

A message from our President - Gavin Ashcroft

Words cannot express my pride at being elected as President of the Urdd 2005-2006. I never thought the little boy from Rhydyfelin would one day be the President of this organisation!

This year has been an eye opener for me. As a keen eisteddfodwr over the years, it is easy to forgive someone for not seeing beyond the maes and the pavilion. Indeed, I was amazed during the year by all the outstanding work that this special organisation carries out, be it humanitarian or patriotic, and for that I have great respect for it. As President, I have many fond memories. Indeed, the Denbighshire Eisteddfod of 2006 and its magnificent location will stay in my mind and heart for ever.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Urdd for this opportunity, and I would also like to give thanks on behalf of the children and young people of Wales who benefit daily from the untiring commitment of the organisation and its friends. To the future!

Interestina Statistics

- Wales' main youth movement
- Membership of 50,334 and an increase of 10% in the 16-25 age group this year
- * 1 of every 3 Welsh speakers aged between 8-18 are members
- * 25% of all children aged 10 in Wales are members
- Wales' foremost sports provider 250,000 sports sessions a year and 60 referees working in the National Rugby Festival
- * 94,000 Welsh language magazines sold annually
- ¥ 180 members of staff and an annual financial turnover of £6 million
- 10,000 volunteers in 950 branches
- We over 930,000 visits to our website

Urdd Gobaith Cymru Officers 2006

President: Gavin Ashcroft

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Andrea Parry, Carol Davies

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Secretary: Andrea Parry



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

It is a great pleasure to submit this review. In all of our activities, our main aim is to give the children and young people of Wales the opportunity to enjoy life through the medium of Welsh, developing confidence and respect for each other.

It is fantastic to look back at the Urdd's successes over the past twelve months, including holding the eisteddfod in a magnificent location in Denbighshire, developing facilities including a high ropes course at Glan-llyn, increasing the range and quality of the community activities we offer, and continuing our tradition of enabling the Urdd's members to experience humanitarian work overseas, including forging new links with Romania.

Without doubt, one of the highlights of our foreign adventures last year was winning the under-19 seven-a-side rugby tournament in Dubai – quite an achievement for the enthusiastic team, and a sign of our development as providers of sporting opportunities and training. Our advances in the field of sport, and the further development of our arts provision, demonstrate that we are an organisation that makes an important contribution to the cultural life of Wales.

In submitting the review, it is my privilege to thank the Urdd volunteers and staff throughout Wales, who have ensured that the work we do is exciting and can enrich the lives of children and young people who value the Welsh language. Long may it – and the Urdd – continue to thrive.

Efa Gruffudd Jones

Chief Executive



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It is hard to believe that another year has flown by since submitting the last annual review. It is a sign of old age (so they say) when time seems to pass you by more quickly than before! The Urdd, like all of us, is getting older, but it is certainly not getting old. This report shows that Urdd Gobaith Cymru is as young and fresh as ever, attracting more and more children and young people to the various activities. Certainly, one of the big secrets of the Urdd's success over the years is listening to the members and working with them in order to ensure that what we provide is relevant to their lives. It is good to hear about the new adrannau (junior youth clubs) and aelwydydd (senior youth clubs) and the youth forums that meet in a number of regions, that are not only important with regard to the organisation's activities, but also with regard to the development of members and ensuring future leaders.

Since it is now autumn, it is good to have the opportunity to look back at the successful eisteddfod in Denbighshire, and remember not only the hot weather but also the warmth of the welcome, the excellent arrangements and the amazing standard of the competitions. The sports activities organised throughout Wales attract more competitors than ever, and the residential centres still draw tens of thousands of visitors every year.

Once again this year members carried out humanitarian activities locally and also on the continent, but certainly one of the highlights of the year for me personally was being present at the Senedd as members of Urdd Gobaith Cymru presented the Peace and Goodwill Message on behalf of the youth of Wales, not only to Assembly members but also to the youth of the world

Urdd Gobaith Cymru as an organisation is very important, not only to the over 50,000 members but to the whole of Wales. It is an organisation that makes a difference and one that should be treasured. It is not growing old – but learning from experience, developing and maturing. May it continue to do so.

