

About: Yr Ardd



What is Yr Ardd?

- Yr Ardd is a gardening project in West Wales that works with local people to solve big problems like climate change.
- It also helps people to feel more connected and feel they have a place to belong.
- People work together to grow food, make friends and share skills.



Who is involved?

- Many groups and communities are part of the project, including local schools, older people and families.
- They are supported by local third sector organisations, local Councils and businesses.



What has been done?

- Yr Ardd has taken over some land and used it to build community gardens. The project made accessible paths, raised beds, indoor growing space and a wildlife pond.
- The project also created new social groups – like their Men's Shed project, and regular volunteer days.
- They also organise training and workshops like seed saving and composting and using plants in first aid.
- Yr Ardd also organises different events such as poetry sessions and mixed age meetings.



Looking to the future

- Yr Ardd wants to:
 - 🍌 Help people feel more connected.
 - 🍎 Help make food available for people.
 - 🗣️ Help people to learn Welsh
 - 🔧 Help people to learn new skills



What has changed because of Yr Ardd?

- Because of Yr Ardd, a piece of land that wasn't being used has now been turned into a space that people and communities use.
- People who go to Yr Ardd have made new friends and learned new skills.
- Helping people to grow food for their communities has also helped people who struggle to find food.
- The community feel they belong and they are proud of the project.

What is co-production?

In a nutshell, co-production is when professionals work together with people who have lived experience, to develop solutions to challenges in public services and communities.

Why is this co-production?

It is already strong at:

-  Using community strengths (assets) such as knowledge and skills
-  Building relationships – working with local groups, schools and organisations
-  Sharing the space with communities, and allowing the community to take responsibility

There is more work needed on:

-  Including communities who find it hard to travel to Yr Ardd

Yr Ardd is only a few years old but is already doing good co-production work. They will carry on working with communities to help the project. People in the community feel that the project is theirs and feel proud to be a part of it.



If you'd like to find out more about Yr Ardd get in touch with Elizabeth Neagle - elizabeth@yrardd.org

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