

### Supporting Service Children in Education (SSCE) Cymru – project updates

#### SSCE Cymru conference

The second annual SSCE Cymru conference was held on 12th June 2018 at Cardiff City Stadium.

Thank you to all the speakers, exhibitors and delegates that attended and participated in the activities and workshops.

Following the conference, SSCE Cymru will review the suggestions and outcomes of the activities and continue to work with many organisations to overcome the challenges Service children face in education.

Download a copy of the agenda, presentation and notes on the activity feedback here:

<https://www.sscecymru.co.uk/ssce-conference>

#### Supporting Service Children in Wales Fund

For the 2018/19 academic year, Welsh Government have provided £250,000 to support the children of Armed Forces personnel in Wales.

41 applications were submitted across Wales and we are pleased to announce that 27 of these were successful in being awarded either full or partial funding.

For the full list of successful bids, see <https://www.sscecymru.co.uk/supporting-service-children-in-wales-fund>

**For more information on the SSCE Cymru project please see [www.sscecymru.co.uk](http://www.sscecymru.co.uk) and follow us on Twitter [@SSCECymru](https://twitter.com/SSCECymru)**

**Please feel free to circulate the SSCE Cymru network newsletter to your own network and contacts. Anyone that would like to be added to the SSCE Cymru Network they can sign up here:**

<http://www.sscecymru.co.uk/contact-ssce>

### SSCE Cymru Network updates

#### MOD Education Support Fund (ESF)

In light of the ongoing drawdown from Germany and to provide time for educational authorities across the UK to bring in longer-term provision for Service children as necessary, the Secretary of State for Defence has announced the extension of the ESF, on a limited basis, for an additional two years. The fund will consist of £3 million in 2018/19 and £2 million in 2019/20.

The bidding round for 2019 is due to open on **Fri 14 Sep 2018**, closing at 1800 on **Fri 19 Oct 2018**.

The ESF is open to publicly-funded schools, Academies and Free Schools in the UK attended by Service children whose parents are subject to exceptional mobility and/or deployment. Applications from Local Authorities in support of these schools can also be accepted.

Directorate Children and Young People (DCYP), which is the MOD's professional focal point for all matters relating to children and young people associated with the armed forces, are the lead organisation administering and supporting the fund.

Further information is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-support-fund-for-schools-with-service-children-grant-application-pack>

## The Armed Forces in Wales Awards 2018

*Do you know someone who works in or with the Armed Forces who you feel deserves some recognition?*

The Armed Forces in Wales Awards are looking for suitable nominations for each of the four categories, these will be presented at a prestigious Awards Ceremony to be held in Cardiff on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018.

The four categories are: Armed Forces in Wales Award, Covenant Award, Youth/Cadet Award, Sports Award.

The cut-off date for nominations is 10th September 2018.

For further information or to request an application pack please contact SO2 MCI Mr Andy Williams:

[Andrew.Williams935@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.Williams935@mod.gov.uk)

## Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services (CWVYS)

CWVYS is the independent representative body for the voluntary youth work sector in Wales, which involves 250,000 young people, 30,000 volunteers and 3,000 paid staff. CWVYS is also a membership body with (currently) 95 member organisations working across Wales. Should you be interested in finding out more, please contact [helen@cwvys.org.uk](mailto:helen@cwvys.org.uk) and/or check out the website: [www.cwvys.org.uk](http://www.cwvys.org.uk)

### GwirVol

A partnership of organisations in Wales who represent and promote youth volunteering in Wales through all its projects.

For more information, see <http://www.gwirvol.org/en/organisations/>

### Eurodesk UK

CWVYS is one of the Eurodesk partners that aims to support the delivery and promotion of Eurodesk services in the UK. Trained to provide European information to young people and those who work with them on a local/regional/national level using the Eurodesk information tools. The partners work across the UK to ensure that as many young people become informed about the opportunities available to them. As part of that network CWVYS have access to a database of youth organisations across Europe, so if you have ideas for projects and you're looking for people to work with, CWVYS can find the right international partner for you. Contact [helen@cwvys.org.uk](mailto:helen@cwvys.org.uk)

## Army Welfare Service – Adventure Break

The Army Welfare Service Wales Team had a great start to the summer holidays, taking a group of over a hundred children from Forces families (over a two-week period) on a five-day residential adventure break to Plas Pencelli Outdoor Education Centre in Brecon.

