

CYLCH MEITHRIN DOLAU

England & Wales - Charity number 1182864

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-04-08

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

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Activities

Objects: THE AIM OF THE ASSOCIATION IS TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF MAINLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN IN DOLAU VILLAGE THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE WELSH LANGUAGE.

Activities: To provide childcare to 3 - 5 year olds through the medium of Welsh in Dolau

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Throughout Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£14,413	£18,501	-	-
2024-03-31	£16,916	£16,727	-	-
2023-03-31	£23,555	£16,217	-	-
2022-03-31	£16,657	£12,935	-	-
2021-03-31	£13,773	£14,079	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jane Margaret Bevan	Chair	2019-04-01
Charlotte Catherine Worts		2025-06-11
Eleanor Mair Duggan		2019-04-01
Elin Rhiannon Bevan		2025-06-11
Ellyn May Davies		2025-06-11
Jolene Duggan		2022-06-29
Sarah Emily Miles		2025-06-11

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Chairman's Report

Firstly, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their incredible support over the past year.

It's been another busy and successful year for Cylch. I stepped into the role of Chairman in June, and we ended the academic year on a high with a fantastic sports day. The children amazed us all with their re-creation of the Olympic opening ceremony before taking part in their races. We also said a fond farewell to Ralph and Ellis as they moved on to school - we wish them both the very best.

In July, we held our annual Duck Race. The sun was shining, the cakes were flying off the table, and thanks to everyone getting in the water to release/catch ducks! It was a brilliant day that raised much-needed funds for Cylch.

September marked the start of a new term. Although the future of the building remains uncertain since the school's closure, the staff and children have made the most of their time there, creating a warm and lively environment. Both our staff and Responsible Individuals completed the essential Group C Safeguarding training for Childcare Practitioners. The Halloween Disco was a great success - a huge thank you to the committee for your hard work in making it happen. The children loved dressing up, dancing, singing, crafting, and playing - creating lovely memories.

In November, we supported our local farmers by joining in with #BackBritishFarming and donning our wellies - which came in handy when the snow arrived! Poor Heather was, I'm told, a favourite snowball target! We embraced the festive spirit in December with Christmas Jumper Day and a lovely afternoon of singing, crafting, and of course, a magical visit from Sion Corn (or should I say.. Grandad!).

January brought a messy play session, made possible thanks to a successful grant application. We also took part in a quiz night at The Severn, with all proceeds going to Cylch - thank you to everyone who attended and contributed.

In March, the children celebrated St David's Day with pride and enthusiasm. Then in April, we held an Easter Egg Hunt. Although turnout was lower than expected, those who came had a brilliant time, thanks again for all of the help organising and support on the day,

We were delighted with the success of our cake sale at Dolau's Big Breakfast, which raised valuable funds for the setting - thank you Ellyn and Sarah. As the summer term rolled in, we've enjoyed welcoming new children and are thrilled to see our numbers growing again.

We were especially excited to learn that we've been nominated in the Small Cylch category for the 2025 Mudiad Meithin Awards - a huge honour

and a testament to the dedication of our staff and volunteers.

This term, we've enjoyed the sunshine with outdoor activities and even a Teddy Bear Picnic, a very enjoyable afternoon of eating sports and even a bear hunt. We've unfortunately had to introduce a small price increase, but we continue to strive to provide the very best care and experiences for our children.

Thank you again to everyone - staff, committee members, families, and the wider community - for your continued support.

Diolch yn fawr!

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 Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

	2025	2024
<u>Receipts</u>		
Fees from parents	3,545.50	6,573.00
Donations & Grants	250.00	30.00
3+ Funding and Flying Start grant	7,770.00	6,270.00
Fund raising	2,698.32	4,000.04
Hoodies/tshirts/Party packs	40.50	
Interest	108.46	42.87
Total Receipts	14,412.78	16,915.91
<u>Payments</u>		
Wages (including pymts to HMRC)	15,579.19	13,816.43
Marketing and T shirts	169.52	
Activity Charges	715.63	1,509.29
Mandatory CIW/Cylch Requirement costs	1,071.07	943.87
Equipment owned by Cylch		
Rent	750.00	250.00
Miscellaneous		
Fundraising expenses		
PAVO	216.00	207.00
Total Payments	18,501.41	16,726.59
Net Profit/Loss for the year	-4088.63 (Loss)	189.32 (Profit)

