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MONTHLY BULLETIN

JUNE 2024



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Message from the SSCE Cymru team...

“May was a busy, but fun month for the SSCE Cymru team. We hosted 14 of our informal online drop-in sessions. We hope those who were able to join us for some of them, found them useful and we were able to answer your questions. If any school or local authority staff members would like additional support regarding Service children in education, then please consult our [JUNE drop-in sessions](#) timetable and join us at the next appropriate one. We look forward to seeing you!

Towards the end of May, we were out and about across Wales on location with [CLECS Media](#), filming at some of our Armed Forces Friendly Schools. We were capturing content for some new good practice films and Service children stories for our website. The short films will share how these schools have supported their Service children and why it is important to have such support in place. We would like to say a BIG Diolch/Thank you to all the schools and Service children / young people involved in this project. We can't wait to share the finished films with you all soon. Until then, check out the [SSCE Cymru journal](#) for some photos we took on filming days. Who can you spot and what schools?

Throughout the 5 and 6 June this year, a series of major commemorations will take place across the UK and France to honour the brave personnel who risked their lives for freedom and peace, as we remember the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings. Towards the end of June, we will be celebrating National Armed Forces Day. See the [SSCE Cymru website](#) for details of local and national events taking place in Wales.

Thank you for your continued support and should you wish to contact our team, then please do so via SSCECymru@wlga.gov.uk.”



Millie
Programme
Manager



Jo
Participation
Lead Officer



Cara
School Liaison
Officer



Yasmin
School Liaison
Officer

SSCE Cymru job opportunity

School Liaison Officer (SLO)

JOB DESCRIPTION

- 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.

SLOs are funded by:



ABOUT THE ROLE

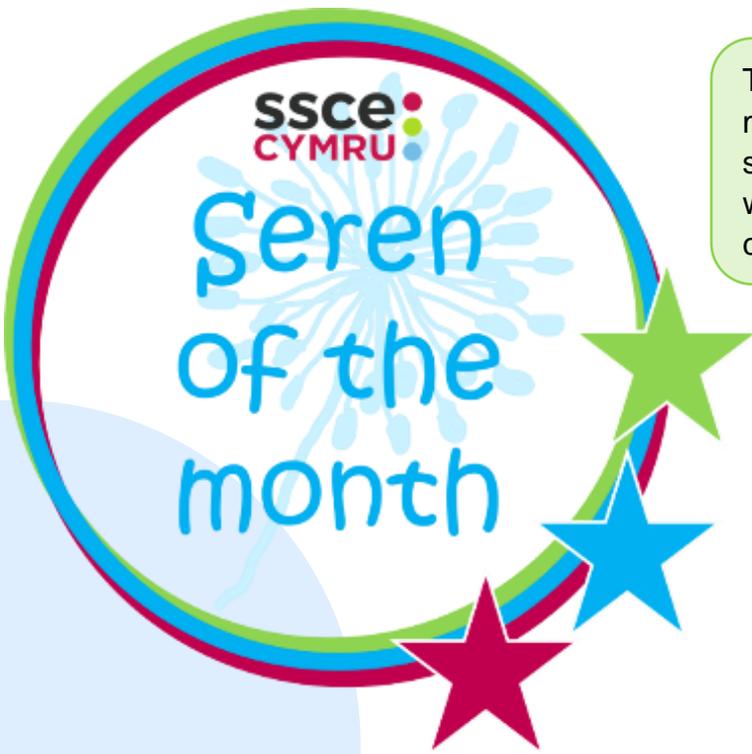
- Fixed-term (maternity cover)
- Part-time (25 hours)
- National role (hosted by Pembrokeshire County Council)
- Agile working

CLOSING DATE: 18th June 2024

Queries can be directed to SSCECymru@wlga.gov.uk



Click here for the full job description and details of how to apply



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.

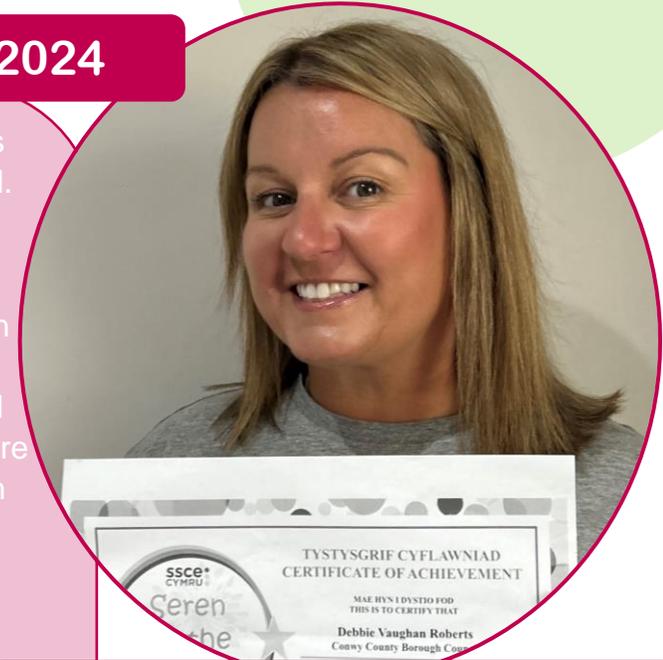
Seren of the month – June 2024

The SSCE Cymru team are lucky enough to work alongside Debbie as our key contact for Service children in Conwy Borough County Council.