The children from all over Wales experienced a variety of activities: Climbing the cliffs of the Gower, cycling and trekking through the Beacons, kayaking down the river Wye and enjoyed hanging about getting to know each other in the beautiful setting of the Centre.

At times the activities were challenging; walking up Pen Y fan with a backpack filled with lunch and flask of hot chocolate got hearts beating! All the young people involved can be extremely proud of themselves for their achievements throughout the week. AWS would also like to thank the centre staff who they highly recommended and the Royal British Legion for funding this experience.



## Armed Forces Covenant training

The Armed Forces Training Package, developed by Cardiff and Vale College, consists of a face-to-face training pack and an e-learning pack. The training package is suitable for local authority elected members, frontline staff and departmental managers, officers and staff. The package explores such issues as:

- what is the Armed Forces Covenant;
- what is the Armed Forces Community;
- what issues can the Armed Forces Community face; and
- what are local authorities doing

The training package will be made available on the WLGA website shortly.

<https://www.wlga.wales/armed-forces-covenant-national-wales-project->

## Prendergast C.P School – Armed Forces Day

To celebrate Armed Forces Day 2018, Prendergast held a special assembly attended by the whole school. The children from the Military Kids Club Heroes also sold wrist bands and pin badges, raising over £300. Pictured below are the MKC children counting the money they collected.



## Upcoming events

### SSCE stakeholder day

Maindy Barracks, Cardiff

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am-3pm

The purpose of this meeting is for SSCE Cymru and other organisations to provide an update on their work relating to Service children in education. We will also have the opportunity to discuss ways we can work collaboratively.

If you are interested in attending this meeting, contact [millie.taylor@wlga.gov.uk](mailto:millie.taylor@wlga.gov.uk)

### SCiP Alliance annual conference

Victory Services Club, Marble Arch, London

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am-4.30pm

<https://www.scipalliance.org/events/scip-alliance-annual-conference>

## Resources

### The Royal British Legion – 'Thank You'

This year, the Royal British Legion is asking the nation to say 'Thank You' to the First World War generation – to *All those who served, sacrificed and changed our world*. Those who fell on the battlefields. Those who returned home. Those who served on the home front, in the farms and factories. Those who built a new world – our world. Some school activity packs have recently been added to the website:

#### Art

[https://media.britishlegion.org.uk/Media/13591/art-activity-pack.pdf?\\_ga=2.182154663.1433178113.1534170413-1084699118.1534170413](https://media.britishlegion.org.uk/Media/13591/art-activity-pack.pdf?_ga=2.182154663.1433178113.1534170413-1084699118.1534170413)

#### Music

[https://media.britishlegion.org.uk/Media/13592/music-activity-pack.pdf?\\_ga=2.182154663.1433178113.1534170413-1084699118.1534170413](https://media.britishlegion.org.uk/Media/13592/music-activity-pack.pdf?_ga=2.182154663.1433178113.1534170413-1084699118.1534170413)

#### Poetry

[https://media.britishlegion.org.uk/Media/13593/poetry-activity-pack.pdf?\\_ga=2.182154663.1433178113.1534170413-1084699118.1534170413](https://media.britishlegion.org.uk/Media/13593/poetry-activity-pack.pdf?_ga=2.182154663.1433178113.1534170413-1084699118.1534170413)



### Naval Families Federation – Emotional Cycle of Deployment for Children

Deployment can be an emotional experience. Understanding the stages and feelings involved can help. This resource were created for parents, carers and schools.

<https://nff.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Homeport-pull-out-Making-Sense-of-the-Emotional-Cycle-of-Deployment.pdf>



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**The next SSCE Cymru Network Newsletter will be circulated in November. If you would like to contribute content to the next issue, please send it to [millie.taylor@wlga.gov.uk](mailto:millie.taylor@wlga.gov.uk) by 7<sup>th</sup> November.**