



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

2025 – 26

Recipients of Democratic Engagement Grant

The Welsh Government has awarded funding through its Democratic Engagement Grant to these organisations to deliver projects in Wales that support citizen engagement with democracy.

If you would like to find out more please contact: etholiadau.elections@gov.wales

Organisations who have been awarded funding

Aberporth Community Council

-  1 year
-  £5,000
-  Local
-  Young people in out of school settings



This project will empower young people in Aberporth and Parcllyn to co-design elements of the newly acquired Parcllyn sports and community field, using workshops and engagement sessions to learn about local democracy and participate in real decision-making. Through partnership working, the initiative will create inclusive, youth-led recreational spaces while fostering democratic awareness, community ownership, and intergenerational connection.

Boys & Girls Club Wales

-  3 years
-  £141,707
-  National
-  Young people in out of school settings



Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales will expand its successful Pizza and Politics and Raise Your Voice initiatives to engage young people furthest from democratic participation. The project will build political literacy, boost voter registration, and create opportunities for youth-led engagement and dialogue with elected representatives.

British Deaf Association Cymru

-  5 months
-  £6,351
-  National
-  Deaf people



BDA Cymru will provide in person information sessions to ensure the Deaf BSL Community in Wales is educated to learn and understand the major changes to democracy in Wales in 2026 and how this impacts them.

-  Length of project
-  How much money has been awarded in total

-  Local or national organisation
-  Who the grant benefits

Organisations who have been awarded funding continued

City of Cardiff Council

-  1 year and 8 months
-  £37,233.89
-  Local
-  Gypsy and Traveller community



Democratic Services at Cardiff Council are working in partnership with There and Back Again to boost democratic participation in the community. At the heart of this project is a commitment to ensuring that voices from the Gypsy and Travelling community are not just included but play an active role in shaping local conversations. By fostering active citizenship and raising awareness of democratic processes, the project aims to empower individuals and encourage inclusive decision-making across Cardiff.

Foothold Cymru

-  2 years
-  £36,135
-  Local
-  Young people in and out of school settings



Future Changemaker Cafés will help 14-18 year-olds in Carmarthenshire, especially from disadvantaged backgrounds, gain political knowledge and confidence through inclusive, bilingual weekly sessions. The project aims to empower them to take part in local democracy, create civic projects, and make their voices heard by decision-makers.

KIDCARE4U

-  1 year and 8 months
-  £28,800
-  Local
-  Minority ethnic communities



This two-part project aims to raise awareness of democratic rights among people from diverse ethnic communities in Newport, with a particular focus on women and children who face language and IT barriers. The first part of the project will support adults to better understand their rights, responsibilities, and how democratic processes affect their everyday lives ranging from issues like bin collections to the duties of local authorities and their right to request services. The second part will engage children to build their understanding of democracy from an early age. Activities will be delivered across different settings within our organisation, ensuring accessible and inclusive learning for all participants.

Organisations who have been awarded funding continued

Learning Disability Wales

 3 years

 £77,410

 National

 People with Learning Disabilities



This project will hold activities including workshops, training sessions and hustings to promote understanding and confidence for many people with learning disabilities in the democratic society.

Llanelli Community Partnership

 1 year

 £995

 Local

 Young people and Minority ethnic communities



Llanelli Community Partnership will be working over the next year with partners to ensure young people and people from ethnic minority communities in Llanelli understand the democratic processes and feel well informed enough to be actively involved. We will promote what it means to be an “active citizen” and how to fully participate in these democratic processes.

My Society

 2 years

 £59,213

 National

 Whole population



mySociety wants to make it easier to write the right message to the right representative – working with Welsh civil society and representatives to make WriteToThem.com more useful and accessible.

Purple Shoots

 3 years

 £30,000

 National

 Lower-socioeconomic backgrounds



Purple Shoots helps people in forgotten communities get together in groups to tackle issues facing both individuals and their communities. Over the term of our Democratic Engagement Grant, we’ll be starting three new groups and inviting local politicians from the council, Senedd and Westminster to attend the meetings. We operate nationally across Wales and our new groups will be in Gwynedd, Pontypridd and Swansea. We’ll also be improving democratic engagement across our existing community groups, based mostly in South Wales.

Organisations who have been awarded funding continued

Scouts Cymru

-  2 years
-  £23,250
-  National
-  Young people in out of school settings



ScoutsCymru will give young people across Wales the tools, skills, and confidence to run local hustings and take part in a fun, hands-on Welsh Youth Parliament experience, bringing democracy to life in an exciting and meaningful way.

Shout Out UK

-  2 years
-  £72,758
-  National
-  Young people in school settings



Over the next two years, Shout Out UK (SOUK) will be delivering political and media literacy workshops to a minimum of 2,400 young people aged 14-18 in Wales. These workshops, primarily targeting rural communities, aim to equip students with the skills to understand democratic processes, identify misinformation, combat online hate, and increase their participation in upcoming elections, specifically the 2026 Senedd and 2027 Local Government elections. All project materials will be available in Welsh to ensure accessibility and alignment with the Welsh curriculum.

South Riverside Development Centre

-  1 year
-  £10,945
-  Local
-  Minority ethnic communities



The aim of our project is to support the democratic engagement of foreign nationals in Cardiff, specifically those using English as a second language. We will seek to increase understanding and awareness of the democratic system in Wales, in the run up to the next elections, via the creation of teaching materials for adult English learners as well as through the provision of interpreters for community public awareness workshops.

Organisations who have been awarded funding continued

Swansea Mosque and Islamic Community Centre

-  1 year
-  £16,000
-  Local
-  Minority ethnic communities



Swansea Mosque and Islamic Community Centre plan to deliver bilingual workshops, voter registration clinics, and educational sessions on democratic participation for under-represented communities which includes Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic residents, asylum seekers, refugees, and youth aged 16-25 in Swansea.

The Politics Project

-  3 years
-  £357,060
-  National
-  Young people in school settings



Digital Dialogue: Wales, delivered by The Politics Project, supports meaningful, informed conversations between young people and their elected representatives. Teachers are provided with training and resources to prepare their young people to have the knowledge, skills and confidence to engage in the democratic process through Dialogue sessions, both online and in person, arranged and facilitated by The Politics Project's team.

The programme empowers learners across Wales to become ethical, informed citizens – in line with the Curriculum for Wales and the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

Welsh Refugee Council

-  2 years
-  £33,512
-  National
-  Minority ethnic communities



The Welsh Refugee Council project supports refugees in Wales to become informed, responsible, and active members of society. Through training and civic engagement, the project equips refugees with the knowledge and skills to navigate democratic systems, contribute to their communities, and participate positively in local decision-making.