



Children in Wales Plant yng Nghymru

Annual Report & Financial Summary

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Introduction

Children in Wales is the national umbrella organisation for voluntary, statutory and professional organisations and individuals who work with children and young people in Wales. Our aim is to promote the interests of these groups and take action to meet their needs. Through this activity, we:

- Contribute to making implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child a reality in Wales
- Fight for sustainable quality services and fair shares for all children and young people
- Ensure special attention and treatment for children in need and those who are marginalised
- Ensure children and young people have a voice

Children in Wales is a membership organisation and provides a range of services designed to keep members informed of new developments and to facilitate joint responses. We are a registered Charity and an independent, non-governmental organisation.

Children in Wales works to meet the following objectives:

Objective: support and develop strong networks

Objective: produce and disseminate information

Objective: represent and consult members

Objective: policy and practice development and research

Objective: raise public, political and professional awareness

Objective: support new and existing initiatives

This report explains how these objectives have been achieved during 2006/07.

The United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

This Convention is one of the most widely accepted human rights agreements adopted by the United Nations. It sets out the rights that should be enjoyed by all children throughout the world. The Convention recognises the child as an individual and acknowledges that the child's needs change as they mature. Almost every country in the world has signed up to the Convention and the UK ratified the same in 1991.

The Convention is a series of rights outlined in "Articles." The four guiding principles are:

- Article 2 – which ensures that the Convention applies to all children without discrimination of any kind
- Article 3 – which ensures that organisations concerned with children should work for what is in their best interests
- Article 6 – is concerned with a child's right to life
- Article 12 – is concerned with a child's right to express their views on matters affecting them

Following representation from Children in Wales and our members, the Welsh Assembly Government formally adopted the Convention as a foundation of principles for dealings with children in 2004. This means that all of the Welsh Assembly Government's work in relation to children must follow these principles.

A selection of activities organised during 2006/07

April 2006

Training - An Introduction to Working with Unaccompanied Minors
Seminar - Families and the State: Two way support and responsibilities

May 2006

Training - Working with Parents for Parent Group Leaders
Conference - Safeguarding Children

June 2006

Research - Bringing Up Children without Physical Punishment, week of events at Llansawel, Neath Port Talbot
Consultation Event - with Members, focusing on Learning Country 2

July 2006

Residential Event - Young Disabled Persons' Network, Glan Llyn, North Wales
Seminar - Cultural Competence in Family Support

August 2006

Seminar - Lecture at the National Eisteddfod for Wales, Flintshire

September 2006

Conference - Children in Wales Annual General Meeting and Annual Conference
Conference - Flying Start

October 2006

Conference - "Parents and Schools – Making The Connection"
Residential Event - Young Carers residential meeting and meeting with Carers Champion

November 2006

Seminars - Parent Participation, Family Support and Supporting BME Parents
Training - Introduction to Children's Rights and Working with Fathers

December 2006

Meeting - All Party Parliamentary Group for Wales

January 2007

Training - The Adoption & Children Act 2002 - Special Guardianship

February 2007

Seminar - "Attachment and the Perils of Parenting"
Briefing Event - 'Sdim Curo Plant!/Children are Unbeatable! to Assembly Members at The Senedd, Cardiff Bay
Seminars – at the political party conferences

March 2007

Seminars - Child Safe Wales
Launch of 'Disabled Children Matter Wales' campaign

Developing and Supporting Strong Networks

Children in Wales facilitated a broad range of professional networks that held regular meetings during 2006/07. Our networks bring members together to discuss policy and practice issues, to inform them of new developments, to develop shared consultation responses and to share good practice.

Accompanied and Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers Network is made up of a range of professionals, including policy makers from the Welsh Assembly Government and its aims are to:

- Allow workers in this field to network and share good practice
- Contribute to the development of policy in this area
- Share practice dilemmas and to support each other in problem-solving
- Update knowledge especially as it relates to the ever-changing legal framework

All Wales Children and Young People's Advocacy Providers Network contributes and supports the development of effective advocacy in Wales. The aims of the network are to:

- To promote partnership work and developmental strategies between organisations
- To facilitate problem solving and resolve potential conflicts of interest
- To promote the UNCRC and Children's Rights
- To link this group to broader issues of children and young people's participation in Wales

Children's Rights Practice Exchange Groups in North and South Wales have held regular meetings in north and south Wales since September 1997. The meetings enable practitioners to exchange expertise and information. An e-briefing service for these groups continues to be utilised by way of circulating information and enabling communication between quarterly events.

'Sdim Curo Plant!/Children are Unbeatable! Children in Wales co-ordinates this campaign in Wales and its aims are to:

- Change the law so that children have the same protection as adults
- Run a public education campaign about why 'smacking' children is not acceptable
- Provide parents with information and practical advice and support about alternatives to 'smacking' and using a positive approach to bringing up children

The Disabled Children Policy Group brings together those with a policy brief on disability to work together to highlight issues and concerns about services to disabled children. The group links closely to Children in Wales' Forum on Issues for Disabled Children and Young Disabled Persons' Network to reflect the views of forum members and to ensure young people's voices are included.