Summary	Balance 31/03/2025	Balance 31/03/2024
Barclays Current Account	2,300.18	2,497.27
Barclays Savings account	6,151.33	10,042.87
Sub Total	8,451.51	12,540.14
Loss for 2024/25		4,088.63
Balancing figure	8,451.51	8,451.51

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From April 2023 Period start date To April 2024 Period end date

Charity name: CYLCH MEITHRIN DOLAU

Charity registration number:

Objectives and Activities

Cylch Meithrin Dolau's priority is the happiness and safety of each child. Our homely and happy environment offers the best possible care, and the chance for each child to learn and to develop to its full potential. The setting offers toys and resources of the highest standard, appropriate to the children's needs, development, and ages. Children from the age of two are introduced to activities and Care through the Medium of Welsh, and we will ensure the best start in life for children within Dolau area. Although we are not offering 3-7 Foundation Phase (the national early years curriculum) now, we will aim to ensure the best possible start to the children's education. We plan our outdoor play areas carefully, to create opportunity and place emphasis on outdoor activities.

Cylch Meithrin Dolau aims to provide quality Welsh-medium sessional and early years care to children between the ages of two and school nursery age.

The cylch has the right to accept twelve boys and girls.

In accordance with ratios, we can have up to eight three-year-olds and four two-and-a-half-year-olds.

The provision operates between 8.30 -14:30 on Tuesday and Thursday morning, for 39 weeks of the year, excepting Bank Holidays and school holidays appointed by the county council in which the cylch is located.

Our service is provided by resolute and qualified staff. We arrange in-work training to make sure that they have the knowledge and skills necessary to provide the highest standards of education and care.

Achievements and Performance

March -July 2023

Due to the closure of the village school within which our setting is based, we started the year with some amount of uncertainty about the future, and with the loss of some children because of this, there were concerns about the ongoing viability of our setting. Despite this our AGM in June was successful, and our Chair, secretary and treasurer were re-elected, with a new parent taking the position of vice chair with a willingness and acceptance of taking on the role of Chairperson at the 2024 AGM. Priorities were identified to instigate conversations with the local authority about tenancy arrangements to secure a future for the setting and continuing work to transfer our banking arrangements to anew account. During the summer Members of the committee ran, supported our annual community duck race, and took over the annual school cake stall which raised valuable funds for the setting.

August- December 2023

At the beginning of the academic year we welcomed back the staff to the setting and with some element of reassurance form the local authority that we could obtain a tenancy we set about identifying priorities within their annual appraisals to improve our Welsh language

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knowledge and provision through training of both staff and identifying completion of level 3 childcare qualification for our play assistant.

In November, parents, friends, and community supporters helped us run a local charity shop for the week raising much needed funds for our setting.

During December the staff organised an afternoon for both parents and children with craft, Christmas recitals and visit from father Christmas which was enjoyed by all. The committee sent out a questionnaire to all parents/ carers to support with our annual self-evaluation. This provided great feedback and information that offered the committee opportunities to improve. With limited number still on both days we were encouraged with new enquiries for new starters planned for the summer term.

Due to outstanding matters a formal tenancy agreement was unable to be completed but the committee agreed a temporary arrangement until some tenancy related matters could be resolved.

Our play assistant gained her level three childcare qualification and continues to be a great asset to the setting. The committee decided to offer a promotion to joint leader which was accepted with plans to commence in the new year.

January -April 2024

After many months we successfully completed the transfer over of our bank account to a new one to come in line with our charity status and two new signatories were added to ensure a rolling number of people when officers changed at the AGM in June.

Joint leader responsibilities were identified and agreed between the staff and both staff are progressing well with here Welsh course qualification with an evident increase in Welsh activities and language used in the setting. We held another successful charity shop fundraiser, which with limited numbers currently attending the setting, is fundamental to support our finances. The committee continue to work hard to chase the local authority to resolve tenancy issues to secure a more permanent agreement. The setting continues to provide a safe and thriving environment for the children and with increasing number expected in the autumn term of 2024 we hope the future of the setting is safe for the near future.