Rhiannon Lewis

Chairperson

Registered Charity Number: 524481 Company Number: 263310

Leisure, Educational and Arts Activities



- Services were provided to 50,334 members by our development officers, our assistant development officers and our sports officers in over 950 adrannau and aelwydydd (Junior and Senior Urdd Clubs).
- ★ There was an increase in our provision for the 12-15 age group, and new community adrannau were established in twelve regions.
- The Bendigeidfran exchange programme proved popular amongst Urdd and Ogras members with more than a hundred young people benefiting from training and opportunities to socialise in Wales and Ireland.
- Three Urddaholics trips to Poland and Romania to support and assist disadvantaged children were all successful.

- With funding from Children in Need we continued to support young people who are in danger of being excluded from schools in Gwynedd and Anglesey by offering a programme of outdoor activities and opportunities to gain qualifications.
- The Peace and Goodwill Message was composed and presented this year by pupils of Ysgol Maes Garmon, Mold, and they had the opportunity to present it to the First Minister in the Senedd.
- Over a hundred of our members performed in the gallery of the Assembly on the opening day of the Senedd in Cardiff Bay on St David's Day.

- Five of our Urddaholics went on a special trip to Auschwitz. In January they prepared and performed a piece in the grand Remembrance concert held in the Wales Millennium Centre in front of leaders from Britain and beyond.
- Over 1,000 members went on residential trips in Wales and abroad during the year.
- Forty five Urddaholics succeeded in completing the Millennium Volunteers scheme by completing over a hundred hours of voluntary work in the community.
- Over 165 leisure activities for young people were held during the summer holidays.
- We collaborated with many other bodies such as the Welsh Language Board, Mentrau laith (Welsh Language Initiatives), BBC Cymru and S4C.







- Regional sports competitions and Sport Festivals were held in Cardiff, Aberystwyth, Bangor and Llanelli.
- 136 teams competed in the National Secondary Rugby Festival in Llanelli, and 121 teams competed in the National Netball Festival in Cardiff.
- The Urdd's rugby team succeeded in winning the I.R.B.'s International Youth Sevens Tournament in Dubai.
- For the first time the Urdd's
 National Swimming Gala was held
 in the Olympic Pool in Swansea. It
 was attended by an audience of
 1,400 and 986 competitors
- For the first time, the Urdd's
 National Aquathlon competition
 was held in Aberystwyth, with 400
 athletes taking part.
- Over 100 new sports leaders were trained during the year.

- The golf scheme which coaches young people in the Llanelli, Aman Valley and Gwendraeth Valley area to take part in golf sessions as well as developing new coaches, won the prestigious Critchley Award from the British Golf Foundation for the organisation's contribution to developing golf as a sport for children and young people.
- Six sports courses were held at the Urdd residential centres.
- ** Twenty four new clubs have been established to provide sports coaching to volunteers.
- An exhibition and discussion session was held with Lord Sebastian Coe regarding the organisation's role in the activities leading up to and during the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games.

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RESIDENTIAL CENTRES



Gwersyll yr Urdd Llangrannog



Canolfan yr Urdd **Pentre Ifan**



Gwersyll yr Urdd **Glan-llyn**



Gwersyll yr Urdd **Caerdydd**

CMERSYLL YR UROD LLANGRANNOG

- In another successful year 51,159 have stayed in the centre for a day.
- Investors in People and Green
 Dragon Level 2 standards were
 achieved once again.
- The centre continues to play an important part in the economy of the area, contributing nearly £2.5 million to the local economy and employing 94 members of staff.
- ★ 30% of visitors to the centre who are introduced to an activity here in Llangrannog continue with that activity after returning home.
- Community groups make extensive use of the Leisure Centre.
- ★ In October 2005 a popular exhibition was held in the Heritage Centre on the work and life of T.Llew Jones, to celebrate the famous author's 90th birthday.
- We look forward to celebrating the centre's 75th anniversary next year.



- Pentre Ifan, in a magical corner of Pembrokeshire, is a popular venue for weddings.
- Pentre Ifan is a popular choice with local societies as a meeting place.
- It is an ideal centre for small groups, and many youth organisations make use of the facilities.

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CWERSYLL YR URDD **CAERDYDD**

- It was another busy year, and the most successful year ever with regard to the centre's income and surplus for the organisation.
- The new activity on the lake, the sitons, have been successful with visitors.
- * A new pontoon has made life easier down by Llyn Tegid as well as creating a new and convenient entrance for the less abled. The centre had good publicity when the new pontoon had to be transported to Glan-llyn, a voyage of over four miles the length of Llyn Tegid all the way from Y Bala.
- The High Ropes Course has opened in the woods and is very popular with visitors, leaders and staff! It is also open to the public.