The Forum on Issues for Disabled Children is a multi-agency group that shares information and good practice, and lobbies for issues relating to disabled children and young people. The Forum holds a programme of meetings for an all-Wales group and regional ones in the north, southwest and south east of Wales.

The Early Years and Childcare Advisory Group concentrates specifically on the needs of the under eights and their families, and works with a wide range of organisations from all sectors. The group aims to raise public awareness of the needs and entitlement of all young children and their families and to influence public policy and bring about change.

End Child Poverty Network Cymru is a coalition of organisations concerned with child poverty. A Steering Group consists of representatives from Children in Wales, Barnardo's Cymru, Save the Children Cymru, NCH Cymru, NSPCC Cymru, ChildLine Cymru/Wales, Communities that Care, Child Poverty Action Group, National Public Health Service for Wales, Fairbridge Cymru, Citizens Advice Cymru, the Frank Buttle Trust, Shelter Cymru and the Office of the Children's Commissioner for Wales. Children in Wales chairs the Network and hosts its Co-ordinator and website.

Fatherhood Wales Forum meets four times a year to exchange practice and provide an opportunity for members to respond to consultations, and to promote the importance of fathers in the lives of their children.

Fatherhood Wales Policy Group is a multi-agency network recognising the important role fathers play in raising their children. The Group works in partnership with Fathers Direct and has close links with the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Office of the Children's Commissioner for Wales. They concentrate on specific policy issues to set the agenda for work in Wales.

Fforwm Magu Plant/Parenting Forum is a multi-agency network of parenting organisations. The Forum promotes the sharing of good practice, dissemination of relevant information, training and quality standards, and communicates the views of parents, carers and children to policy makers in Wales. The Forum facilitates numerous workshop days, including some held in partnership with the Fatherhood Wales Forum.

Fforwm Magu Plant Steering Group meets quarterly to plan the schedule of events and activities. There is an active steering group which developed new terms of reference.

Looking After Health Exchange, hosted by Children in Wales, is a multi-agency group which aims to help guide policy across Wales to promote the health of children looked after. Children in Wales will continue to host this group even though the project has come to an end.

North Wales Voluntary Organisations Support Group meets quarterly and includes individuals employed by voluntary organisations who work with children, young people and their families. The group comes together in order to identify, share and promote good practice and provide mutual support.

The Sure Start Network has been supported by Children in Wales for a number of years and facilitates regular meetings of Sure Start Coordinators. During this year the Network has developed into a Flying Start/Sure Start Network to reflect the direction of Welsh Assembly Government policy and at members' request.

The Young Disabled Persons' Network is hosted by Children in Wales and developed from the Rights into Action, International Congress of Young Disabled People held in Swansea in July 2003. The Network brings groups of young disabled people together from across Wales to discuss issues relating to their rights.

Young Carers Workers' Network meets four times a year and is open to all those who work with young carers in Wales. The Network holds three one-day meetings to share issues, concerns and develop good practice, and also holds a two-day meeting and training event in September each year. The Network supports young carers who can submit their views to the Carers Strategy Review Panel.

New developments

During 2006/07, Children in Wales has worked in partnership to develop the following Networks:

Children and Young People's Participation in Cymru Network (CYPPiC) has been developed with the Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services (CWVYS). It affords representatives from Councils for Voluntary Services, who work to support the involvement of the third sector, the opportunity to improve knowledge, offer mutual support and understanding and discuss issues in order to enhance their work within Children and Young People's Partnerships. The Network also aims to provide a national perspective, an opportunity for joint lobbying and to promote the benefits of Wales-wide coordination.

Participation Workers' Network Wales is hosted by Children in Wales on behalf of the Children and Young People's Participation Consortium for Wales, a multi-agency strategic body building capacity for the development of participation in Wales. The Network supports workers and organisations interested in or actively promoting children and young people's participation.

Proposed Networks

Children in Wales has been involved in the development of a Network to bring together the Managers of Integrated Children's Centres in Wales, and also has been working with Swansea University and Trinity College Carmarthen to develop a Network to support men working in the childcare profession.

Producing and Disseminating Information

Children in Wales has produced a wide variety of information to help keep its members informed and up-to-date. Information aimed at policy makers, professionals and practitioners is disseminated in a variety of formats:

Children in Wales' website (www.childreninwales.org.uk) provides a range of information including:

- An *About Us, What we Do* and *Areas of Work* section which lists our achievements, forums, networks, campaigns, training courses, consultancy services and general information about our structure and contact details
- Policy information including the latest news, consultations, documents, legislation and proceedings impacting on children and young people in Wales
- An *In Your Area* section with information about services in each Local Authority area, such as Advocacy providers in Wales
- Information for parents on various projects, booklets to download and Children's Information Services
- A section specifically designed for our *Members* where they can access a range of members-only publications, including briefings, back copies of our magazine and our responses to a range of consultations
- A section on the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child* with each of the Articles and links to our work

The Children in Wales website also hosts other websites on behalf of the All Wales Family Group Conferencing Network, the End Child Poverty Network Cymru, the All Wales Child Protection Procedures Review Groups (AWCPPRG) and the Young Disabled Persons' Network.

