

# SSce CYMRU



SUPPORTING SERVICE CHILDREN  
IN EDUCATION IN WALES

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# SSCE Cymru team

## Programme Manager



Millie

- Coordinates and delivers SSCE Cymru activities aligned to the SSCE Cymru mission.
- Ensures Service children's experiences are understood and responded to in Wales.
- Represents Wales to share good practice across the UK.

## School Liaison Officers



Cara



Becca

- Work with schools and local authorities to identify Service children and maintain a database of school contacts.
- Promote the SSCE Cymru e-learning package.
- Work with education settings to embed support for Service children:
  - Utilise SSCE Cymru resources (School Toolkit and Tools, Funding guidance)
  - Achieve their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status
  - Celebrate Month of the Military Child
  - Access funding to support Service children and families.
- Identify and promote good practice in schools.

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## Participation Lead Officer



Jo

### Works with schools to:

- Listen to Service children
- Set up Service children clubs
- Facilitate opportunities for Service children to come together to share their experiences
- Celebrate Service children's experiences
- Share the voices of Service children.

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# Welcome Becca...

*"Hi, I'm Becca and will be working with the SSCE Cymru team as a School Liaison Officer (SLO).*

*I have a background in Teaching and Additional Learning Needs previously working as a specialist in this field in schools in England. As mother of a Service child, I have first-hand experience of Armed Forces life and have moved to Wales this Summer following my husband's posting in the Army.*

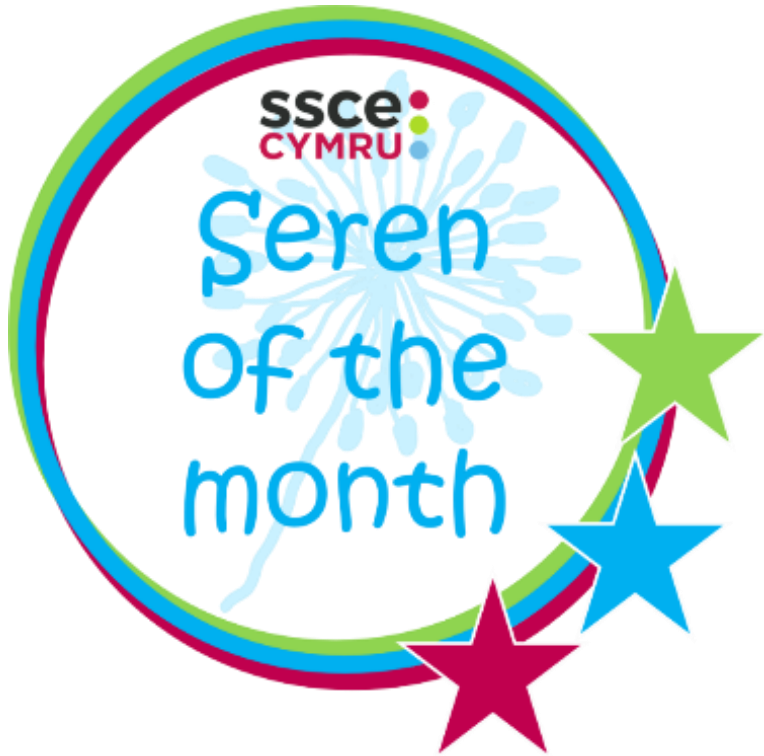
*I am really excited to be joining the team and am looking forward to working on projects to further support Service children across Wales."*



**Becca**  
School Liaison Officer

# SSCE Cymru Seren of the month

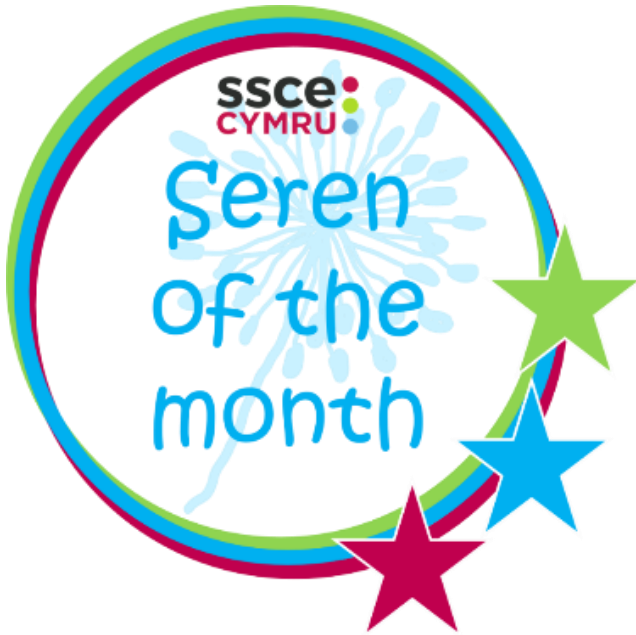
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This is an opportunity for our team to publicly recognise an SSCE Cymru STAR, and say thank you to a Service child, member of school staff, work colleague, network member or organisation that have positively collaborated with us or shown exceptional support to Service children in education and their local Armed Forces community. We are grateful to work with some truly inspiring individuals and groups who ensure that Service children continue to feel valued and celebrated here in Wales.