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- Over 7,000 have stayed in the centre during the past year, and over 10,000 have participated in activities in the centre. There was an increase of 40% in the number of children and voung people who attended the centre in the first six months of 2006 compared to the first six months of 2005.
- * Amongst the countless visitors who have enjoyed a visit to the centre over the last year are Lord Sebastian Coe, the Goldie Lookin' Chain, the Super Furry Animals, applicants for the Bryn Terfel Scholarship, visitors from France, Ireland, Italy, Russia, Cuba, India, Germany, Poland and Doctor Who and the Cybermen!
- The centre holds weekly performing clubs for Urdd members of all ages, and the clubs have begun performing in public. There are also regular opportunities to see Urdd performers showing their talents on the Glanfa stage in the foyer of the Wales Millennium Centre.
- * Establishing the centre has given thousands of young Welsh people the opportunity to visit national treasures such as the Millennium Stadium, the new Senedd, St Fagans and Big Pit Museums and all the attractions of south east Wales.

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- A unique and successful eisteddfod was held in the Wales Millennium Centre in 2005, which laid solid foundations for returning there in 2009.
- This year an excellent eisteddfod was held in Denbighshire, on the fields of Maes Llan Farm, Ysgol Brynhyfryd and Whitegates, with the hills of Clwyd and Moel Famau as a magnificent backdrop.
- The competitions were livelier than ever and were staged in a new and improved pavilion. We returned to our roots in every sense, because the first ever Urdd National Eisteddfod was held in Denbighshire seventy seven years ago.
- ✓ In the evening, from the first note of the secondary schools show, Plas Du, on the Saturday, to the end of the competitions a week later, a feast of performance and competition was provided by the children and young people of Denbighshire and Urdd members throughout Wales.

- There was great enthusiasm across the maes, with a host of events, activities and performances adding to the happy atmosphere.
- 40,000 Urdd members competed in the Local and County Eisteddfodau, with 15,000 of them reaching the Urdd National Eisteddfod.
- 100,000 visitors flocked from all over Wales and beyond to enjoy the myriad attractions of the festival.
- The solid foundations of last year were built upon by holding more master classes for the eight competitors for the Bryn Terfel Urdd Gobaith Cymru Scholarship.
- We look forward to visiting Carmarthenshire in 2007, to an idyllic maes at the United Counties Showground at Nant y Ci on the outskirts of Carmarthen. A warm welcome and a cultural feast awaits you.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND MAGAZINES

- ¥ 50,334 children and young people joined the Urdd this year, 3,113 of them Urddaholics.
- The Urdd stalls at the Eisteddfodau were full of vivacity with Mistar Urdd's birthday celebrations at the Denbighshire Eisteddfod a colourful highlight.
- For four lively days at the Royal Welsh Show the organisation's presence was prominent in the show's popular sports corner.
- Y Over 930,000 people visited the Urdd's website.
- The organisation's visual image was developed further by introducing new banners, new logos for the residential centres, new sports posters and a new suit for Mistar Urdd.

- We succeeded in ensuring widespread attention in the Welsh press and media, with the success of the Urdd rugby team in Dubai providing an opportunity to emphasise that the organisation's sport provision is going from strength to strength, and the eisteddfod attracted widespread interest as usual. A weekly column in Y Cymro draws attention to the Urdd's various activities.
- The booklet Urdd Gobaith Cymru and the National Curriculum was published and widely distributed throughout the organisation and the education world.
- Ten issues each were published of Cip, Bore Da and iaw!, and the magazines are read by 28,000 children and young people throughout Wales every month.

E-mail workshops were arranged with Mererid Hopwood, Wales' Children's Poet Laureate, and it was announced that Gwyneth Glyn will be Wales' Children's Poet Laureate in 2006-2007.

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FUNDING

Urdd Gobaith Cymru proactively seeks financial support from a variety of sources to support its work. Without this support we would be unable to offer the range of experiences that are described in the review.