It has been fantastic to see the support for Service children grow in Conwy schools over recent years and Debbie has played a big role in this. Debbie works closely with SSCE Cymru and her colleagues within the council to utilise the SSCE Cymru Local Authority (LA) Action Plan template, ensuring that Service children are considered and supported from an LA perspective in Conwy. Debbie acts as an advocate to ensure that good practice is shared with all schools through regular updates in their school bulletin.

Debbie has also recently organised a Month of the Military Child event for schools with Service children within the LA and managed to bring several happy Service children together for a fun filled morning of music sessions and a workshop from the Royal Welch Fusiliers Museum.

Thank you for all that you do for the Service children of Conwy, Debbie!!



Debbie Vaughan Roberts
Education Improvement
Development Officer
Conwy County Borough Council

Month of the Military Child Mis y Plentyn Milwrol



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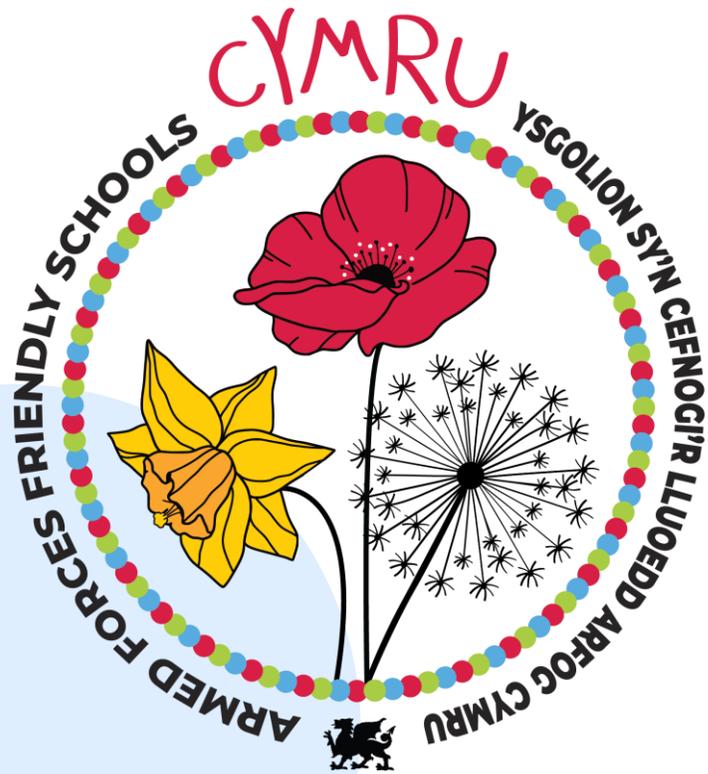


i Click here to see details of #MotMCCymru activities



It's been incredible to receive lots of photos from schools and local authorities, showing us how they celebrated Month of the Military Child! Please send your photos to SSCECymru@wlga.gov.uk





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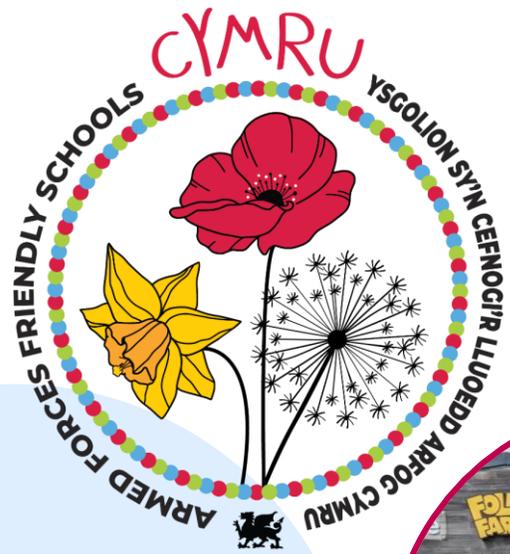
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SSCE Cymru's Armed Forces Friendly Schools (AFFS) Cymru initiative was launched in 2022. Schools in Wales complete a series of activities and actions that are linked to the SSCE Cymru School Checklist, including some compulsory elements, in order to achieve their Bronze, then Silver, then Gold status. The objectives are to embed good practice for supporting Service children, create a positive environment for Service children to share their experiences and encourage schools to become more engaged with their Armed Forces community.