# SSCE Cymru Seren of the month



## Seren of the month – October 2024

It's been wonderful to work alongside Eve at Baglan Primary School in Neath Port Talbot. When asked to take the lead on identifying and supporting Service children in the school, Eve contacted the SSCE Cymru team, and we were able to offer her advice and support on how to make a start. Since then, Eve has been very motivated and proactive.

By applying for the *Supporting Service Children in Education in Wales Fund* (SSCE-WF), Eve set up a Little Troopers Club and now runs regular sessions throughout the academic year, bringing these children together from across all age groups. The Little Troopers Club members also appointed a Service child ambassador to represent their school for any SSCE Cymru activities outside of their normal sessions.

As a result of listening to the Little Troopers, last year Eve organised a Remembrance assembly with the Service children, as a whole school event. They invited the Mayor and other members of the local community who share a connection to the Armed Forces and the event was a great success!

Eve has continued to develop the schools support and has embedded good practice by working through the Armed Forces Friendly School (AFFS) Cymru checklist. The school has been awarded their GOLD status and are an excellent example of how a school with not large numbers of Service children can still make a huge difference.

**Thank you, Eve and the Baglan Primary team for all that you do within your community. Please keep up the good work!**



**Eve Wilson**  
Baglan Primary School

# Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru

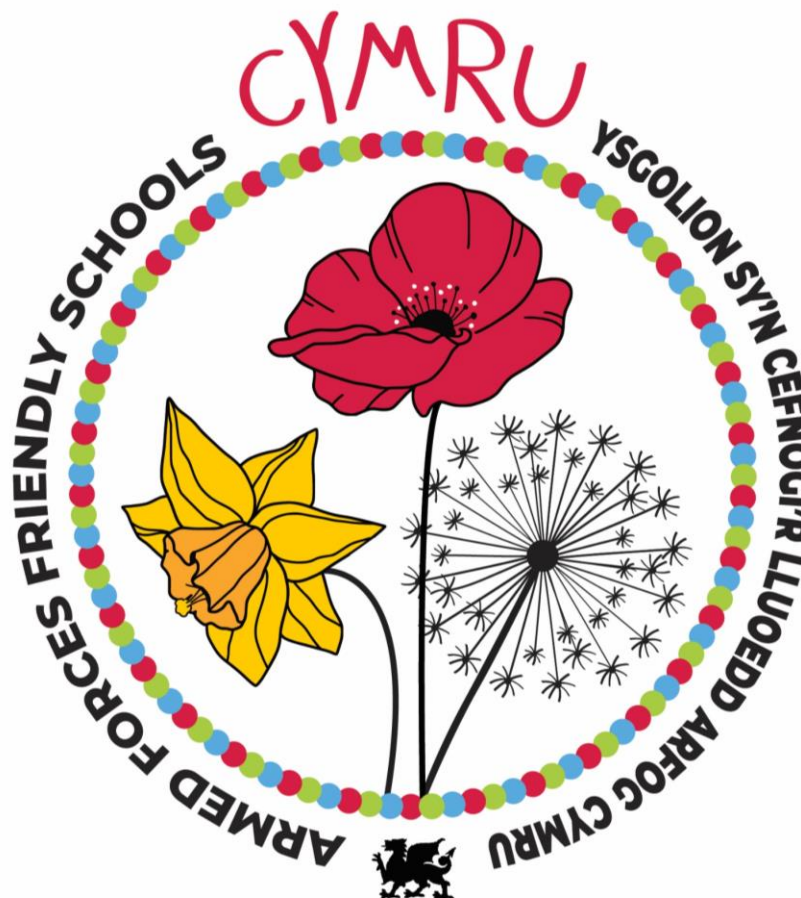
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## OBJECTIVES

1. Embed good practice for supporting Service children

2. Create a positive environment for Service children to share their experiences

3. Encourage schools to become more engaged with their Armed Forces community.



## CRITERIA THEMES

**IDENTIFY**  
Service children and a key member of staff

**UNDERSTAND**  
Service children and their individual needs

**ENGAGE**  
With SSCE Cymru and the Armed Forces community.

The SSCE Cymru team will work closely with all schools to support them in achieving their status, through completing activities/actions on the SSCE Cymru School checklist.