Funding Sources

The following grants were offered:

Welsh Assembly Government (youth grant) Welsh Books Council	£70,275 £24,500
Sports Council for Wales	£36,412
Arts Council of Wales (2005 Eisteddfod)	£48,060
City and County of Cardiff Council	
(2005 Eisteddfod)	£210,000
WEFO Interreg IIIA	£52,482
Snowdonia National Park Authority	£22,674
Llangrappog and Glap-llyn grapts	

Llangrannog and Glan-Ilyn grants

New Opportunities Fund	£110,000
Objective 1 EAGGF	£74,445
Lottery Heritage Fund	£43,160
Welsh Development Agency	£20,000

Sponsors

We are grateful to the sponsors who supported the Urdd Eisteddfod. £146,470 was given in sponsorship for the Urdd National Eisteddfod 2006 by the following:

Denbighshire County Council, The National Assembly for Wales, The Arts Council of Wales, The Welsh Language Board, Visit Wales, HSBC, First Hydro, The Countryside Council for Wales, British Nuclear, UCAC, The Royal Mail, The University of Wales Aberystwyth, Castle Cement, The Environment Agency, Jones Brothers, Co-operative, Trefor Jones (Ruthin), Ifor Williams Trailers Ltd, Tesco, N Power, Tegni

The Royal Mail sponsored the letter writing competition in the Cip magazine this year.

Trusts BBC Children in Need (over three years James Pantyfedwen Trust	£2,500
Significant Gifts From a 'Friend from Merseyside' In memory of William Edward Roberts, Ffestiniog	£51,282 £2,167
Main Bequests Howel Vaughan Lewis (estimate) John Hughes, Llanuwchllyn Eifion Samuel George, Cross Hands (part) Kenneth Elias, Aberdare (part) Robert Owen Roberts, Llanelwedd Rita D Cooksley, Llandudno	£660,000 £10,000 £6,270 £5,500 £3,000 £2,000
Local Authorities Powys Ceredigion Carmarthenshire Pembrokeshire Rhondda Cynon Taff Vale of Glamorgan Caerphilly Anglesey Gwynedd Conwy Wrexham	£7,516 £6,000 £15,000 £7,500 £5,000 £1,500 £10,000 £17,400 £32,930 £17,050 £4,250
Denbighshire County Council – 2006 Eisteddfod Various – 2006 Eisteddfod	£300,000 £11,818

We are constantly looking for new sponsors, who can support us through practical or financial assistance. The benefits we can offer include coverage at the Urdd Gobaith Cymru National Eisteddfod and branding on various materials.

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AUDITORS' STATEMENT TO THE URDD GOBAITH CYMRU DIRECTORATE We have examined the financial summary on this page.

Appropriate Responsibilities for directors and auditors You, the directors, are responsible for preparing the financial summary. We have agreed to express to you our opinion on the consistency of the financial summary with the full statutory accounts, which were signed on 6 October 2006.

The Basis of our Opinion

We have done the work which we consider appropriate to establish whether the financial summary is consistent with the financial statements when these were prepared from them.

Our Opinion

In our opinion the financial summary is consistent with the full financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2006.

Patterson Jones & Evans

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Registered Auditors, Lampeter.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The accounts above are a summary of information abstracted from the full financial statements.

The full financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 6 October 2006 and they have been sent to Companies House and the Charities Commission. The accounts were audited by Patterson, Jones & Evans and were given an unconditional report.

It is possible that the financial summary does not provide sufficient information to give a full understanding of the charity's financial affairs. For further information, therefore the full statutory accounts, the Auditors' report on those accounts and the Trustees Annual Report need to be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained from the company.

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Signed on Behalf of the Board of Directors

THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2005/6

This year's accounts reflect a period of increased level of expenditure (from $\pounds 5.69$ m to $\pounds 5.96$ m). The expenditure now reflects a full year's performance at the Urdd Centre in Cardiff, which partly explains the significant increase in income generated by our three main residential centres, a trend that appears to be continuing in 2006/7.

We have also spent over £0.4m in renewing resources and upgrading assets. We will be paying particular notice in the coming months to ensure that we have sufficient reserves to meet the challenges of maintaining our assets. The pioneering eisteddfod held at the Wales Millenium Centre in 2005 successfully met its staging costs and we are grateful to the City and County of Cardiff Council for their financial assistance in achieving this satisfactory result.