Congratulations to all schools who have achieved their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status. So far, 26 schools have achieved their AFFS Cymru status. 26 have achieved Bronze, 6 have achieved Silver and 4 have achieved Gold!!!



i [Click here for further information about Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru](#)



SSCE Cymru e-learning

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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Further information...

SSCE Cymru ALN survey

SSCE Cymru is conducting a survey with schools in Wales to gain a snapshot of the challenges schools may be facing in supporting Service children with Additional Learning Needs (ALN), and to identify examples of good practice.

The survey is estimated to take between 5-15 minutes to complete.

The information provided will be used to inform practice and policy in relation to supporting Service children with ALN.

Survey deadline: 31st July 2024.

 [Click here to complete the survey](#)



Service Children Awards Cymru 2024

We are excited to announce that we will once again be working with the Veterans Awards team to host the second annual Service Children Awards Cymru event in 2024!!!

Nomination categories for this year will once again be:

- Contribution to sport
- Community award
- Service children ambassador of the year
- Unsung hero (adult category).

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of the #ServiceChildrenAwards please contact info@veteransawards.co.uk

 [Click here to see photos and videos from the 2023 awards](#)



Upcoming events...

D-DAY 80

6th June 2024

The 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings

A series of major commemorations in the UK and France will honour the brave personnel who risked their lives for freedom and peace.

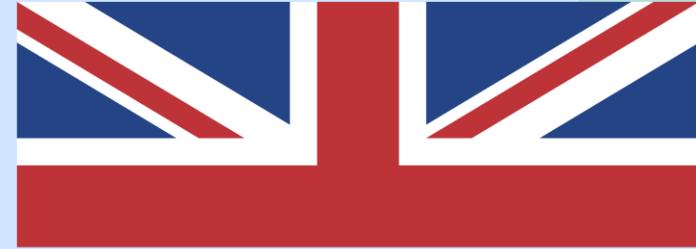
[Click here for further information and learning materials](#)

D-day 80 Commemorative assembly

DATE: 6th June 2024

TIME: 09:00-09:30

The Army Regional Engagement Team from Wales will be delivering a virtual live assembly via Microsoft Teams.



ARMED FORCES DAY 29 JUNE 2024

Armed Forces Day is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets.

[Click here for further information about how to get involved](#)

Wales Airshow featuring Armed Forces Day 2024

DATE: 6th & 7th July 2024

VENUE: Swansea Bay

This year, Swansea will be hosting Wales' National Armed Forces Day celebrations during the Wales Airshow!

[Click here for further information about all upcoming events](#)

SSCE Cymru drop-in sessions



From April 2024, every month, SSCE Cymru will host 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.

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)

JUNE schedule

Mon 3rd

Tue 4th
2pm Local Authority
Action Plan

Wed 5th
10am Armed Forces
Day

Thu 6th

Fri 7th
10am Armed Forces
Friendly Schools
Cymru

Mon 10th
10am Armed Forces
Friendly Schools
Cymru

Tue 11th

Wed 12th

Thu 13th

Fri 14th

Mon 17th
2pm Armed Forces
Day

Tue 18th
10am Service
children voice
2pm AFFS Cymru

Wed 19th
10am Funding for
supporting SC
3pm AFFS Cymru

Thu 20th
10am LA Action Plan
2pm SCiP Alliance
Thriving Lives Toolkit

Fri 21st

Mon 24th

Tue 25th
10am AFFS Cymru
2pm Service children
voice

Wed 26th

Thu 27th
2pm Armed Forces
Friendly Schools
Cymru

Fri 28th



See further details,
including the full
timetable and joining
instructions here

SSCE Cymru drop-in sessions

NEW

JULY schedule

Mon 1st 2pm Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	Tue 2nd	Wed 3rd 10am Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	Thu 4th 10am SCiP Alliance Thriving Lives Toolkit	Fri 5th
Mon 8th 2pm Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	Tue 9th 2pm Service children voice	Wed 10th 10am Local Authority Action Plan	Thu 11th 3pm Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	Fri 12th
Mon 15th 2pm Funding for supporting Service children	Tue 16th	Wed 17th 10am Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	Thu 18th	Fri 19th
Mon 22nd	Tue 23rd	Wed 24th	Thu 25th	Fri 26th
Mon 29th	Tue 30th	Wed 31st 2pm Local Authority Action Plan	i See the further details, including the full timetable and joining instructions here	

Funding...

Supporting Service Children in Education in Wales Fund (SSCE-WF)

In 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. Full details will be available in September 2024.



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Lywodraeth Cymru
Funded by
Welsh Government

£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.



See details of the
2023/24 funding
process and guidance
documents here

2024
/25

SSCE Cymru case management support

Case management is available to schools that have an individual Service child or a very small number of Service children with a specific need related to the impact of their Armed Forces lifestyle.

See further
information
here

SSCE Cymru funding advice document

This 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 as well as a list of funding ideas and suggestions.

Available
here