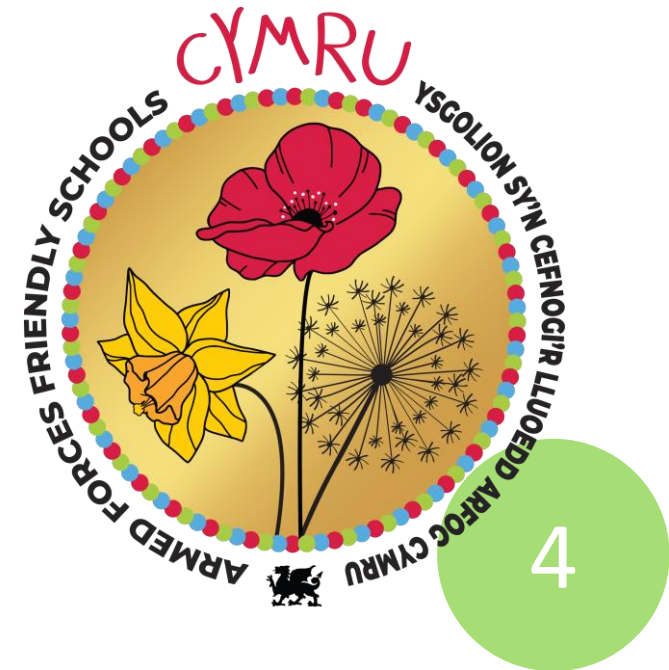
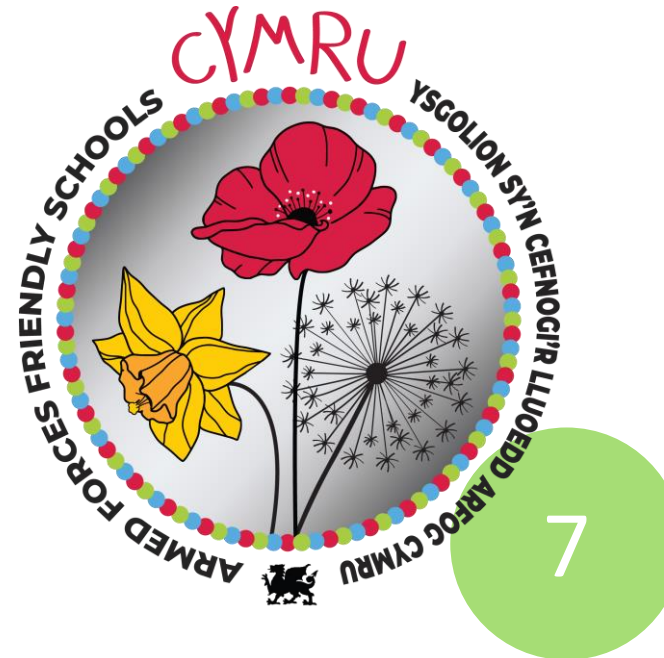
**Congratulations** to all schools who have achieved their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status.

So far, 30 schools have achieved their AFFS Cymru status. 31 have achieved Bronze, 7 have achieved Silver and 4 have achieved Gold!!!

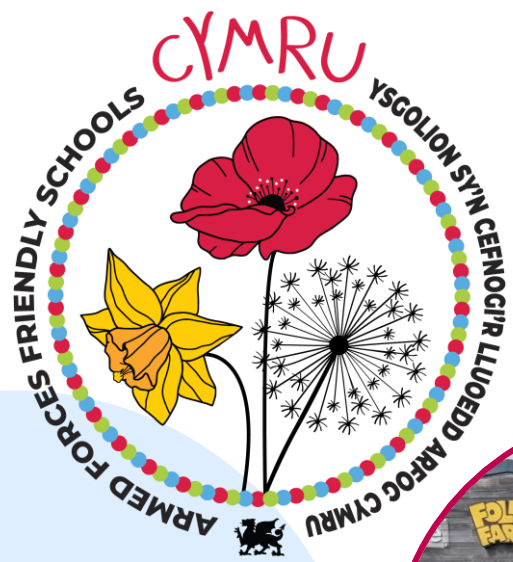
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This month, we are pleased to congratulate the following schools for achieving their AFFS Cymru status:

