

## CFA13 Unigolyn 05

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Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee

Cymraeg i bawb? | Cymraeg for all?

Ymateb gan: Unigolyn 05 | Evidence from: Individual 05

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**1. What are the main barriers that prevent wider use of the Welsh language in areas with fewer Welsh speakers, and what might help to change this?**

As a learning. I am making good progress in learning my vocabulary and understanding written Welsh.

I am making slow progress in answering others in conversation and lack confidence and ability to initiate conversations in Welsh and sustain conversation.

I have limited opportunities to discuss Welsh with others.

**2. What sort of spaces and opportunities might encourage greater use of, and increase confidence in, the use of the language in areas where day-to-day use of the language is limited?**

Greater access to discussions in Welsh. The volunteers who run discussion groups are great but there's too few of them with no flexibility on timing/venues

**3. Can you share examples of successful initiatives or activities that have encouraged Welsh language use in areas where use of the language is limited?**

Clwb Celebran Wrecsam and Sgyrs Wrecsam

**4. What sort of spaces and opportunities might encourage greater use of, and increase confidence in, the use of the language in areas where day-to-day use of the language is limited?**

More regular opportunities at different times.

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I have a car, so the venue can be anywhere e.g. Rhos Stiwt, Ty Pawb, Llay Miners Welfare

**5. What impact, in your view, do cultural events such as national Eisteddfodau or Welsh language festivals have on Welsh language use, particularly in areas with fewer Welsh speakers?**

Its been a great motivator as I live in Wrecsam. But I dont see many events to accelerate learning. Plenty of fund raisers but they are aimed / appear to be aimed at Welsh speaker rather than Welsh learners.

**6. How might these events (whether large or small in size) be adapted or improved to better serve communities with fewer Welsh speakers**

**7. Are there any other matters you would like to draw to the Committees attention about the Welsh Government's approach to supporting the Welsh language in areas with fewer Welsh speakers?**

I think the current Welsh Government initiatives for learners are good but I worry that they are not matched by opportunities to use and enjoy the language

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