



# Ymchwil Weithredu dan Arweiniad y Gymuned Community-led Action Research

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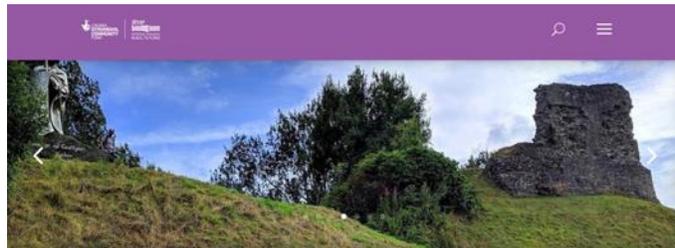


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# Why Community-led Action Research?



- Participatory approach that engages community members in investigating and addressing local issues, fostering collective problem-solving and sustainable solutions.
- Building on strong examples from across rural Wales.



## Rural Futures

Rural communities are often blessed with stunning landscapes, tranquility and proximity to nature. But under the surface, at least for some, there are real hardships in terms of affordable housing, fuel and food poverty, lack of employment, as well as access to services and transport.

The Rural Futures programme, which was funded by the [National Lottery Community Fund](#), supported communities to develop their own ideas to tackle some of these challenges and to make the most of local opportunities – whether that was the landscape, history of the area, or the skills, knowledge and energy of residents.

Rural Futures, which was run by [Severn Wye](#) and the [BRO Partnership](#), supported 14 communities across rural Wales. The 7-year programme started in 2017 and ran in parallel to

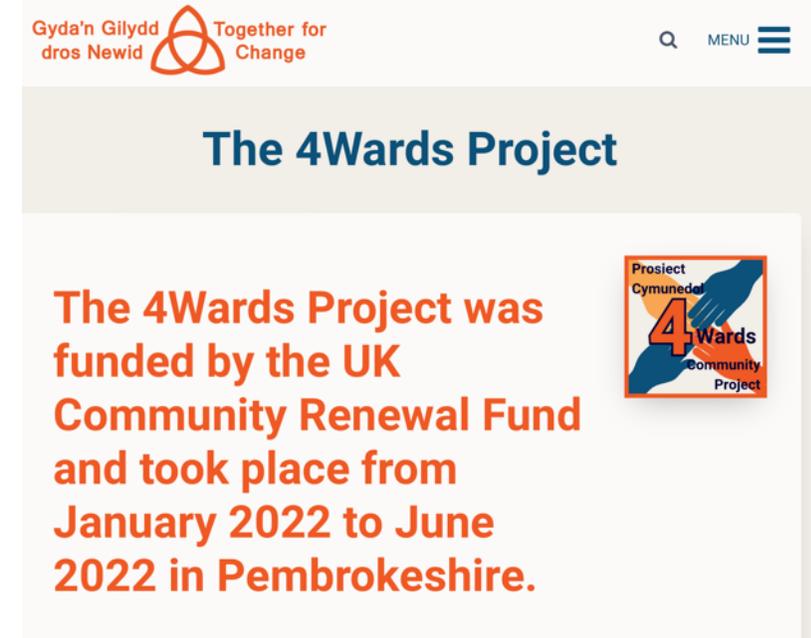


## WHY DID WE USE CO-DESIGN?

Co-design – Giving more power back to citizens, creating more sustainable relationships and solutions! Co-design means to design with rather than for people. It is a social movement, a set of mindsets and values, and a set of tools to use for designing. Co-design goes a step further than just involving people in a project, such as consultation or community engagement. It means sharing power and making decisions together.



"Tir Coed connects people with land (Tir) and woods (Coed) by delivering outdoor training, learning and wellbeing programmes across Ceredigion, Powys, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire. We were inspired by the project's collaborative process which enabled communities to co-create a "Blueprint" reflecting local assets and needs. We are proud to be part of the partnership which will deliver its actions."



## The 4Wards Project

The 4Wards Project was funded by the UK Community Renewal Fund and took place from January 2022 to June 2022 in Pembrokeshire.