**Bronze:** Raglan VC Primary School (Monmouthshire)









# Service children data

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## Welsh Governments definition of a Service child:

A 'Service child' has parent(s) or person(s) exercising parental responsibility who is/are Service personnel serving:

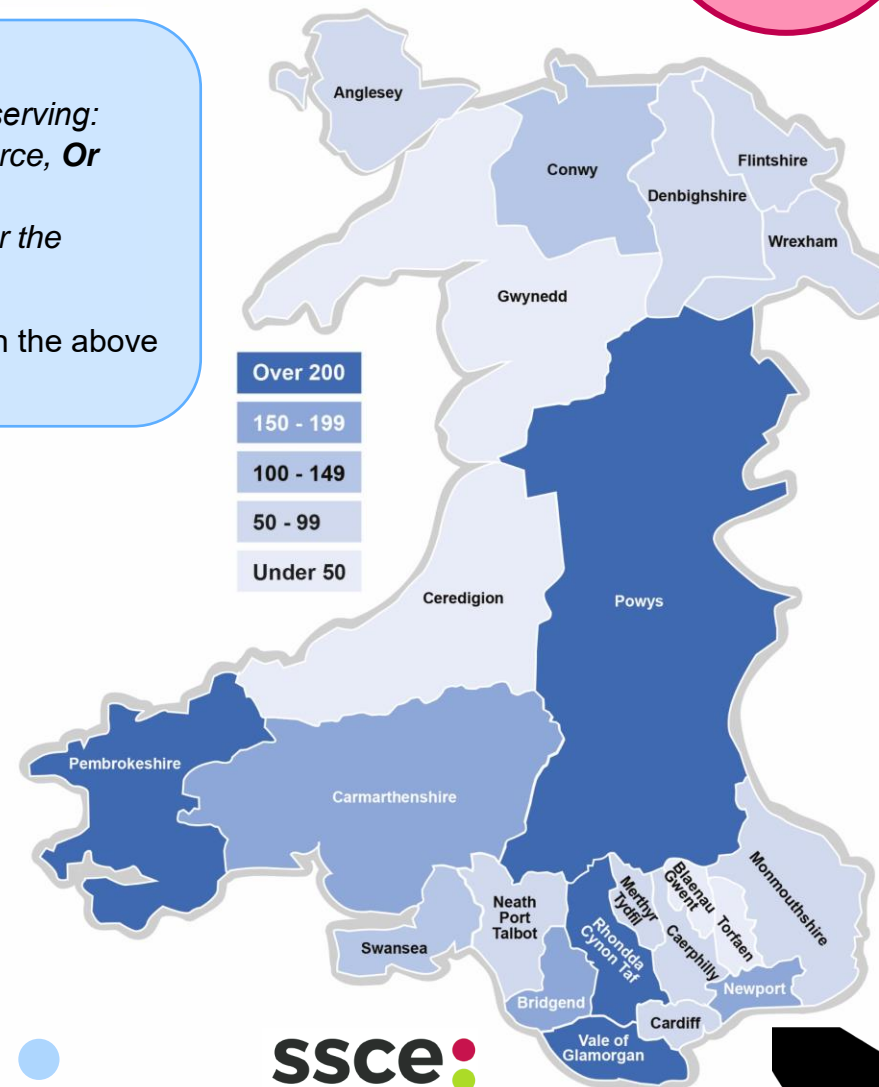
- In HM Regular or Reserve Armed Forces – Royal Navy and Royal Marines; British Army and Royal Air Force, **Or**
- Is an Armed Forces Veteran who has been in Service within the past two years, **Or**
- One of their parents died whilst serving in the Armed Forces and the learner has received a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.

SSCE Cymru also encourages schools to consider identifying children and young people who don't fit within the above definition but have a link to the Armed Forces.

**2186  
Service  
children**

**In 543  
schools**

**SSCE Cymru  
online data  
form for  
schools**



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# SSCE Cymru e-learning

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To celebrate Month of the Military Child in April, the SSCE Cymru team launched our highly anticipated NEW on-demand, bi-lingual, e-learning training package on *Supporting Service children in education in Wales!!!!*

Funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, the SSCE Cymru e-learning training package has been designed to give educators the tools and confidence to understand and support the needs of Service children within their education settings in Wales however, the training can be accessed by anyone who would like to learn more about supporting Service children within education.

