<u>Minister sees work to promote the</u> <u>Welsh Language</u>

Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning, Eluned Morgan, today visited Canolfan Soar in Merthyr Tydfil to see the work being done by Menter Iaith Merthyr at the centre to promote the Welsh Language.

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Built in an old chapel, and part funded by the Welsh Government, the centre includes a theatre and space for activities. It provides opportunities for local people to learn the language and to socialise and take part in cultural activities through the medium of Welsh.

The centre is also home to the Urdd and Mudiad Meithrin in the area who provide opportunities for young people to learn, play and socialise in Welsh.

Eluned Morgan said:

"I have been very impressed with what I have seen at Canolfan Soar today. Menter Iaith Merthyr, Yr Urdd and Mudiad Meithrin are providing wide ranging opportunities for people of all ages to use, practice and enjoy the language at grass roots level.

"Increasing the use of the Welsh Language in daily life is vital if we are to reach our ambitious target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050. Centres like Canolfan Soar play a key role in achieving this, particularly in areas like Merthyr that are predominantly English speaking."

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