Trustees Dolau Cylch Meithrin

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mair Duggan	Past Chair		
2	Jane Bevan	Treasurer		
3	Jolene Duggan	Chairperson/RI		
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

	2023	2024
<u>Receipts</u>		
Fees from parents	9,722.10	6,573.00
Donations & Grants	3,778.82	30.00
3+ Funding and Flying Start grant	7,544.75	6,270.00
Fund raising	2,305.72	4,000.04
Hoodies/tshirts/Party packs	203.40	
Interest		42.87
		-
Total Receipts	23,554.79	16,915.91
<u>Payments</u>		
Wages (including pymts to HMRC)	12,583.80	13,816.43
Marketing and T shirts	101.25	
Activity Charges	753.16	1,509.29
Mandatory CIW/Cylch Requirement costs	814.02	943.87
Equipment owned by Cylch	756.73	
Rent		250.00
Miscellaneous	556.98	
Fundraising expenses	500.88	
PAVO	150.00	207.00
Total Payments	16,216.82	16,726.59
Net Profit/Loss for the year	7,337.97	189.32

Summary

	Balance 31/03/2023	Balance 31/03/2024
Barclays Current Account	12,350.82	2,497.27
Barclays Savings account		10,042.87
Sub Total	12,350.82	12,540.14
Profit for 2023/24	189.32	
Balancing figure	12,540.14	12,540.14

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Achievements and Performance

March -July 2022

Our Chairperson and Responsible Individual who was also a founding member of our setting, stepped down at our AGM in June, alongside the committee's secretary. With an ongoing concern regarding the number of parents attending meetings, there was some concern about the future of the setting but, with a new committee member stepping up and successfully appointed a new Chair, Vice chair and Two Secretaries with two of these individuals agreeing to take on the role as responsible individuals. The new team set about engaging in a 2-month handover working towards the end of the summer term. During this time, we also sought support from our Muddiad support officer to ensure the new committee were aware and prepared for requirements expected by Care Inspectorate Wales and to give advice regarding our recruitment difficulties.

Members of the committee also ran and supported our annual community duck raise which raises valuable funds for the setting.

We recruited our long-term play assistant to the vacant position of setting leader and set about advertising the assistant role.

August- December 2022

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At the beginning of the academic year, we recruited to the role of play assistant, whilst awaiting all relevant checks, the setting planned sessions were covered by our loyal bank staff and committee members. We welcomed our assistant at the end of September and were pleased that the children could settle into the autumn term with some consistency. The committee had decided to reduce our minimum age limit to 2 and we welcomed our new starters agreeing that only 1 2-year-old admission a ½ term. We started the term full on both Tuesday and Thursday sessions.

The wider community continued to campaign against the local school closure, and this understandably still caused some concern for, parents, staff, and the uncertain viability of the future of our setting.

In November, parents, friends, and community supporters helped us run a local charity shop for the week raising much needed funds for our setting.

During December we held an open the afternoon parents were invited into the setting for an open afternoon with an opportunity to view the children's work and were treated to a Welsh recital by the children. The committee sent out a questionnaire to all parents/ carers to support with our annual self-evaluation. This provided great feedback and information that offered the committee opportunities to improve.

The setting remained full on both days.

The Local authority made the decision to close the school in which the setting is based leaving both, committee, staff, and parents uncertain about the future of the setting.

January -April 2023

With a lack of forthcoming information from the local authority, about our future, the committee agreed that all fundraising, grant applications and investment in equipment would be put on hold. At the end of March, the local authority offered us a 12-month tenancy to remain in the building we are in. This has given the committee the confidence to offer reassurance to both staff and parents about our future and continue to develop and improve our setting.

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Receipts and Payments Account

	2023	2022
<u>Receipts</u>		
Fees from parents	9,722.10	6,806.50
Donations & Grants	3,778.82	4,738.54
3+ Funding and Flying Start grant	7,544.75	2,209.50
Fund raising	2,305.72	2,902.98
Hoodies/tshirts/Party packs	203.40	
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Total Receipts	23,554.79	16,657.52
<u>Payments</u>		
Wages (including pymts to HMRC in22/23)	12,583.80	9,358.89
Marketing and T shirts	101.25	231.33
Activity Charges	753.16	375.95
Mandatory CIW/Cylch Requirement costs	814.02	403.24
Equipment owned by Cylch	756.73	2,239.91
HMRC		13.60
Miscellaneous	556.98	184.00
Fundraising expenses	500.88	128.35
PAVO	150.00	
Total Payments	16,216.82	12,935.27
Net Profit/Loss for the year	7,337.97	3,722.25

Summary

	Balance 31/03/2023	Balance 31/03/2022
Barclays Current Account	12,350.82	5,012.85
Sub Total	12,350.82	5,012.85
Income/Expenditure for 2022/23	16,216.82	23,554.79
Balancing figure	28,567.64	28,567.64

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Trustee Report Cylch Meithrin Dolau 2021-2022

March-December 2021

We recruited a vice chairman at the AGM so the management committee has been stronger and the new input has been valuable. We are looking to encourage more parents to attend meetings and take up more management roles, this on going.

