

Case Study – Mynediad 2, Camau training programme

Overview of the work

This case study demonstrates the impact of Camau Welsh language training, having completed Mynediad 2 training and the support which PACEY Cymru has provided to members accessing the courses.

What is the background to this work?

The [Camau](#) training programme, devised by the National Centre for Learning Welsh supports practitioners in the childcare and play sector to develop and use more of the Welsh language with children in order to give them a good start on their journey towards becoming fluent Welsh speakers.

PACEY Cymru have been working with The National Centre for Learning Welsh and [Cwlwm](#) partners to provide the sector with tailor made Welsh language training. The Camau scheme is a two part Online Self Study course at Entry level and has been made available to the childcare and play sector and is fully funded with thanks to Welsh Government funding. The first named Mynediad 1 (Entry 1) and second part named Mynediad 2 (Entry 2). Each course relates to 30 hours of learning.

Of those learners completing Mynediad 1 with PACEY, 26 learners enrolled onto Mynediad 2 training, 8 of which have now completed both courses and are waiting to access further training. There are 7 still progressing through and 11 non-starters.

The majority of PACEY learners who've completed Mynediad 1 have continued their learning by accessing Mynediad 2.

28 expressions of interest received by PACEY Cymru with 93% proceeding to access the training with 31% completing and 27% working towards completion. The eight learners who have completed both courses are waiting to access further training.

Testimonial of a Camau learner– Ruth Coakley, registered childminder, Caerphilly

Ruth has been a registered childminder for two years in Caerphilly. She currently cares for eleven children ranging in ages of 0-12 years, however cares for a maximum of six children on a day to day basis. Ruth works with an assistant who is looking to become a registered childminder in her own right in the near future.

Ruth regularly attends workshops, webinars and support from PACEY Cymru all of which have helped her to upskill and grow in her childminding role. Ruth learnt of the Camau training through attending PACEY Cymru's monthly Welsh language support webinars, and within twelve months has completed the first two training courses offered by the National centre for learning Welsh, Mynediad 1 and 2 (Entry 1 and 2).

Ruth explained that her reason for taking up the Camau training was to improve her Welsh language skills and build on what she'd previously learnt in school. She wanted to implement the use of more Welsh language in her setting to support the increasing number of children that she cares for who access Welsh medium education.

Impact of Camau training

Ruth shared with PACEY Cymru that having completed both Mynediad 1 and 2 training she now feels more confident in using her Welsh skills and has progressed to incidental questioning, singing, rhymes and reading books through the medium of Welsh to enhance the learning opportunities for the children in her care.

Ruth explained that she is much more aware of the need to plan Welsh language opportunities and that she is more mindful about offering Welsh language resources as a result of the training and support. An example of this was during a recent activity where the children had chosen the story of 'Y tri mochyn bach' (The three little pigs). Ruth read the story in Welsh, she offered puppets and items to replay the story and included Welsh vocabulary in the play. She also printed out key Welsh words so that the children could make connections with written Welsh as well as the spoken words.

Ruth works closely with the parents and families of the children in her care and has shared with them that she has been accessing Welsh language training. To help reinforce the learning and experiences for the children Ruth has begun to share story sacks on a weekly basis, these include a Welsh and English book as well as activity ideas. She also shares with parent's copies of the pdf documents and resources including the [Welsh Culture pack](#) developed and produced by PACEY Cymru. Ruth tells us that the families have welcomed the story sacks and resources and that the children look forward to taking them home. Giving access to Welsh books to those accessing Welsh medium education is a valued opportunity and has been welcomed by parents and children.

Ruth would highly recommend taking up the Camau training. Ruth shared that: *"the course is invaluable, especially if you just want to learn incidental Welsh to incorporate in your setting. I think it's something that you can do quite easily and access at a time that suits you. I did a lot of my learning during children's nap times or as I waited for children to arrive, knowing that you can pick it up on where you last left off."*

Ruth explained that PACEY Cymru's support during the Camau training had been very much valued: *"PACEY have always been very supportive with any training I've accessed and continue to do so"*.

Ruth's long term goal is to be a bilingual setting and is very keen to continue her learning with Camau and is very much looking forward to hearing more about Mynediad 3 training as this course is rolled out later in the spring.

Further information

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