Children in Wales' newsletter is published on a quarterly basis and contains information and news, our schedule of events, consultations and new member profiles. Articles during 2006/07 have included Flying Start, the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child, the UNCRC Monitoring Group in Wales, Children's Participation in the policy making process, Ending Physical Punishment, Anti Bullying Week and Safeguarding Vulnerable Children Review.

Quarterly newsletters are also produced by the 'Sdim Curo Plant!/Children are Unbeatable! Campaign, the End Child Poverty Network Cymru and the Young Disabled Persons' Network.

Briefing papers were produced by Children in Wales around topics including:

- Short breaks for disabled children
- The UNCRC
- The Economic Policy of the Welsh Assembly Government

- The Childcare Act
- The Cost of Education (in partnership with the End Child Poverty Network Cymru)

In addition, regular briefing papers have been written by the 'Sdim Curo Plant!/Children are Unbeatable! campaign and the End Child Poverty Network Cymru to inform their supporters of latest developments.

An **E-briefing service** is provided on a monthly basis by Children in Wales, informing members and subscribers of policy developments, consultations and news from the sector. The End Child Poverty Network Cymru, the Asylum Network and the All-Wales Family Group Conferencing networks also produce regular e-briefings to their members/supporters.

Conferences

Early Intervention Policy Conference brought a range of experts from organisations and service providers from across Wales and Europe to present on aspects of policy, research and practice related to early intervention. Speakers included Jane Davidson AM, Maarit Kuikka of the Central Union for Child Welfare, Finland, Dr Sinéad Hanafin of the Office of the Minister for Children in Ireland and Dr Mike Shooter, CBE - recent past President Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Flying Start Conference provided those delivering the Flying Start Programme in Wales with a broad understanding of current research, policy and practice and consequent issues in relation to young children, especially aged 0-3, and within the remit of the Welsh Assembly Government Flying Start initiative. Speakers included John Abraham, Head of Child & Families Programme Team, Welsh Assembly Government, Paula Evans, Policy & Parliamentary Officer, Children in Scotland, Dr Gina Higginbottom, Principal Research Fellow, Sheffield Hallam University and Professor Kathy Sylva, Professor of Educational Psychology, University of Oxford.

Safeguarding Children, hosted jointly with the Law Society, focused on safeguarding children and provided an opportunity to consider issues arising from the independent Safeguarding Vulnerable Children Review conducted in Wales. Speakers from a range of disciplines gave an overview of current developments across a range of policy and practice issues and legislation, including an input focused on combating sexual abuse in the cyber-era, and contributions from young people.

Parents and Schools – Making the Connection Conference, timed to coincide with National Parenting Week and Family Learning Week, explored parent/family relationships with schools, taking into account ethnicity, class and gender issues, included a presentation by Hawthorn Junior School, which won an award for Family Learning, and the launch of the results of a National Survey on parents' relationships with their children's schools. Speakers included Jane Davidson AM, Professor Gill Crozier, Head of Research, School of Education & Lifelong Learning, University of Sunderland and Celia Braun, Parental Involvement Co-ordinator, Learning & Teaching Scotland.

Seminars

Children in Wales facilitated a range of seminars during this year, covering areas such as parenting, asylum seekers and refugees, disability services and children's rights.

Training

Children in Wales has developed a range of training programmes around working with parents, working with fathers, children's rights and child protection. Further details of course content can be found on our website (www.childreninwales.org.uk)

Representation and Consultation

Members' Representation

Children in Wales represents its members on a range of working groups and at various meetings. During 2006/07 we were involved in over 40 Wales-wide meetings convened by the Welsh Assembly Government and other organisations. Some examples include:

- **Welsh Assembly Government groups**
 - Ministerial Advisory group
 - Carers Strategy Review Panel
 - Refugee Integration Forum
 - Safeguarding Review of Vulnerable Children
 - Anti-bullying Network
 - Parenting Action Plan

- **Voluntary Sector**
 - Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) Board of Management
 - Clybiau Plant Cymru Trustee Board
 - Care Coordination Steering Group
 - North Wales Voluntary Organisations Networks

- **Child Protection**
 - All Wales Area Child Protection Committee Procedures Sub-Group
 - North and South Wales Child Protection Forums

- **Youth Justice**
 - All Wales Youth Offending Strategy Implementation Group
 - Youth Justice Board Wales Advisory Group

- **Health**
 - Children & Adult Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Implementation Group
 - Health and Well-being Council

- **Children's Rights**
 - Participation Consortium
 - Funky Dragon Management Board
 - UNCRC Monitoring Group

Voluntary Sector Representation

Children in Wales' Chief Executive is the representative of the Children and Families Network on the Voluntary Sector Partnership Council (VSPC). We have ensured that this Network, and issues raised by members, have been represented at Voluntary Sector Ministerial meetings.

