

## CWVYS - QUALITY HITS THE MARK



Girlguiding Cymru is delighted and honoured to be awarded the CWVYS Quality Mark. Felicity Ladbrooke, Chief Commissioner, was presented with the award by Wayne David, President of CWVYS for its commitment to developing its young people, volunteers and employees throughout Wales.

Girlguiding Cymru acknowledges the importance of and is committed to providing excellence in what they do and in particular providing young people with a rewarding and exciting programme. They achieved the Quality Mark by providing evidence of learning and development through five different projects which included: The WOW Camp, Archive Training, Brownie Training Camps, County Weekend trainings and the NVYO Project, alongside its Governance, meeting National Strategies and recognising achievement of its members.

The WOW Camp is a summer camp for girls aged 10 - 25, which takes place every two years at The Royal Welsh Show ground. The evidence showed how prior to the event the girls were consulted on the activities they would like to take part in. All volunteers and employees were trained to meet these activities needs. The volunteers were given the opportunity to start working towards their residential licence, then through evaluation and feedback improvements are made year on year.

Recently Girlguiding Cymru identified the need to digitalise its archive, to safeguard it for future generations. Working with the Peoples Collection Wales and the National Library, 22 volunteers completed the archiving course held at Broneirion - Girlguiding Cymru Headquarters and achieved their level two NVQ in 'Digitalising materials for museums, libraries and archives'. From this another course on

'iBeacons' has been developed and in the next month learners will be starting on the course.

Brownie training camps offer new opportunities for Brownies and their Leaders to go camping for the first time. The camps provide specific training for Brownie Leaders to begin or achieve their residential licence.

County weekend trainings are held at Broneirion and provide volunteers with extra learning in the areas on which they wish to focus. A county identifies its learning needs and specific themes then liaises with Welsh trainers to provide a suitable training programme for the Leaders and Young Leaders.

The National Voluntary Youth Organisation (NVYO) project was the latest Welsh Government bid which focussed on girls and young women aged 10 - 25. 'Extending Opportunities through Guiding' was a successful project that developed the Young Leaders in Wales and equipped them with training and some of the skills necessary to be able to drive Girlguiding forward. The results from the project were showcased this year at a conference at Margam Orangery and these achievements have provided the basis for the second successful NVYO bid.

By achieving the CWVYS Quality Mark, Girlguiding Cymru has been recognised for providing quality learning and development for its workforce. This award reinforces how and why Girlguiding Cymru is the leading charity for girls and young women in Wales. Thanks must be extended to Catrin James from CWVYS for mentoring Girlguiding Cymru, to Ceri Ormond for undertaking the assessment and to all our volunteers - what a great partnership!