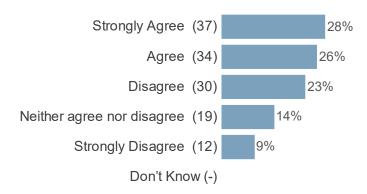
Welsh Language Promotion Strategy Consultation

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The following charts are restricted to the top 12 codes.

Do you agree with the vision:



If Agree/Strongly agree please give your reasons

It is an admirable vision and one that will support Welsh heritage and culture for future generations.

We've just moved home from Ceredigion and want to continue our learners journey

This is Wales.

I sent my children to welsh school so that the language would continue. I love to hear the welsh language even though I can only understand a small amount of words.

Mae rhaid ein bod ni'n gwerthu ein unigryw i aeth a dangos positif rwydd i'n cenhedlaeth nesaf

Cymraeg yw iaith y wlad felly dylset e fod yn weladwy fel y mae iaith yn wledydd eraill cymraeg yn iaith byw, rhaid rhoi cyfle i bobl ei defnyddio, bob tro

Welsh needs to be normalised in NPT, not treated as an inconvenience as it was by the previous administration.

Welsh was suppressed, alkng with Celtic languages, time to correct that.

An important part of community identity especially in Gwaun Cae Gurwen and Lower Brynaman.

Castell nedd... Castle by the River Nedd... We have such RICH history and yet prior Labour councils have seen that hisotory eroded to cachu. I WHOLE-HEARTEDLY welcome greater use of Cymraeg and access to it/socials and events to help grow it!

Most signs and information ,Place names arebin both english and welsh

Mae normaleiddio'r Gymraeg yn ein cymuned yn hanfodol, ac os mae'r cyngor yn arwain ar hyn, byddwn mewn sefyllfa gwell i gynyddu'r nifer o bobl sy'n defnyddio'r iaith yn eu bywyd pob dydd.

To combat the stigma around the language every day s must increase.

Welsh is being more visible within daily lives, included on all literature, communications etc and it seems there is more emphasis and thought considered around the welsh language.

Having moved into the area with my husband who is first language Welsh we have noticed more people speaking Welsh in everyday life compared to our previous council

We should keep our language alive

It is very important that we remember and keep the language of our country alive

More potential in future career prospects

It is important to retain the language and use it as a unique selling point for Wales.

I feel there is an increase in the amount of people interested in the Welsh language and even though I am a non Welsh speaker, I still love to hear the language in my community. An increase in the use of Welsh in the community would help learners and those who may have let their language skills decline and perhaps encourage those who have no knowledge to learn.

It's taught more in school. Those that can speak it is used a lot in the workplace.

Yn bwysig iawn bod yr iaith yn weladwy er mwyn dangos i ddarpar ddysgwyr bod gweth i'w ddysgu a rhaid rhoi'r cyfle i siaradwyr, boed yn ddysgwyr neu siaradwyr iaith gyntaf, i'w ddefnyddio yn eu bywyd dyddiol.

Should have English alongside Welsh i.e Bannau Breichiniog

It shouldn't be strange to hear Welsh being spoken

The history and fundamentals of the world make the universe

To help

Fel person Cymraeg iaith gyntaf byddwn i'n hoffi gweld mwy o lefydd/pobl yn hysbysu'r iaith. Y mwya sy'n cael ei siarad y mwya fydd pobol di-Gymraeg yr ardal yn sylweddoli ei bod hi'n iaith fyw.

I am a fluent welsh speaker and regularly coverse in welsh with welsh speakers in my area.

As a Welsh speaker myself I believe it's important to promote our original language in Wales. It's also excellent for children to learn a second language.

I believe it's important to keep the Welsh language alive

I live with a welsh speaker and fhink its great more people speak pur language

I work in a gp surgery and I have taken calls from Welsh speaking patients and conversed back in Welsh. I have many fluent Welsh speaking member of my family and some who take Welsh lessons it is important to be able to speak out native tongue and many people are staring to learn the language such as my colleagues to help better communicate with patients who prefer to speak in Welsh rather than English.

People need to understand and be clear about the place of the language in our own lives and in our communities. The vision helps to strentghen an approach that will improve understanding and raise the profile of the Welsh language.