UK Representation

Children in Wales is involved with over 12 UK-wide groups, including:

National Children's Bureau (NCB) Board of Management

Family & Parenting Institute Board of Management
Council of Disabled Children, NCB
Early Childhood Forum
Fatherhood Forum UK
Children's Voluntary Sector Four Nations Forum
Children are Unbeatable! Alliance
All Party Parliamentary Group for Children in Westminster
All Party Parliamentary Group for Looked After Children
Campaign for Children's Rights Commissioners
UK Refugee Children's Forum
Child Poverty Action Group UK

We also work to represent our members at European and international events, including:

Eurochild AISBL

Children in Wales has worked with the umbrella bodies from a range of other countries in Europe through Eurochild AISBL. The Chief Executive of Children in Wales is the President and this Europe wide membership organisation is at the centre of the Social Inclusion work in the EU as the only organisation funded by the European Commission to deal with children. Their 2005 annual conference "The Position of Socially Excluded Children in the EU Policy process" in Brussels was attended by the Coordinator of the End Child Poverty Network Cymru based at Children in Wales, who presented the case of child poverty in Wales.

International Forum for Child Welfare (IFCW)

As Secretary of IFCW the Chief Executive of Children in Wales attended the annual General Assembly.

Full details of the work we do to represent our members are available on our website www.childreninwales.org.uk

Consultations

During 2006/07 Children in Wales worked alongside its members to produce responses to a number of consultation documents. Three events were held in Cardiff, Carmarthen and Bangor and as a result responses were submitted to:

- **Fulfilled Lives**
- **Supportive Communities A Strategy for Social Services over the next decade**
- **Learning Country 2**
- **Towards A Stable Life and a Brighter Future**

Children in Wales also developed responses to a range of consultations, with members from networks and forums. Examples of the work undertaken with networks includes responses to:

- **Approved Childcare in the Family Home** - developed with colleagues from the early years sector

- **Welsh Assembly Government Child Poverty Implementation Plan – Phase 1 Proposals** - developed by the End Child Poverty Network Cymru
- **Appetite for Life** - responded to by Fforwm Magu Plant and End Child Poverty Network Cymru
- **Gender Equality Duty (draft Code of Practice)** - developed by Fatherhood Wales
- **Home to School Transport** - developed by the Forum on Issues for Disabled People
- **Refugee Inclusion Strategy** - developed by the Refugee and Asylum Seekers' Network
- **Transport Strategy** - developed by the End Child Poverty Network Cymru

For copies of all consultation responses please visit our website (www.childreninwales.org.uk)

Policy, Practice Development and Research

In 2006/07 Children in Wales promoted policy and practice development in a number of ways including:

- Delivering a range of professional seminars in partnership with the British Association of Social Workers (BASW)
- Working with voluntary sector partners through the VSPC structure to promote good practice
- Delivering children's rights training and producing a Children's Rights pack to provide a framework for all future training events delivered by the staff team and Associates
- Development of the Participation Workers' Network on behalf of the Participation Consortium
- Development of the Children & Young People's Research Network

The following information highlights some of the key pieces of work undertaken this year:

Disability

- Development of the Transitions in Action Network, in conjunction with partners
- Training course developed and delivered to CSIW staff

Children's Rights

- Three chapters of the UNCRC Monitoring Report developed
- Research undertaken on the Participation of Young Children in Local Authorities
- 13 training courses, including Child Protection in Children's Rights and training around the Seven Core Aims for Swansea University

Ethnicity

- Joint research developed with CWVYS
- Training courses on Asylum issues commissioned by two Local Authorities

Child Protection

- Child protection consultancy services continues for the National Museum and Galleries for Wales and Welsh Arts Council
- The development of a piece of action research entitled "Help at Hand"

Poverty

- Joint event organised with Joseph Rowntree Foundation on obtaining families' views on the impact of child poverty in their lives
- Scoping meetings to develop a small-scale study of Rurality and Social Exclusion specifically for the community of Pen Llyn, north Wales

Parenting

- Activities focusing on parent participation including survey, seminars and presentations to other Networks
- Supporting the development of the National Occupational Standards for Work with Parents, and building links with City and Guilds and Lifelong Learning Wales

- Exploratory work to prepare for a piece of work looking at service provision for families in rural areas. There are four key aims to this piece of work:
 - To review existing literature on family life in rural Wales
 - To explore current agency activity on family/parenting support - what services are provided; what are the issues and concerns
 - To highlight the main barriers to delivering services to families in rural areas
 - To identify good practice examples of service delivery in rural areas

Report "Parents and Schools: Making the Connection. An exploration of the relationship between parents and schools in Wales": The report details findings from a quantitative survey conducted in 2006 by Children in Wales examining the issue of parental involvement in the education of their children. The need for the research derived from a growing recognition of the important role parents play in improving achievement and the quality of children's experience of school. The survey explores the level of involvement parents have at schools, and the current and preferred methods of communication and consultation. The survey also explores parent's views of school governance. Concomitant with this we asked school governors for their views on parent's involvement in the school. In addition, the report identifies, where applicable, possible recommendations.

