<u>Over £150,000 awarded to projects</u> <u>celebrating women</u>

To celebrate the centenary of the first votes for women, over £150,000 of funding has been awarded to innovative projects that celebrate women in Wales, educate and support participation in public life.

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The twelve successful projects include:

- 4thecommunity in Rhyl will receive £14,146 to deliver a community arts project called A VOTE IS A VOICE with women from disadvantaged and under-represented groups, including the production of a short play on an emancipation theme
- Women Connect First will receive £19,975 to work with black and minority ethnic women in Cardiff, Rhondda Cynon Taff and the Vale of Glamorgan to create innovative create innovative and practical solutions to increase their representation in public life
- Plant Dewi in Carmarthenshire will receive £11,433 to provide a programme of activities, including democracy workshops, a memory book and sessions on women's suffrage.

Leader of the House Julie James said:

"We have funded projects across Wales that celebrate and increase people's understanding of the women's suffrage movement, projects that help to improve people's understanding of democracy in the UK, encourage and inspire people, especially women to participate in public life, and involve women from under-represented groups.

"There are so many inspirational women who have shaped our history, and so many inspirational women out there today shaping our future. As we celebrate a hundred years since the first women in Wales got the vote, this project will celebrate and promote the role of women in our public life."

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