We are indebted to our partners and supporters who have showed their support in increasing their grants and financial support, which has proved invaluable during a period of increased expenditure. As regards normal trading activities, and as forecasted, the Urdd made a loss of just over £0.1m. However the accounts reflect quite a different result, mainly due to three extraordinary factors. We received an honourable sum from the sale of our prior offices at Conway Road, Cardiff (£0.95m), although a share of the proceeds are earmarked toward the cost of our tenancy at the Wales Millenium Centre. Secondly we witnessed an increase in our legacy income (£94K to £0.68m) due to the extraordinary generosity of the late Howel V Lewis, and thirdly the organisation also benefitted from a £0.28m increase in the value of its investments. We are already considering how best to utilise these sums, and a percentage of these sums has already been earmarked to ensure improvements or to lessen our liabilities.

The financial performance of 2005/6 was part of a longer term strategy to increase income and to keep expenditure under control. Although we will witness an increase in activities in the future we are confident that we can meet these committments whilst continuing to maintain a strong control over the organisation's financial resources. In fact we are forecasting a small surplus in 2006/7, which will be of help to offset the losses of recent years.

Rheon Tomos

Treasurer

URDD GOBAITH CYMRU COMPA	NY LIMITED	
Balance Sheet 31 March 2006	2006	2005
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	_	_
Tangible Assets	7,352,043	9,536,954
Investments	1,493,507	1,217,007
	8,845,550	10,753,961
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock	36,007	54,417
Debtors	942,555	361,116
Cash at bank and in hand	957,915	219,929
	1,936,477	635,462
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within a year	(1 922 534)	(1,882,584)
Net current liabilities	13,943	(1,247,122)
Total assets less current liabilities	8,859,493	9,506,839
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due		
after a year	(1,493,857)	(1,714,334)
	7,365,636	7,792,505
RESERVES		
Restricted funds	2,210,458	4,661,952
Income and expenditure	4,233,296	2,493,961
Investment revaluation reserve	722,195	465,912
Endowment funds	199,687	170,680
TOTAL FUNDS	7,365,636	7,792,505
INCOME		
Gwersyll yr Urdd Llangrannog a	and Pentre Ifan	1,717,497
2) Gwersyll yr Urdd Glan-llyn		989,879
3) Gwersyll yr Urdd Caerdydd		366,234
4) Investments income		46,920
5) 2005 Eisteddfod (including relevant grants)		1,127,039
6) Magazines	<u> </u>	69,629
7) Membership	272,685	
8) Gifts and bequests	834,698	
9) Other	190,129	
10) Sponsorship	19,100	
11) Grants (including the Welsh Language Board)		920,715
12) Grants towards capital expenditure		248,278
13) Profit on disposal of assets		948,772
Total Income for 2005/2006		7,751,575

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1)	Gwersyll yr Urdd Llangrannog and Pentre Ifan	1,647,175
2)	Gwersyll yr Urdd Glan-llyn	889,828
3)	Gwersyll yr Urdd Caerdydd	531,300
4)	Regional activity network development	1,322,670
5)	Eisteddfod 2005	1,225,259
6)	Magazines	115,852
7)	Governance costs	92,819
8)	Fundraising and publicity costs	44,824
9)	Depreciation	97,638

Total Expenditure for 2005/2006:

5,967,365

Support costs are distributed over the charitable activities pro rata to income received.

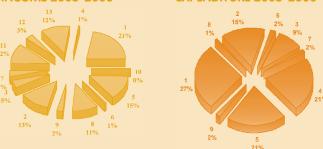
Outcome for the year - Urdd Gobaith Cymru

The total income includes £7,252,770 of unrestricted funds, £489,649 of restricted funds and £9,156 of endowments funds. The net increase for the year after transfers between reserves is £233,953 including a net increase of £1,734,199 on unrestricted funds, net increase of £48,505 on restricted funds and a net deficit of £1,506 on endowment funds.

	2006	2005
	£	£
In/ (out) net flow of resources		
for the year	1,784,210	(41,427)
Loss on sale of investments	5,136	(3,118)
	1,789,346	(44,545)
Reduction / increase on revaluation		
of investments – unrealised	283,785	173,962
Impairment on fixed assets	(2,500,000)	
Increase net in reserves	(426,869)	129,417
Reserves on 1 April 2005	7,792,505	7,663,088
Reserves on 31 March 2006	7,365,636	7,792,505

INCOME 2005-2006

EXPENDITURE 2005-2006



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