This FREE training package consists of nine topics and will take roughly two hours to complete. Your progress will be saved so that you can continue where you left off and revisit the training as required.

## Topics included in the e-learning:

- Introduction to SSCE Cymru
- Armed Forces in Wales
- Service children's experiences
- Education in Wales
- Identifying Service children
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Extra-curricular activities
- Funding to support Service children
- Research and evidence.

*"Hearing  
from the  
children  
was great."*

*"It was very  
interesting to  
learn of the  
different mobility,  
deployment and  
transitions that  
families  
experience."*

*"Great links  
that I will use  
and very  
comprehensive.  
I loved the  
videos."*

*"Excellent  
information  
and support  
available."*

100% of  
participants  
found the  
e-learning  
beneficial



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# Upcoming events

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## INSPIRING IMPACT

SCiP Alliance  
Annual Conference

**13<sup>th</sup> Nov 24**

Cardiff Marriott Hotel



Service Children's Progression

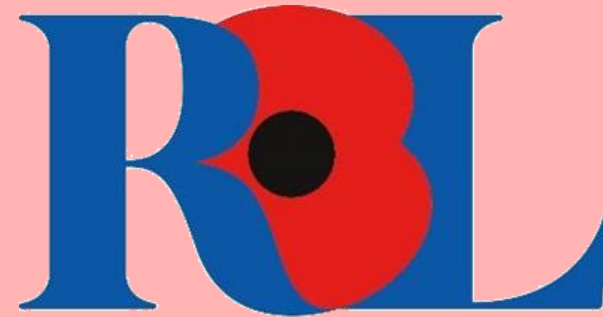


[www.scipalliance.org](http://www.scipalliance.org)

## Remembrance 2024

**11<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Remembrance honours those who serve to  
defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.



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# Remembrance 2024

## Events

### Remembrance Sunday

**10th November**

Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

### Armistice Day

**11th November**

The Armistice, an agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations, began at 11am on 11 November 1918.

We mark Armistice Day around the UK with a 2-minute silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.

### Army RET Remembrance Live Assembly

**09:00-09:30 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

The Army Regional Engagement Team (RET) from Wales will be delivering a live assembly of Awareness and Remembrance for all schools.

The event is open to all year groups and available in English and Welsh.

### RBL Remembrance Live Assembly

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

The Royal British Legion will host a live-streamed online assembly for ages 9 to 14 (years 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9). This event will bring together art, music, poetry, veteran interviews and more to create a unique, interactive, live-streamed experience helping students understand who, why and how we remember.

## Resources

### Teaching Remembrance resources

Produced by the Royal British Legion, all resources are:

- Available for key stages 1, 2 & 3 and Youth Groups
- Made up of lesson plans, bitesize activities and assemblies to support teachers and parents
- Free and linked to National Curriculum
- Differentiated to provide both support and challenge
- Available in Welsh.

### Poppy Scotland

Poppy Scotland provide a range of FREE learning resources highlighting the importance of remembrance, veterans and the poppy.

### BBC

The BBC have free teaching resources for Primary and Secondary aged pupils. CBeebies also have an alternative video for the 2-minute silence for young children.

# SSCE Cymru journal

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May  
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## Brecon Military Show 2024

May 2024

The annual Brecon Military Show is always a calendar highlight. Hosted by the Infantry Battle School, in Dering Lines, Brecon. It is an opportunity for civilian and military families within the local community to come together to share in a day of

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May  
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## More Filming days with CLECS Media

May 2024

Towards the end of May, the SSCE Cymru team were visiting some of our Armed Forces Friendly schools across East, West and South Wales to complete our filming days with CLECS Media.

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Apr  
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## Month of the Military Child celebrations at Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog (Denbighshire)

April 2024

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog are a school in Denbighshire, North Wales, with one Service child. Please see below a quote from Headteacher, Laura Martin, and some lovely photos of what they got up to in April to celebrate Month of the Military Child!

[Read more](#)

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## A successful month celebrating Month of the Military Child at Ysgol Penygloddfa (Powys)

April 2024

Ysgol Penygloddfa, a primary school in Powys with 4 Service children, had a busy month full of Month of the Military Child celebrations during April. Service children and their peers took part in hosting charity bake sales, sporty activities such as

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# Welsh Government funding

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2024/25

- The Welsh Government Education Directorate have funded the core SSCE Cymru team (Programme Manager and Participation Lead Officer)
- SSCE Cymru will continue to administer a grant scheme – the *Supporting Service Children in Education in Wales Fund* (SSCE-WF) – which is open to all schools and local authorities in Wales
- Funding will also continue to be available for the SSCE Cymru Case Management support.