Mae'r Gymraeg yn iaith sy'n cael ei defnyddio pob dydd mewn nifer o ardaloedd ar draws y sir. Y gwir yw bod 'na rhai ardaleodd o fewn y sir ble mae'r mwyafrif yn siarad Cymraeg, gyda'r canrannau yn agos at yr uchaf yng Nghymry gyfan. Mae angen ymrwymiad y cyngor sir er mwyn sicrhau bod nifer cynyddol o bobl yn cael y cyfleoedd, ac yn cael eu cefnogi i allu defnyddio'r Gymraeg ym mhob agwedd posib. Dewis unigol y person dylai fod ynglyn â pha iaith maen nhw'n ei siarad, ond ar hyn o bryd oherwydd nifer o ffactorau, dyw pawb ddim yn cael y cyfle yna.

Positive encouragement is seriously needed. Heavy public promotion of bilingualism / multilingualism and the benefits of it is a need if this plan is to succeed. Encouragement of more use of Cymraeg at home and work and in social settings too. The above vision will work through positive action and a multilingual approach. The education system should be revised to ensure Welsh language study to fluency amongst the younger generations too and create bilingual / multilingual generations for the future.

Seems like the younger generation are speaking more welsh so would love to keep up with them Welsh should be taught in schools (Too much foreign language).

More children ready and happy to converse in welsh

There is little promotion of the language in the communities other than signage

I don't believe the number of people who use the Welsh language in their daily lives is increasing. "In 2021, an estimated 538,000 usual residents in Wales aged three years and over (17.8%) reported being able to speak Welsh, which is a decrease since 2011 (562,000, 19.0%)." "The percentage of usual residents aged three years and over able to speak Welsh decreased between 2011 and 2021 in all local authorities except Cardiff, Vale of Glamorgan, Rhondda Cynon Taf, and Merthyr Tydfil." Office for National Statistics

Waste of public money

You need to teach it for free to people for them to be on board with it.

Majority of people feel Welsh lacks purpose in our communities and Government are artificially trying to relaunch it at great cost. Census figures suggest a decline.

I believe this is not achievable or wanted by people in this area

I've lived in Wales all my life, 50 years, and I don't know one person who speaks welsh fluently!

I am not witnessing more use of the language in the area, and can't find supporting data on this, in fact the only data I find is supporting the opposite. I do however accept that as a future vision, rather than a current one

There has been a rather large decline in the use of the Welsh language in all areas across Neath Port Talbot

Very few speak welsh in NPT

The Welsh language is a niche language and is no longer relevant to most people living or working in Wales. As such it should be maintained as a tourist 'gimmick' as it serves little other purpose. History is exactly that, the past and the natural evolution of language should be respected.

It has a significant presence is areas of hte Borough but we find is predominantly used by the older generation, so invariably it appears to be decreasing in usage.

Too much money spent on this.

People use English in NPT. Welsh is for tourists, the western fringe and school kids

The welsh language is in decline due to the diverse cuture in the community and speaking welsh is seen as ignorant or rude by non welsh speakers. Leaving us almost scared to speak our own language.

Welsh is not visible in our communities, this is a waste of our time and resources.

Not seeing it

Those that want to use Welsh language already do, those that don't obviously don't want to

I don't know anyone who speaks welsh - I used to go to school in Swansea and I was taught the bare minimum of welsh, schools have not taught how to even hold a conversation in welsh and due to this generations in wales have lost out. Don't see the point in reintroducing because as parents we won't understand or be able to hold conversations with our kids around it

Not that well spoken in npt

It is visible in terms of signage, literature etc but it is not actively spoken in my area

I do not think it is very visible & most people will go through their day without seeing any Cymraeg, or at least, very little!

I feel the use of the Welsh language has decreased over the years. Even though my grandparents were Welsh speakers we were encouraged to speak English because it would open up more opportunities and less discrimination

Currently don't hear the language day to day in the community, even if people are able to converse to some extent. Lack of confidence to start conversing.

More can be done. Like coffee morning etc

very rarely used and only witnessed as greetings used

It's barely heard in Port Talbot and there are little opportunities within the area for Welsh speakers.

I think availability/advertising of welsh language courses should be visable

In my opinion very few people I know speak the Welsh language which is a real shame

Because I do not speak it and it is very hard to understand them

The vision is bleak for the Welsh Language

It's not visible in this area. Why should it be? Who cares? There are more important things to think about.

To mush emphasis is placed on the welsh language. The gap between England and Wales re: wealth, education or health continues to widen every year. Narrowing the gap should be the top priority, the welsh language is an irritant.

