

## GIRLGUIDING HELPS CWMAFAN GIRLS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITY



Rainbows from Cwmafan have helped make a difference to their community by fundraising. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cwmafan Rainbows have raised over £100 for Children with Cancer UK by undertaking a sponsored walk ‘Cheeky Monkey Marathon Challenge’ along Aberavon Beach front on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Girlguiding is one of the leading youth organisations working in partnership with the Youth United Foundation, set up by the Youth United Network in 2012 to engage more young people in their communities.

Through an initiative to ensure all girls can take part in guiding, the charity is working to open up opportunities to girls and young women in all parts of the UK.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cwmafan Rainbow unit opened its doors in November 2014 and have 13 Rainbows attending on a weekly basis where girls aged five - seven can get involved with their communities, grow in confidence, reach their full potential and enjoy the fun and adventure of guiding. The unit is run by Leader Michelle Davies alongside assistant Leader Jennie Rasmussen and a unit helper.

This work has been made possible in Cwmafan thanks to a special fund of that £1,100 was given to the new Rainbow unit as part of the Youth United network, on behalf of the Cabinet Office. It was awarded to Girlguiding as it is a charity which works to engage young people in their local community and regularly involves girls in positive social action like this.

Unit Leader, Michelle Davies said: *“They all thoroughly enjoyed the sponsored walk and it was nice to see them get out the unit to do something different and helping others at the same time. I’m so proud of all of them”.*

Assistant Leader, Jennie Rasmussen said: *“It was lovely seeing the girls relationships developing and them enjoying collecting shells from the beach.”*