## Supporting Service Children in Education in Wales Fund 2024/25

Schools and local authorities (LAs) in Wales can apply for funding throughout the year, to deliver projects specific to supporting Service children in education, linked to the curriculum in Wales.

£1,000 projects – open to all schools and local authorities in Wales.

£3,000 projects – open to schools who have achieved their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru Bronze status and all local authorities.

**NEXT  
DEADLINE:**  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct.



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# Grant funding

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## Service Pupil Support (SPS) programme 2024/25

Administered by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, the SPS programme awards grants of £5,000 to £80,000 to projects supporting Service children along their educational pathway.

### **Project themes for 2024/25 were:**

- Closing attainment gaps
- Addressing the needs of Service children with ALN
- Identifying and addressing the needs of small cohorts of Service children.

### **2024/25 SPS success**

21 grants were awarded across the UK, three (14%) of those were for school clusters in Wales.

Congratulations to the successful applications which were led by:

- Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan (Powys)
- Llantwit Major High School (Vale of Glamorgan)
- Pencoed Primary School (Bridgend).

Just under £200,000 was awarded to these school clusters, which was 14% of the total amount awarded across the UK.

## Armed Forces Education Trust: Collective grants

This programme is funded by the Armed Forces Education Trust (AFET).

Open to applications all year, the funding aims to help provide educational support for service pupils. Such support is likely to include a specific educational intervention as a result of which the improved educational outcomes of the service children can be demonstrated.

*NOTE: The AFET may also be able to help with a grant to assist an individual child to overcome difficulties linked to their parents' service and mobility.*

# Funding and support

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## Case Management support

Schools and education settings in Wales can work with the SSCE Cymru team to access support and funding (if deemed appropriate), throughout the year, to provide interventions for an individual Service child or a small number of Service children (aged 4-16) with specific need/s related to the impact of their Armed Forces lifestyle.

## SSCE Cymru funding advice document

The *SSCE Cymru funding advice* document provides advice from the SSCE Cymru team for schools and local authorities, to assist them when applying for funding to support Service children / local Armed Forces community. It also includes a checklist of suggested actions to help when preparing and completing a funding application and a list of funding ideas and suggestions.

## SSCE Cymru funding drop-in sessions

Led by the SSCE Cymru Programme Manager, these drop-in sessions are available to support schools and local authorities in Wales with accessing funding to support Service children in education. We will raise awareness of relevant grant funding streams, share examples of good practice, answer questions, promote resources and discuss collaboration opportunities.

**NEXT  
SESSIONS:**  
12<sup>th</sup> Sep  
30<sup>th</sup> Sep

# SSCE Cymru drop-in sessions

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Every month, SSCE Cymru hosts a series of informal drop-in sessions focusing on specific themes. Come along to any of the sessions that interest you, where members of the SSCE Cymru team will share relevant information, promote resources, coordinate discussions, answer your questions and create opportunities for collaboration.

## OCTOBER schedule

	<b>Tue 1<sup>st</sup></b> 2pm SCiP Alliance Thriving Lives Toolkit	<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 10am Service children voice (Primary) 3pm AFFS Cymru	<b>Thu 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 10am Remembrance	<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup></b> 10am Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	<b>Tue 8<sup>th</sup></b> 2pm Service children voice (Secondary)	<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup></b> 10am Funding for supporting Service children	<b>Thu 10<sup>th</sup></b> 10am Local Authority Action Plan 3pm AFFS Cymru	<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup></b> 2pm Service children voice (Primary)	<b>Tue 15<sup>th</sup></b> 3pm Data collection	<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup></b> 10am SCiP Alliance Thriving Lives Toolkit 2pm AFFS Cymru	<b>Thu 17<sup>th</sup></b> 3pm Funding for supporting Service children	<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup></b> 10am Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup></b> 2pm Remembrance	<b>Tue 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 2pm Local Authority Action Plan	<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 2pm Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	<b>Thu 24<sup>th</sup></b> 10am Service children voice (Secondary)	<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tue 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup></b>		

### Drop-in session themes include:

- Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru
- Service children voice
- Funding for supporting Service children
- Local authority Action Plans
- SCiP Alliance Thriving Lives Toolkit.

*Plus additional themes at certain points of the year (i.e. Month of the Military Child, Armed Forces Day).*



# Questions?



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