Don't hear as much welsh spoken as I used to

Very low welsh speakers in Britton Ferry area

Do you have any other suggestions about the vision?

I would think its growing in many communities but in decline in others.

Welsh language coffee shops were very popular in Ceredigion and could become so I'm not

By pushing this Welsh Government initiative makes people more resistant, carrot is better than stick!

Drop them

Hoffwn gweld llawer mwy o'n cynghorwyr yn dysgu/defnyddio'r iaith yn ei bywyd gwaith. Nhw sydd wedi cael eu hethol i gynrychioli ni a dal ein hiaith yn gyfartal â Saesneg

As above

Choice. Allow people to choose whether they want Welsh at the beginning of emails etc. Reduce pressures on English speaking schools to teach Welsh. Foster a love of Welsh through choice and necessity, not passive coercion

All new signs in the county should have Welsh first, all new street names should be Welsh only, all new schools should either be Welsh medium or dual stream.

Please make the transition sensible, putting up Welsh only signs nit helpful, especially on r I ads

Scrap it

No, as growth is an ideal vision.

Involve local schools to display child friendly welsh language in local towns and villages to engage all generations

Like Snowdonia, Snowdon and Brecon Beacons: Why don't we revert back to our Cymraeg name as a town? Please? Castell Nedd. Better describes my home than "NEEF" as its pronounced by some. I would appreciate a greater vision than "just being visible", because our road signs are just "visible" and that hasn't really done much to help boost or bulster the language. Also - it's not an irritation, it's our language.

No

If you want people to use Welsh in their daily lives to need to move away from the 'Welsh exactly the same as English' strategy. The majority of Welsh speakers in the area use colloquial Welsh (even if their English level is high) so the emphasis needs to be more conversational rather than formal Welsh speaking. People with high level English skills but colloquial Welsh are much more likely not to speak any Welsh rather than to try to speak a language they are not fluent in. Make speaking Welsh a fun thing to try for all ages rather than an chore.

Instead of having everything printed in welsh and english, and sent to the whole population, it should be sent in english with a freefone number to request in welsh, as it is only 14% of the population who want double language bills, circulars, etc this would save a vast amount of money, better spent elsewhere.

Do you have any other suggestions about the vision?

All schools be Welsh medium

I think many are nervous to speak Welsh and it's more prevalent than anticipated.

It would be nice to include. The Welsh language will be promoted and the first language of choice, by Welsh speakers without repercussions.

Waste of tax payers money - had this of continued throughout generations it would of fine

Ambitious

Goid idea to promote welsh language

Not enough Welsh language - menus etc.

I believe the use of Welsh is increasing.

Increased welsh language provision in primary schools and early years groups

Welsh language is visible (for example, advert on YouTube) but still not used by an increased number of people in their daily lives - this I feel stem from Welsh speakers not encouraging others to use as they may find it inconvenient to do that.

It's great. I am English . I can only say "thank you very much". It's hard to learn for me I think I would need it really simple. I tried class last year just too hard but I am 71 not tutors fault.

I think its a great idea to be aiming towards increasing the number of welsh speakers. Is there any way of working with local education providers to seek to source affordable welsh language courses as the costs can be very off putting to many people

There are very little opportunities for Learners/ New Speakers to use and practice the language.

Mae'r gymraeg yn rhan a beth ydyn ni fel Cymry. Rhan bwysig.

Would like to see more promotion of Welsh Language.

No

Free Adult beginners classes and refresher classes would help.

In the future there should be: Provision of more opportunities for people to get together on an informal basis to be able to practice Welsh language skills or to learn in a non threatening environment.

Get people who are not Welsh to learn as well

More community awareness is needed.

Free welsh lessons for adults

No

Hoffwn awgrymu eich bod yn addasu'r weledigaeth i gynnwys y gair 'chlywadwy' hefyd - dyw e ddim yn digon i allu rhoi arwyddion ayyb lan mewn siopau neu mannau cyhoeddus, maen rhaid wirioneddol annog bobl i ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg sydd ganddynt, yn enwedig wrth ystyried bod Eisteddfod yr Urdd yn dod i'r ardal o fewn rhai blynyddoedd - o fewn bywyd y strategaeth hon.