Early Years

- Workshop developed and delivered at Merthyr Integrated Children's Centre.
- Development of Integrated Children's Centre network
- Discussions with Participation Consortium and Unit to develop a 0-10 sub group as part of Participation Consortium

Looked After Children

- Children in Wales produced the looked after section of UNCRC report.
- Production and submission to Welsh Assembly Government of good practice guidance for commissioners, service providers, and practitioners around promotion of the health of looked after children
- Development work began on producing handbook on improving the education of looked after children

Young Carers

- Developed bid for a piece of research work to look at effectiveness of young carers' resource packs that went into schools in 2005
- Developed model of young carers' participation in the Carers Strategy Review Panel

Fathers

- Discussions with Swansea University with a view to working in partnership to set up an All Wales Network for professionals, provisionally entitled "Men in Early Years Settings"
- Training courses around working with fathers developed and delivered

S'dim Curo Plant!/ Children are Unbeatable!

- Training events developed and delivered to campaign members
- Development of public education campaign materials

Raising Public and Professional Awareness

Children in Wales has worked tirelessly to raise public and professional awareness in 2006/07. A wide range of activities have been undertaken, and a selection of these is illustrated here.

Media work

Children in Wales' staff have given over 40 media interviews to television and radio, both local and national, and to a range of print media outlets.

Presentations

Children in Wales has given over 25 presentations outlining our work and specific aspects of concern, to a variety of groups including:

- Three presentations to University students on Early Years policy
- Three presentations to member organisations on child poverty
- Four presentations to professionals and policy makers as part of national conferences or seminars
- Five presentations to professional networks as part of regional events

Eisteddfod

Children in Wales hosted a stand at the National Eisteddfod in Swansea. We offered a range of activities for young children, while parents and carers were encouraged to participate in our Survey examining the issue of parental involvement in the education of their children. The Survey explored the level of involvement parents currently have at school and current and preferred methods of communication and consultation. It also explored parents' views of school governance.

Children in Wales also had a staff presence at the Urdd Eisteddfod in May 2006.

Presentations at Party Political Conferences

Children in Wales hosted fringe events at the political party conferences in Wales.

At the fringe events Children in Wales staff presented a range of issues and led a discussion to identify the pertinent issues to be included in the document "**A Wales Fit for Children and Young People**," which challenges political parties to address the overarching issues that our members believe require attention in order to improve the lives of children and young people living in Wales.

Joint conferences

Children in Wales held a number of seminars and conferences in conjunction with other organisations including:

- A conference organised with the Law Society around the Safeguarding Review. We facilitated a workshop on 'Children's Rights in Child Protection'
- A Flying Start conference arranged with support from the Welsh Assembly Government

Some other examples of the work we have undertaken in this area include:

- Children in Wales, working with Contact a Family, Learning Disability Wales and Mencap, hosted a policy seminar for members to explore the support for developing a campaign in Wales to raise awareness of the needs of disabled children and their families. Children in Wales will also be a key member on the management board of Disabled Children Matter Wales.
- Children in Wales facilitated a meeting between the Young Disabled Persons' Network and the Office of the Children's Commissioner for Wales as part of the network event in February 2007. The Acting Children's Commissioner, attended the meeting together with the Head of Communications. Each group attending the network had prepared a presentation to outline the issues that concerned them as a group. Topics that were raised included:
 - Concerns about education including bullying, transport and exclusions from school activities
 - Access to public transport
 - Employment and work experiences
- Children in Wales actively supported the work of Refugee Week in June 2006, especially in promoting policy issues that affect children and young people.
- Children in Wales was represented on an expert panel at the launch of a new asylum drama, produced by Theatre lola.
- Children in Wales, working with 'SCP/CAU!', developed and produced a booklet on alternatives to smacking, commissioned by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Supporting New and Existing Initiatives

At Children in Wales we are very keen to support the development of new ideas and projects, and we are also actively engaged in supporting and promoting good practice and working in partnership with our members.

The following gives some examples of the work we are currently engaged with.

Children in Wales's senior staff are Trustees of:

- Play Wales
- ABCD
- Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club
- Funky Dragon
- Eurochild
- WCVA
- NFPI Board of Management
- International Forum for Child Welfare

Children in Wales staff support the development of:

- Care Co-ordination Network
- Shared Care Cymru
- Contact a Family
- Neath Port Talbot Children's Rights Unit

Children in Wales has been working with members in a variety of ways, such as:

- Working with voluntary sector partners to monitor the impact of the children's NSF
- Developing a network focusing on Advocacy for Disabled Children
- Working with Parenting Network Coordinators in Cardiff and Caerphilly, and supporting their input into the Fforwm Magu Plant
- Contributing to a new training pack on Family Group Conferences, which was launched in October 2006
- Developed a series of four seminars on recent developments in Child Protection, in partnership with WCVA
- Development of a joint seminar with CWVYS on recent developments in Child Protection

Children in Wales has been supporting the following new developments:

- Working with the Young Carers Workers' Network to enable young carers from across Wales to feed their views directly to the Carers Strategy Review Panel and the Carers Champion. The work involved holding four regional events held during the summer holidays, to prepare for the all-Wales Network, followed by a two-day event for young carers to enable them to develop issues for the Carers Strategy Review Panel. Four young carers then attended the Review Panel meeting to raise their issues directly with the Carers Champion.

