

Community Leadership Academy Student 2016/17:

Caryl Griffiths was one of the students in the first year of the Community Leadership Academy during 2016 - 2017. Caryl applied for a place on the course with a view to making a difference to her community by giving the children of the area an opportunity to develop their talents. In June 2017, the 'Plant y Bryn' choir was formed with weekly rehearsals at Ysgol T Llew Jones, Brynhoffnant. Reflecting on her time with the Community Leadership Academy, Caryl said:



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"Having returned home to Llangrannog after spending three years as a music student and a teaching assistant in London, the thing that stood out most for me while I was there was the incredible opportunities that the children and youths had on their doorstep. Though I had a great education and opportunities throughout my early childhood in the parish of Penbryn, I had to travel at least half an hour for my extra-curricular lessons, e.g. harp at Aberystwyth, choir at Newcastle Emlyn and singing lessons in Pembrokeshire. So this was the main reason for my application to be a student on the AAG course - I wanted to make a difference to the community and give our children the opportunity to develop themselves. In receiving the support and valuable information from the many experienced mentors who helped us along our journey on the AAG course, I was extremely excited to say that I reached my goal - the Bryn Children's Choir started on June 20, 2017. Being a student on the Community Leadership Academy course had really been an invaluable experience in that I learned so much in making my project. But the thing I learned most from the experience was not to wait for anyone else to make the difference you want to see in your community - never think you're too young."



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