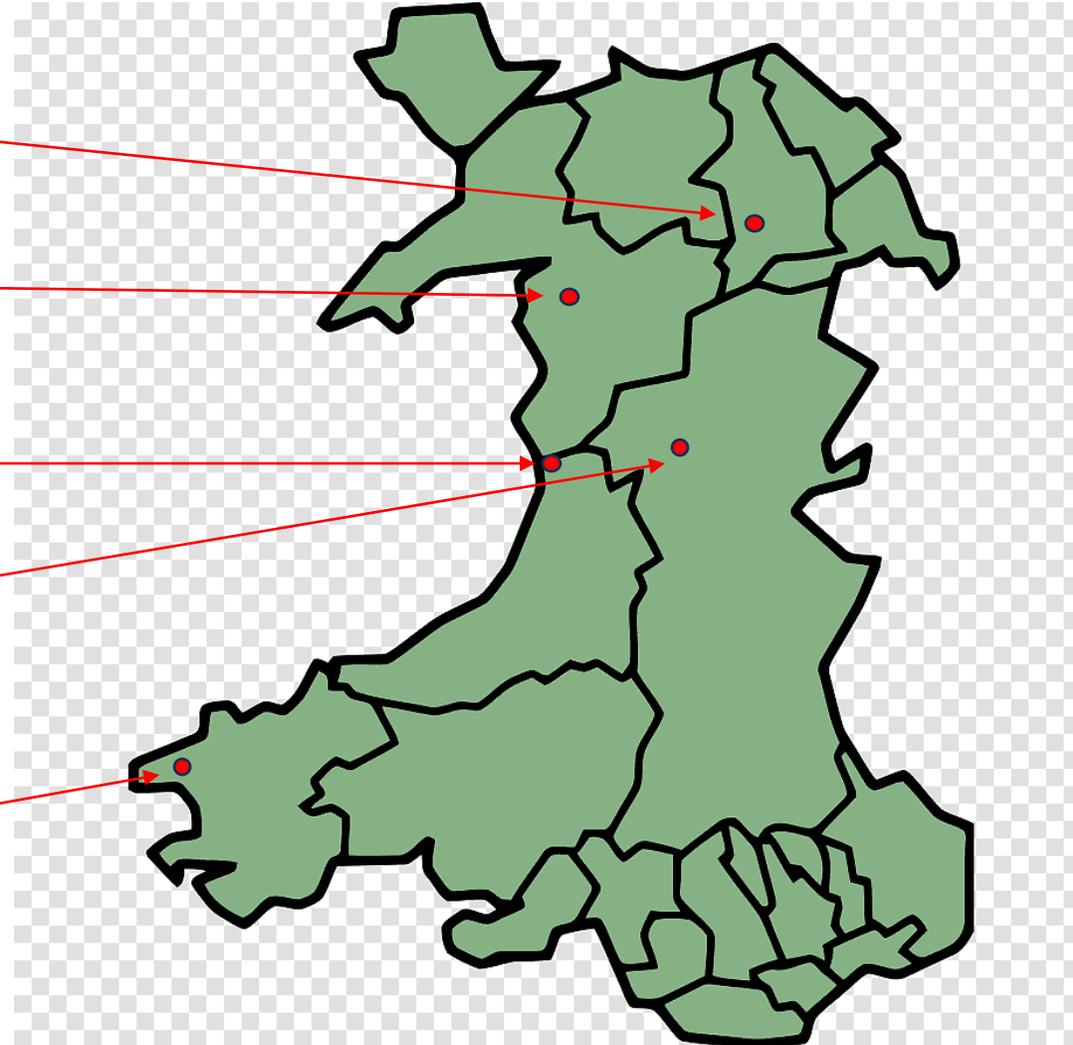
# Aims and objectives

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- Enhance knowledge, skills, and confidence for community-led research.
- Increase use of primary and secondary quantitative data by communities.
- Foster shared understanding across sectors on collaborative research principles.
- Improve knowledge transfer by Public Services Boards using community-generated data.
- Support long-term investment in sustaining LPIP objectives through infrastructure.
- Develop a collaboratively evaluated framework for community-led research.
- Create a sustainable, community-driven strategic plan at regional and national levels.
- Implement a successful training model that connects communities and HEIs to meet diverse stakeholder needs.

# 5 Communities in Wales

- Corwen
- Trawsfynydd
- Dyfi estuary area
- Newtown
- St. Davids Peninsula



# Community-led Action Research



September 2024 – June 2025

- Explore priorities and identify an area for research.
- Develop a research plan and budget.
- Recruit community researchers, volunteer or paid community researchers.
- Work with an academic mentor who has experience in the area of focus.
- Take part in bespoke training for community researchers.
- Take part in training in skills such as leadership, models of community development, working with young people.
- Community action researchers work in community to collect data.
- Share the research with community members to look at the findings and plan follow-on actions.

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- Develop a Community Research Network
- Mid – 2025 – run an open competition for funding further led community led projects.
- 10 projects will be selected and supported in the same way as the first five communities through late 2025 and 2026.

# Corwen



- Town of population c.2500 in south Denbighshire
- Canolfan Ni – ‘Our Centre’
- 10 miles to Llangollen, 13 miles to Ruthin
- Strong, committed team



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- **Meeting #3 - September 2024**
  - Invited to facilitate at community consultation –transport a priority



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