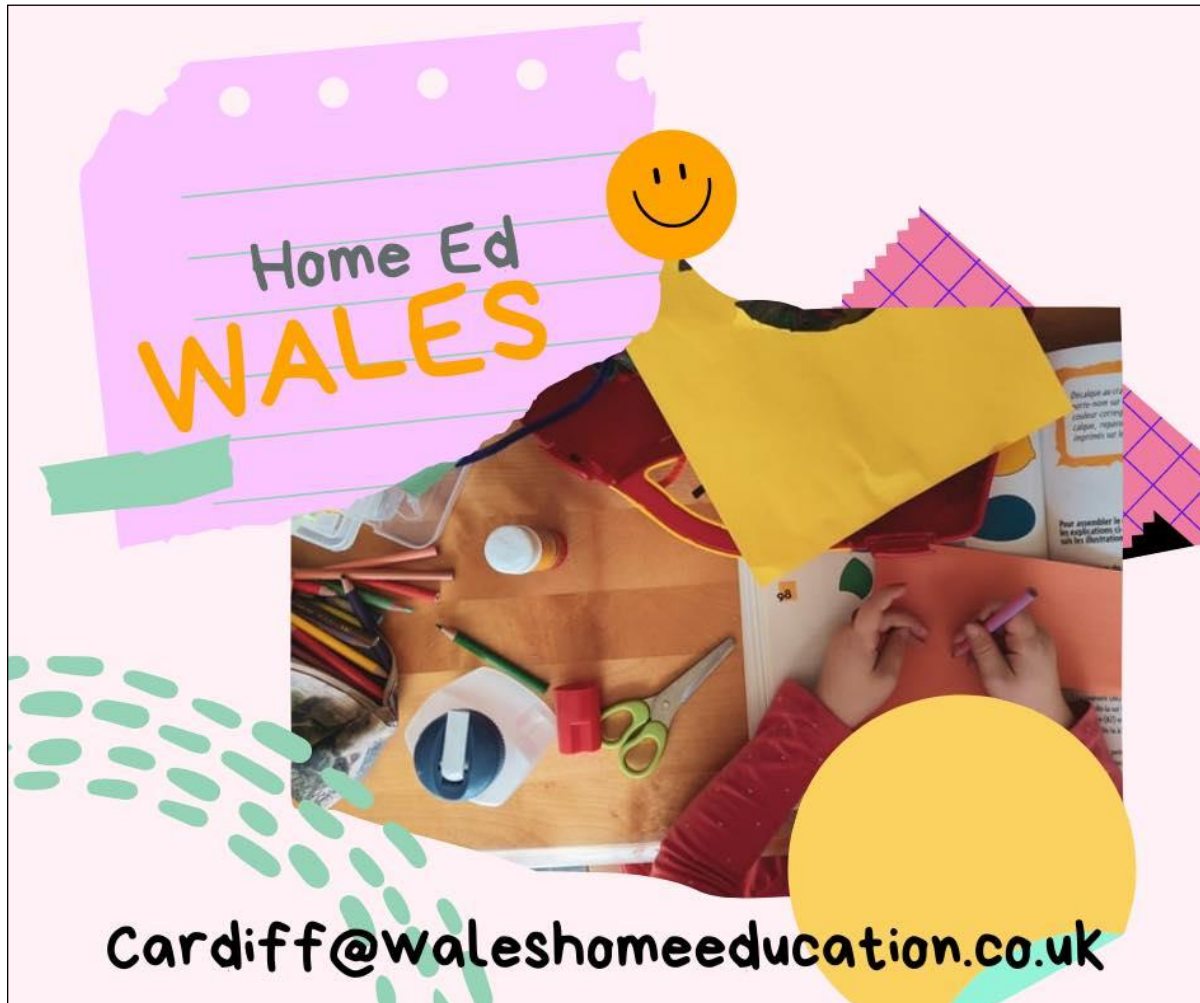
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April 2021 To April 2022

In September 2021 Wales was finally coming out of the Covid 19 lockdown restrictions. We reopened in the YMCA Plas Centre in Shakespear St Cardiff. The YMCA opened its doors to us and allowed us to use the new youth wing in the building and all its facilities.

Covid has seen a huge number of children deregistered from schools across Wales and along with them came changes in the way the Welsh Assembly Government viewed Home Educating families. Local authorities have been given funding to distribute to families to support learning and legal moves are being pushed forward to force families to register as home educators. This constitutes the first time historically that families have been forced to register for a lifestyle choice.

We made the decision to change the public face of the charity in order to make it more accessible to new families and easier to find. In 2022 with the consent of both Companies House and the Charity Commission we changed our name from New Foundations Home Education to Home Education Wales.

Our new home at the YMCA has been very supportive we have started to use their small garden to grow vegetables with the children, and we are running creative activities each week. Post covid the children we are meeting are now less interested in organised activities and more in playing freely with their friends. Following 2 years of lockdowns and restrictions we feel they need time in which to do what comes naturally and not be pressured to help them transition into the new 'normal'.

Finance

In 2021/2022

Income

Donations £860.51

Expenditure

£100.80 Public Liability

Rent £1325.25

Opening balance

06/04/2021 £1,086.20

Closing balance

06/04/2022 £520.66

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April 2020 To April 2021

In April 2020 Wales was in lockdown as a result of the pandemic Covid 19

We had long been involved in the fare share project and decided that it was within our remit to now share that food locally rather than through our normal members who were not allowed to travel to collect items. We soon received a grant via Interlink RCT for £2000 to provide food parcels locally and used this to buy essential items such as toilet rolls, washing powder etc from In kind direct where we have been members for some time. This meant that local people had more money left to spend on their choice of food stuff not just what we could provide. By far the largest part of the money was spent in Supermarkets on kitchen essentials such as pasta and rice for food parcels. Local families were a great support in helping us identify what might be most useful particularly for families with older family members as well as identifying families who were struggling. Local families also stepped up to deliver most of the food parcels.

Talking online to families allowed us to consider what else they might feel was important to them in the circumstances we all found ourselves. The message that came back was that families felt that the children needed something. Many local families had limited resources and needed some more practical help. Tesco kindly donated lots of paper and craft items and we spent considerable time making people aware of the laptops being distributed via schools. Then we managed to acquire a small grant £1000 to start a toy library.

Toys were purchased that we hoped to use to catch the interest of children and encourage them to learn a new skill, be active and stay positive. These included hula hoops, stilts, juggling plates as well as other items.

In September 2020 our committee members moved the charity to a new area, and the toys were handed over to the local community council running activities where we had been based.

In 2020/2021

Opening balance

06/04/2020 £1,086.20

Income

June 2020 Interlink Grant food parcels £2000

June 2020 Interlink Grant Toy library £1000

Expenditure £100.80 Public Liability Insurance

food parcels £2480.74

Toy library £1032

Milage £135

Closing balance

06/04/2021 £438.46