- The Fforwm Magu Plant hosted an event on Parent Participation, following the publication of Welsh Assembly guidance on parents' participation in planning.
- Children in Wales has been engaged in initial discussions with Swansea University and Trinity College Carmarthen, with a view to working in partnership to establish an all-Wales Network for professionals, provisionally entitled "Men in Early Years Settings".
- 'SCPI/CAU' has been working to develop a range of materials for inclusion in a Positive Parenting Toolkit to support those working in parenting settings.

Hosting Projects

The Young Disabled Persons' Network

Children in Wales hosts the Young Disabled Persons' Network which seeks to provide a structure whereby young disabled people can be supported to play a full and active part in the decision-making processes that affects their lives.

The Network aims to give young disabled people opportunities to:

- Meet and have fun
- Understand their rights
- Raise issues of concern in their everyday lives
- Have a voice in decision-making affecting themselves and their peers
- Build their capacity, by increasing their confidence and self esteem, to become effective participants in the decision making process

Network activity has included residential events in Bala in June and Pembroke in October and February. Steering Group meetings including young people were held in June, October and February.

Participation Workers' Network for Wales

The Participation Workers' Network for Wales (PWNW) is a new free service for workers and organisations that are promoting children and young people's participation, or who are interested in doing so in the future.

Network services include:

- An online database where members can find and network with other participation workers
- The opportunity for workers to share information on good practice in participation, and experiences and ideas for participation methods
- Bi-monthly e-briefings including news and consultations regarding participation
- The chance for members to showcase a participative approach, activity or event that they have been involved with

The PWNW is being hosted by Children in Wales on behalf of the Children and Young People's Participation Consortium for Wales, a multi-agency strategic body building capacity for the development of participation in Wales.

The Network Co-ordinator works closely with the Consortium and the Participation Unit, the delivery arm of the Consortium, based at Save the Children.



Child Safe Wales

Child Safe Wales was set up in 1993 and has been working in collaboration with CAPT, CAPIC and ROSPA in Wales. It now operates from within Children in Wales.

Child Safe Wales promotes:

- Prevention of injury in children
- Research on injury prevention
- Collection of data on injury
- Collaboration with other organisations in Wales and the UK

Child Safe Wales aims to:

- Work alongside the Welsh Assembly Government to promote child safety
- Develop a Steering Group for a Child Safety Action Plan for Wales
- Provide resources for practitioners in the field
- Involve children and young people
- Work with those promoting child safety across Wales

During March 2007 Child Safe Wales, in partnership with Children in Wales, organised a series of workshops in north, west and south-east Wales on Child Safety. The purpose of the workshops was to discuss the idea of having a Child Safety Action Plan for Wales, similar to that which was developed in Scotland and in 17 other European countries.

Professionals with a concern for child accident prevention were invited to join us to discuss the areas they felt should be prioritised in Wales. The key issues under discussions were:

- What are the key accidental injury issues?
- How accident prevention work could be better funded and organised
- Government and local policies that impact on the work
- How to reduce variations in death and injury between the poorest and the wealthiest children
- How to raise the profile of the subject up the policy agenda. Whose agenda?



Clinical Research Collaboration (CRC) Cymru is a new research and development infrastructure for Wales, funded by the Wales Office of Research and Development.

CRC Cymru's mission is to provide an internationally competitive research infrastructure for health and social care to improve the health and wealth of the people of Wales. It will achieve this by:

- Increasing the quality and quantity of research activity in Wales, especially large-scale multi-centre trials
- Improving the income generating powers of the research community from both commercial and non-commercial sources
- Allowing Wales to take advantage of opportunities offered by the UKCRC

Children in Wales successfully bid to host the Children and Young People's Research Network for Wales. The aims of the Network are to:

- Encourage and develop all aspects of research for the benefit of children and young people in Wales
- Provide advice and expertise in research work with children, young people and their families
- Link practitioners, policy makers, academics and service users
- Set the agenda for medium and long term strategic priorities
- Promote Wales in the UK, European and Global research communities

Recent developments within the Network have included:

Research Programme

The Research Network has a programme of current and proposed research projects that we believe are significant areas for Wales to develop.

Research Database

As part of the developments of the Children's Research Network, we are also developing a database of research that is already happening around Wales.

Governance

Trustee Board

The Trustee Board, which consists of up to 12 members, deals with the finance and governance of the organisation. Members are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and serve for a maximum of three years.

Members of the Trustee Board 2006/07 include:

Mike Shooter CBE, (Chair)
Jane Tremlett, Carmarthenshire County Council (Vice Chair)
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Professor Gareth Morgan, Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health in Wales
Jo Sibert OBE, Emeritus Professor of Child Health
Professor Nigel Thomas, University of Wales Swansea
Janet Williams, Child Protection Service, NPHS (Wales)

Policy Council

Children in Wales has a Policy Council which makes recommendations about children and young people's policy issues to the Trustee Board, but has no governance function. The Policy Council comprises of 10 pre-appointed members from key bodies, with a further 21 elected places from the membership, plus the Trustees who automatically become members.