Children in Welsh language secondary schools are not the only individuals who are capable and want to follow the Welsh first language GCSE and A-level course. Those in secondary English medium schools are often forced to sit the Welsh second language exam as staff teaching the Welsh second language course do not seem to have the skills to teach the Welsh first language syllabus. e-sgol should offer GCSE Welsh 1st language as a course for every child in Wales who reaches a certain standard by the end of primary school, regardless of the school they attend, so that each child has the right to gain a Welsh first language qualification at secondary school. It should also offer the GCSE and A-level Welsh first language qualification to every Welsh adult who wants it so that those that have worked hard to master the language, gain a qualification they deserve. In the UK, IGCSE's are offered in English language and literature, French and Spanish - why not Welsh?

Simple night classes or podcasts for learning basic Welsh

Speak English first and then Welsh

It is visible in the form of signs(Be it road, shop, surgery or otherwise). But in my hometown(Port Talbot), you really hear it outside a couple of welsh coffee mornings.

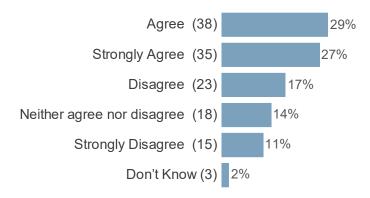
Do you have any other suggestions about the vision?

Totally insular thinking. Typical of a backward - looking country!

While i visibly see welsh language across the local area, i'm not aware/heard of anyone speak or use welsh in day-to-day encounters. Which includes local businesses.

The target is to increase the amount of Welsh speakers in NPT by 1% by the end of the 5 year strategy

Do you agree with the target?



If Agree/Strongly agree please give your reasons

I believe that it is important that the language flourishes and we encourage others to embrace our heritage

N/A

Promotion of the Welsh language is important.

Not an easy thing to do.

Eto mae'n bwysig annog ein hiaith a dangos balchder trwy siarad ac annog eraill I ddysgu a siarad.

Achievable if you teach for free yes

Itcis the language of our country

Mae 1% yn targed llai na beth bydde'n i wedi disgwyl, ond mae unrhyw twf yn rhywbeth dda.

Achievable with increase in Welsh speaking schools

Without knowing the baseline, it is difficult to evaluate 1% as a difficulty score. I'd like to see it higher although 1% of the entire population is around 1500 people

Be great to get more and more people to speak wesh

It will increase the pride in our Welsh language if more people are speaking it in the Borough.

Think we should actively promote increasing the number of Welsh speakers.

The figure is low enough to be achievable

Seems like an achievable target

Same as above.Both my grandchildren went to Welsh school and it's a pleasure to hear them conversing in Welsh

Improve career prospects

Our language

Should be more

I belelieve all children and adults should have a chance to learn to speak welsh

Although I'd like the target to be higher I think it is more realistic and therefore achievable to aim for a 1 % increase.

It's important for future of Wales.

Very important to support the WAG target.

My husband was Welsh. Lovely man but couldn't speak it. He would love to, Welsh man from "Resolven". You sing the "Rhondda" or any well known chorus - Hymn. I try to sing only in Welsh. The Welsh are so "honourable" I love to hear it. It's a beautiful language Celtic never Scot. Yes something beautiful to stand up in pride to. I have lived here 34 years nearly. So have feel kind of Welsh.

Seems a reasonable target, as the census showed a decrease in NPT....so 1% seems realistic!

Os yw'r iaith yn mynd i fyw rhaid cynyddu nifer y siaradwyr ond, credaf fod gosod targed gynyddu nifer y siaradwyr i 1% yn unig yn siomedig o isel.

Its important.

Make a small start

The children are an answer, teach them at a young age.

Rwy'n credu bod 1% yn ffigwr realistig, oherwydd all Cymraeg fod yn iaith caled i'w ddysgu.

I think it's a crying shame that so many of us know so little of our native language, that it's not used enough

agree that 1% is achievable but important to aim higher and not rest on laurels and being more optimistic about this.

If not more

Dyw 1% yn fawr ddim. Wrth hyrwyddo'r iaith mwy dyle 1% fod yn hawdd i gyrraedd. Denu'r rhai sydd wedi stopio siarad Cymraeg i'w defnyddio eto.

We should be proud of our language, and should encourage speakers and learners to use day today.

1% is better than nothing but is this really challenging?

Should be more

It's important to have a target that is commensurate and proportionate to the population as a whole and to the current number of Welsh speakers in our area.

I think that this is achievable though I would had been a little more ambitious and gone for a slightly higher percentage.

