

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	08	08	2023		31	03	2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Cylch Meithrin Nantgaredig a'r Fro

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1204263

Charity's principal address

Felingwm Community Centre

Felingwm

Carmarthen

Postcode

SA32 7PR

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	Judith Greenacre	Chair	Whole Period of Report	Cylch Nantgaredig Members and Trustees
2	Esther Stephens	Registered person	Whole Period of Report	Cylch Nantgaredig Members and Trustees
3	Sian Bennett	Treasurer	Whole Period of Report	Cylch Nantgaredig Members and Trustees
4	Georgia Davies	Secretary	To December 2023	Cylch Nantgaredig Members and Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution,
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Association of Members), Registered with Charity Commission on 8 th August 2023
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Proposed by Members or Trustees, elected / approved by Annual General meeting of Members. Interim appointments made by Trustees if necessary

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Cylch Meithrin Nantgaredig A'r Fro is a member of Mudiad Meithrin the National Association of Welsh Medium playgroups in Wales, Cylch Meithrin Nantgaredig A'r Fro adopts their recommended policies and procedures.

Cylch Meithrin Nantgaredig is governed by the Care and Social Services Inspectorate in Wales (CSSIW) and we expect to be inspected by them every two years.

In establishing this new CIO that follows on from the old Cylch Meithrin Nantgaredig a'r Fro, the Trustees have managed specific challenges relating to:

- re-registration with Care Inspectorate Wales resulting in partial closure of the Cylch for a period during Autumn 2023
- review and adoption of Mudiad Meithrin policies
- financial pressures, including establishing a new bank account, which has proven problematic but is now almost resolved
- recruitment and retention of staff

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The aim of the Cylch Meithrin is to offer early years care and education, to provide a sustainable social environment and to promote healthy eating to every child under school age through the medium of Welsh. Activities include: Learning activity, arts & crafts, gardening, outdoor play, story telling and singing.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Cylch Meithrin Nantgaredig A'r Fro provides morning play group sessions five days a week, with a 'ti a fi' baby group one afternoon a week. Within the registration requirements set by Care Inspectorate Wales, the Cylch Meithrin is accessible for all children between 2 and 4 years in Nantgaredig and the surrounding area. The children, and their families, therefore are the beneficiaries of this charity.

The trustees have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and understand the charity's purposes as set out in its governing document. The trustees ensure that the charity has adequate future plans that ensures it continues to meet its objectives as set out above.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity fulfilled its purpose and objectives to provide playgroup services through the Medium of welsh to children of 2 and 4 years in Nantgaredig.

During the year the setting had to close for the first part of the autumn term 2023/4 due to temporary staff shortages and delays in reregistration by Care Inspectorate Wales, following registration as a CIO by the Charity Commission. This had a significant effect on the children and their families, as well as presenting financial challenges to Cylch. Through uncreased fundraising activity, grant applications and a modest increase in fees, the Cylch has now regained stability and momentum.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Through developing financial projections during 2023/23, the Cylch has agreed a policy on reserves to meet unexpected future challenges (equivalent to one term's staff wages)

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds are in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.
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The Cylch's main source of funding is child care fees. During 2023/ 24, this was set at £15 per session (3 hrs 50 minutes)

The Cylch continues to actively apply for grants – regular sources of funding include Carmarthenshire County Council (sustainability and small capital grants), Tesos and Brechfa Wind Farm community grant streams. However, no grant funding was received during the period covered by this report

Key expenditures are staff wages and hall rental. (From Summer 2024 we have also used grant funding to help fund children's social events at Christmas and a summer fun day. This enables a wider group of local children to enjoy age appropriate community activities that also promote the Welsh language, but this will be covered in next year's report)

Section F

Other optional information

As well as becoming a CIO in August 2023 and dealing with all the changes that this has involved, all the Trustees changed at the same time. The new Trustees have been on a steep learning curve and we continue to learn more every day about how to run a successful Cylch charity.

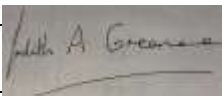
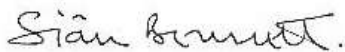
The heavy workload placed upon the (volunteer) Trustees during the period of this report has been stressful and has led to a reluctance for new volunteers to come forward. As a result, the Cylch was without a secretary for January to September 2024, leading to further stress on remaining Trustees. We continue to work to try and address these issues and to make these roles more manageable and attractive to others, including splitting secretarial duties and increasing our financial support / accountancy services.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Judith Greenacre	Sian Bennett
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	Treasurer
Date	05 February 2025	05 February 2025

Cylch Meithrin Nantgaredig a'r Fro

Charity Number
1204263

Accounts 8th August 2023 to 31st March 2024

INCWM / INCOME

Ffioedd Plant / Chilcren's Fees	£11,083
Codi Arian / Fundraising / Ti a Fi	£3,242
Rhoddion ag Eraill / Donations and Sundries	£250

Cyfanswm Incwm / Income Total	£14,575
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GWARIANT / EXPENDITURE

Cyflogau a Costiau Twe / Salaries and PAYE costs	£17,781
Costau Rhent, Gwres, AYYB / Rent and Heating Costs etc	£1,620
Ffioedd Cofrestru / Registration Fees	£61
Offer, Nwyddau ag adnoddau / Equipment, Materials , Resources	£0
Eraill / Other	£200

Cyfanswm Gwariant / Expenditure Total	£19,661
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Gweddil (Diffyg) am y Flwydden / Surplus (Deficit) for the Year

-£5,087

Arian ar Dechrau'r Flwydden / Cash at Start of Year

£18,808

Arian ar Diwedd y Flwydden / Cash at End of Year

£13,721

-£5,087