The Policy Council functions include:

- Identifying issues, concerns and priorities which should be brought to the attention of and addressed by Children in Wales
- Advising on policies, priorities and work programmes in particular to be actively involved in the development and review of the Children in Wales strategic plan and work programme
- Receiving briefings and information from the Trustee Board and consider requests from the Trustee Board and/or Senior Managers to give informed comment on particular issues
- Commenting on matters under consideration by the Trustee Board
- Promoting the work of Children in Wales throughout different disciplines, sectors and areas in Wales
- Developing appropriate mechanisms for the effective input of children and young people to the work of the Trustee Board and Policy Council

Members of the Policy Council 2006/07 include:

Pierre Bernhard-Grout, WLGA
Darren Bird, Funky Dragon
Roger Bishop, Tros Gynnal
Pippa Boss, Shared Care Cymru
Sioned Bowen
Tim Brown

Raymond Ciborowski, Barnardo's Cymru
Diane Daniel, Newport City Council
Anne Eccles, National Public Health Service
Andrew Edwards, Dyfed Powys Police
Beverlea Frowen, WLGA
Mike Greenaway, Play Wales
Professor John Gregory, University of Wales College of Medicine
Sara Hagen-Vaughan, Home Start Wales
Wendy Hawkins, Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs
Rita Jones, Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin
Ieuan Goronwy Jones, Carmarthenshire County Council
Deborah Jones, Voices from Care (Cymru)
Jan Leightley, NCH Cymru
Penny Lloyd, British Association of Social Workers
Chris Mann, Powys Local Health Board
Maria Michael, City & County of Cardiff
Professor Gareth Morgan, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health in Wales
Richard Parry, City & County of Swansea
Phil Reed, University of Wales Swansea
Leighton Rees, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Sandra Roberts, CAFCASS Cymru
Mark Roszkowski, City & County of Swansea
Dr Mike Shooter CBE
Jo Sibert OBE
Laurence Smith, CAFCASS Cymru
Mathew Taylor, Voices from Care (Cymru)
Greta Thomas, NSPCC Cymru
Professor Nigel Thomas, University of Wales Swansea
Keith Towler, Save the Children
Jane Tremlett, Carmarthenshire County Council
Christine Walby OBE
Elspeth Webb, University Hospital of Wales
Janet Williams, Child Protection Service, NPHS (Wales)

Members of Children in Wales

During 2006/07, Children in Wales had a total of 175 individual and organisational members. They included:

Individual Members

Mrs Sioned Bowen
Mr Rolf Brown
Mr Elvet Crowe
Ms Samantha Greatbanks
Mr Robin Griffiths
Ms Liz Jones
Ms Janet Owen
Dr Mike Shooter
Mr John Llewellyn Thomas
Mrs Ann Williams
Mr John Valentine Williams

Ms Antonia Bridges
Mr Tim Brown
Ms Marina Edmunds
Ms Helen Gregson-Holmes
Mrs Margaret Hanney MBE
Ms Pauline Lawrence
Ms Ruth Parry
Prof Jo Sibert
Ms Christine Walby OBE
Ms Judith Williams

Organisational Members

ABCD
AFASIC Cymru
Amy Weir & Associates Ltd
BAAF Cymru
Barnardo's Cymru
BAVO
BAWSO Ltd
BBC Children in Need
Big Lottery Fund
Bobath Cymru
Brecknock Women's Aid
Bridgend College
Bridgend County Borough Council
Bridgend Resource for Children with Disabilities
BASW Cymru
Bro Morgannwg NHS Trust
Bryn Melyn Group
Caerphilly County Borough Council
Caerphilly Parent Network
CAFCASS Cymru
Caia Park Early Years Forum
CAIR
Cardiff & Vale Parents Federation
Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust
Cardiff Council
Cardiff Women's Aid
Care Co-ordination Network UK
Careers Wales Cardiff & Vale
Carmarthenshire County Council
Carmarthenshire NHS Trust

Cartref Bontnewydd
Ceredigion County Council
Child Safe Wales
City & County of Swansea
Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs
Coleg Glan Hafren
Contact a Family
ContinYou Cymru
CWVYS
Cyfle Cyntaf/First Opportunity
Cymdeithas Tai Hafan
Deeside College
DEWIS Ltd
Discovery Student Volunteering Swansea
Duffryn Infants School
Eglwys Bresbyteriaid Cymru
ESIS
National Family & Parenting Institute
Family Fund
Family Planning Association
Fostering Network Wales
Foundation Housing/Tai Sylfaen Ltd
G4S Justice Services
GAVO
Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust
Gwynedd Council
Home Start Cymru
Interlink
Isle of Anglesey County Council
Law yn Llaw