Same as first page

Love to have availability to learn

It is important to preserve the Welsh language

To maintain local identity, set an achievable target

This seems a modest and nihilistic

Although I am not Welsh in origin I believe Welsh could and should be increased in NPT. I believe that the understanding of the welsh language is more favoured than verbally speaking it in the area, outside of schools.

Its a unique language, the more people aware of our heritage and the language, culture the better Need to support regular use of welsh in NPT. More local population to speak welsh as its lanuage.

Not high enough

Good luck with that. You might find that people don't want to be coerced into Welsh speaking.

Should be a higher target

Waste of public money

Dydy hyn ddim yn targed uchelgeisiol. Hyd y welai i ar foment yw bod y Cyngor yn gadael gormod o bethau i'r Fenter iaith ynglŷn â hybu defnydd o'n iaith

Should be higher

Unrealistic at current rate with current method of promotion.

I think a more ambitious target could be set.

This target is nowhere near ambitious enough, the Labour led council neglected Welsh medium education and the language for the 25 years they had in power. This council needs to be far more ambitious in increasing the number of Welsh speakers.

A costly vision

Stop forcing people who don't want to speak Welsh

There is absolutely no point. Waste of money

1% is an equivalent target of Rishu Sunak saying he's going to cut inflation [It was already going to happen - a non promise]. The consensus of 2021 says theres approx 145,000 people in NPT. Where, unless my math is off - 1% would be 1,450 - where there are less than 20,000 students across NPT's 63 schools, which would mean that 7.25% of those pupils would put you past that target [which I assume that statistic would be met by youths within the Welsh language schools of the 63 in NPT's remit]. Simply, You can do better/be more ambitious than doing literally nothing.

Doesn't feel very ambitious,

Why are we repeating these targets when clearly the last ones have not been reached? The budget for Npt is already stretched and communities needs and priorities have changed

Why does there need to be a target. An increase of 40% or a decrease 5% is not going to make a difference to the lives of people living in NPT.

The Welsh language is a niche language and is no longer relevant to most people living or working in Wales. As such it should be maintained as a tourist 'gimmick' as it serves little other purpose. History is exactly that, the past and the natural evolution of language should be respected.

Mae cynyddu'r nifer y siaradwyr o 1% yn ymdrech gwael iawn a ddim yn uchelgeisiol o gwbl. Mae rhaid i'r Cyngor newydd angen blaenoriaethu hwn, a dydy'r targed presenol ddim yn dangos ymrwymiad cadarnhaol.

The resources required are unequal to the returns.

Why so little?

5 years is a long time to increase by 1%. I feel it should be 1% per year.

Such a waste of time and resources for such a little gain.

What's the point?

Don't bother

I believe it should be greater than 1%

Higher % would be better.

I would have for a slightly higher target

With a welsh medium primary and new comprehensive school the target should be higher

Dyw'r Fenter ddim yn credu bod y targed o 1% yn digon uchel. Targed y Llywodraeth yw i gyrraedd 1 miliwn o siaradwyr erbyn 2050, mae angen cynydd sylweddol yn nifer y siaradwyr yng Nghastell-nedd Port Talbot os yw'r Llywodraeth yn mynd i gyrraedd y miliwn.

Because I do not speak it

The idea is just more narrow minded thinking. The area is full of English who are from cities like London, Birmingham, etc, who think of promoting Welsh is a waste of time.

There shouldn't be a target. Regarding language, those in power should react to what the people do, not proact to force change.

Do you have other suggestions about the target?

Aim higher!

We're forced to have this target, so at least this is set at a realistic level

Forgot it

Speak to parent's of pre-school children, find them and encourage them and explain the benefits for their children as well as our heritage.

Gweld Cynghorwyr yn mynychu digwyddiadau Menter iaith/Cymreig a digwyddiadau y Cyngor. Eisiau positif rwydd am ein diwylliant

Gwneud yn statudol fod pawb sy'n gweithio i'r sir yn derbyn cwrs dysgu Cymraeg

I don't speak welsh neither does my husband but sent my children to a welsh school, they are both fluent, i would love to learn welsh but working full time, most local courses are in the day nothing caters for people working in the valleys

No

Choice.

A target of 25% of the population of NPT being Welsh speakers should be the minimum

Take this into account that not all of the people in NPT want to speak welsh

Scrap it

I'd prefer it to be a target increase as a percentage of the percentage, that is to say that we'd like to increase the number of welsh speakers as a % of welsh speakers, as opposed to % of population. If the number of welsh speakers is 5% for instance, the actual number would be around 7500 then increasing by 1% is tiny.