We have been successful in some grant applications for a range of new outdoor equipment and IT devices.

Dolau school, which is our feeder school is under threat of closure so parents, staff are nervous of the outcome, we are also situated on the school premises which also adds concern.

We changed our operating hours to extend until 2.30, we now operate from 8.30-2.30 to accommodate parents' wishes.

We have in the last year reduced the start age to start age to 2.5 to maximise the facility to more children in the area.

2022 Jan- Easter

Our chairman and RI of the last 5 years gave her notice that from the AGM in June she will be standing down. We put steps in place to add Adam Shearman headteacher of the feeder school to take on the RI role, this is on going.

Easter- July

Our Leader left the setting and having not recruited, the assistant temporarily stepped up and we appointed a new assistant temporarily until July. We are seeking a new play leader to start for September 2022, we are hopeful to full fill this position.

Our numbers have continued to grow and are stable currently, with the future projection looking good.

Trustee's Cylch Meithrin Dolau

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Receipts and Payments Account

	2022	2021
<u>Receipts</u>		
Fees from parents	6,806.50	1,252.50
Donations & Grants	4,738.54	11,488.18
3+ Funding and Flying Start grant	2,209.50	
Fund raising	2,902.98	
Furlough grant		1,032.00
		-
Total Receipts	16,657.52	13,772.68
<u>Payments</u>		
Wages	9,358.89	2,985.19
Marketing and T shirts	231.33	31.14
Activity Charges	375.95	35.00
Mandatory CIW/Cylch Requirement costs	403.24	10,753.03
Equipment owned by Cylch	2,239.91	274.62
HMRC	13.60	
Miscellaneous	184.00	
Fundraising expenses	128.35	
Total Payments	12,935.27	14,078.98
Net Profit/Loss for the year	3,722.25	(306.30)
 Summary		
	Balance 31/03/2022	Balance 31/03/2021
Barclays Current Account	5,012.85	1,290.60
Sub Total	5,012.85	1,290.60
Income/Expenditure for 2021/22	12,935.27	16,657.52
Balancing figure	17,948.12	17,948.12

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Pre Covid- February

Plans were made to apply for a grant from the county council to help us renovate a old school portacabin next to where we currently ran the provision to allow Cylch Dolau our own sole use building rather than sharing the space in the village hall.

March-September

Cylch is in lockdown following COVID-19. Our leader had left so we furloughed the play assistant until further notice.

Grant money approved, building work commenced and completed ready to reopen at the start of term.

September-December

Normal hours resumed, new leader appointed. Plans put in place to start registration with CSIW.

Dec-Feb

Following school announcement of closure the last week of term and following advice from our Cylch meithrin support officer we closed. Staff put back on furlough. We had confirmation of CSIW registration on 9th February 2021 and parents are now able to access the 3 year old funded childcare.

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Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2021

Receipts and Payments Account

	2021	2020
<u>Receipts</u>		
Fees from parents	1,252.50	2,560.00
Donations & Grants	11,488.18	1,235.39
T shirt Revenue	-	60.00
Fund raising	-	2,641.42
Furlough grant	1,032.00	
		-
Total Receipts	13,772.68	6,496.81
<u>Payments</u>		
Wages	2,985.19	3,761.34
Marketing and T shirts	31.14	305.61
Activity Charges	35.00	127.94
Mandatory CIW/Cylch Requirement costs	10,753.03	610.80
Equipment owned by Cylch	274.62	94.22
Total Payments	14,078.98	4,899.91
Net Profit/Loss for the year	(306.30)	1,596.90
Summary	Balance 31/03/2021	Balance 31/03/2020
Barclays Current Account	1,290.60	1,596.90
Sub Total	1,290.60	1,596.90
Income/Expenditure for 2018	14,078.98	13,772.68
Balancing figure	15,369.58	15,369.58