Learning Disability Wales	Scope Cwmpas Cymru
Lliw Valley Women's Aid	Shared Care Cymru
MC Consultancy	Sheila Booth Social Work Consultancy
Martin Price Independent Social Care Services	SNAP Cymru
MENCAP Cymru	Social Interface Ltd
Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin	Spark Blaenymaes Ltd
National Association of Toy & Leisure Libraries	Spurgeons
National Autistic Society	Stepping Stones
National Childminding Association	Swansea College
National Day Nurseries Association	TACT Cymru
National Deaf Children's Society	The Electoral Commission
National Youth Advocacy Service	The Frank Buttle Trust
NCH Cymru	Thomas Coram Research Unit
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council	Tir na n-og Daycare Centre, Bangor
Neath Port Talbot CVS	Torfaen County Borough Council
Newport City Council	Torfaen Framework for Partnership
Newport Local Health Board	Torfaen Primary Mental Health Team
NFER	Trinity College
North East Wales NHS Trust	Trinity Fields School & Resource Centre
NSPCC Cymru	Tros Gynnal
Old Viriamu Jones School	Ty Hafan
Pathway Care	University of Wales Bangor
Pembrokeshire & Derwen NHS Trust	University of Wales Swansea
PAVS	Western Vale Integrated Children's Centre
Pembrokeshire County Council	Voices from Care (Cymru)
Plant Dewi	Voluntary Action Cardiff
Play Wales	Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil
Powys Carers Service	Wales PPA
Powys Children & Families Forum	WLGA
Prospects for Young People	Welsh Refugee Council
Rainer Communities that Care	Welsh Women's Aid
Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council	Wrexham Early Years Forum
Right from the Start (Caerphilly)	Wrexham Play Association
RNID Cymru	YMCA Wales
Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
Save the Children	Ystrad Mynach College

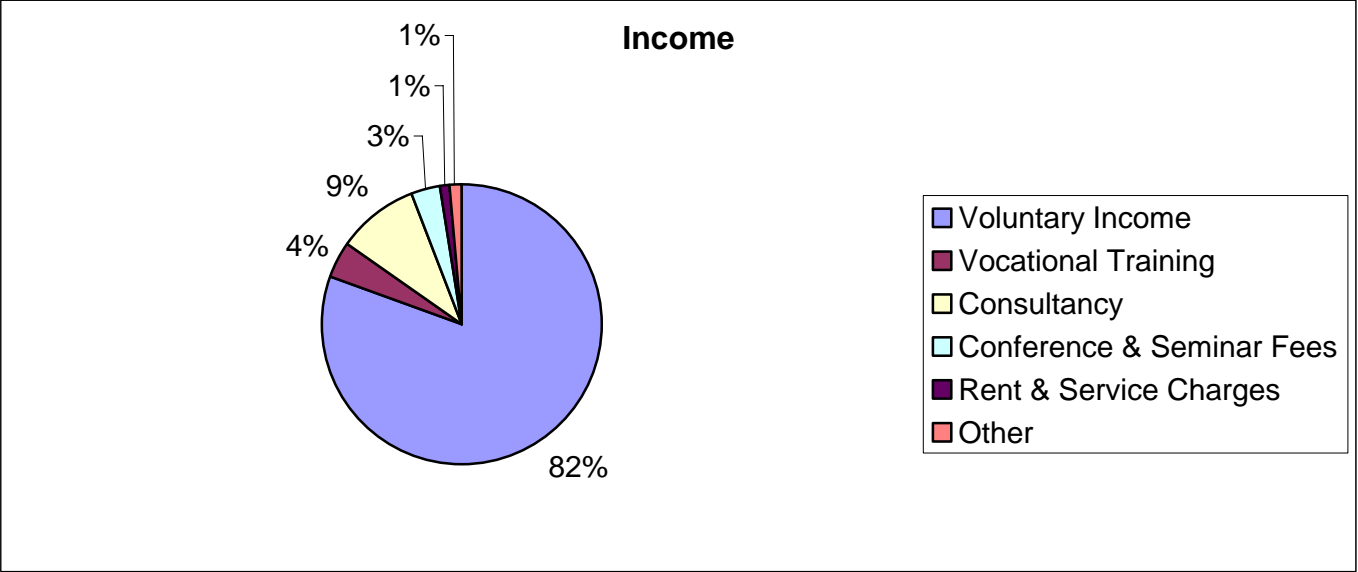
FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2006/07

SUMMARISED STATEMENTS: FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2007

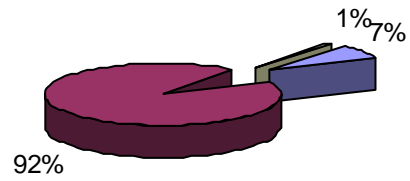
INCOME	£	%
Voluntary Income	541,043	81
Activities for Generating Funds:		
Vocational Training	28,632	4
Consultancy	63,057	9
Conference & Seminar Fees	22,237	3
Rent & Service Charges	7,339	1
Other	9,535	1
Total	671,843	100
Expenditure		
Cost for Generating Funds	67,148	7
Cost of Charitable Expenditure	880,230	92
Governance Costs	13,677	1
Total	961,055	100
Comprising		
Restricted (deficit)/surplus	118,261	
Unrestricted	8,044	
Total	126,305	

During 2006/07, Children in Wales raised its income by way of new membership fees, conferences, consultancy and training. Core funding from the Welsh Assembly Government has been a major source of revenue and has been used to employ staff and to implement the work programme with the associated operational costs. Children in Wales actively generates income to supplement grant income, this income is used to meet the organisation's aims and objectives.

Our annual accounts are analysed between Restricted and Unrestricted activities. The surplus on Restricted funds was £118,261 and an Unrestricted surplus of £8,044.



Expenditure



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