Offer more social events in NPT such as coffee mornings, music events, children's clubs

Aim higher. The higher end of single digits or even attempt double digits. Targets and strategies are just that, if you shoot for the stars it doesn't matter if you undershoot because you're still flying. But if you're stuck belittling yourselves and us to designing paper planes: we'll never get it off the ground. Please, bring a cohesive plan together as how to achiev a better target because 1% is pitiful and not a strategy but allowing nature to take its course and taking credit for it.

More help from welsh speakers

Lower the target by 50%?

Do away with a target

What do you define as a Welsh Speaker? Someone who can (and is comfortable) ordering bread at the bakery and passing the time of day in the Welsh medium or who feels their Welsh is sufficient to work through the medium of Welsh (there is a big difference)

The target should be bolder and leverage the economic potential as well.

It doesn't seem very ambitious. So approximately 50 years to increase it by 10%?

Increase the target.

Make Welsh classes for learners of all ages free.

Provide more free opportunities to learn the language.

Schools must be supported.

We need another welsh primary school in port talbot

Do you have other suggestions about the target?

Not knowing the exact nature of what challenges of the matter in NPT regarding Welsh language uptake and how to measure the target - who can say.

I think the aim of increasing Welsh speakers is a good one, but it is difficult to set/achieve a target as there are many different factors that will affect this

Y bromlem yw perswadio plant sydd wedi mynydu ein hepgoliau cymraeg i siarad yr iaith.

Fe ddylem ni canolbwyntio ar gael pobl ifanc (16-25) yn dysgu Cymraeg, os nad ydynt wedi cael addysg trwy gyfrwng y gymraeg. Fe allwn gwneud hon yn bennaf trwy ein tudalennau Cyfryngau Cymdeithasol e.g. sesiynau dysgu Cymraeg ar-lein.

More

No

A higher target would be better.

It's a good goal to have 1% but I feel like that could be made a higher percentage of people speaking else's with the right campaigns and information being provided. Such as where Welsh lessons take place. How to get into a Welsh language class.

No

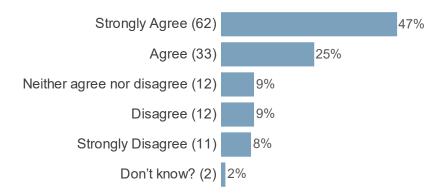
English first then Welsh

People are not interested unless brought up in a family of Welsh speakers

Don't bother. Spend the money cleaning town centres, encouraging businesses! No wonder the area is filthy and deprived when you waste money on nonsense.

Free language classes in all areas of NPT.

Do you agree with the following strategic theme? (Increasing the number of Welsh speakers)



Please give the reason for your answer

I believe that it is important that the language flourishes and we encourage others to embrace our heritage

Valuable and measurable strategic target.

Again the more Welsh speakers there are the better

Not everyone wants to speak Welsh and this can be for various reasons: 1. Don't want to. 2. Disability. 3. Gender lead language. And there are probably more reasons....

I am indifferent. I respect and appreciate the Welsh language as a historical and cultural element of value, but I disagree with prioritising it over other languages and subjects that need focus and attention as well as money invested in it.

The emphasis upon Welsh language alienates non-Welsh speakers

This is Wales

Waste of public money

I think it will be hard to get adults to commit to learning and so the increase will only be done through parents sending their children to Welsh medium schools which isn't always easy.

Wedi bod yn ffodus i gynrychioli Bwrdd Twristiaeth Cymru mewn Ffair gwerthu gwyliau. Roedd asiantau (travel agents/Reps) yn cerdded heibio i stondinau Llundain Blackpool ac yn dangos llawer o diddordeb yn ein grŵp oedd yn chwarae and canu caneuon Cymraeg.

Cymraeg yw'r iaith y wlad! Mae'r iaith wedi dioddef ers blynyddoedd o gael ei hanwybyddu ond bellach gellir ailysgrifennu ein hanes a dylai fod yn flaenoriaeth. Byddwn wrth fy modd yn gweld y wlad hon fel llawer o rai eraill gyda'i iaith a chael Cymraeg fel ein hiaith gyntaf

U need to increase the number of learners of the language in order to get Welsh speakers....

Money would be better spent on improving life in Wales. Making us sector leading in different areas eg education, health, business, tech. Not spending money on something that won't improve the lives of citizens.

We should be proud of our Language and more people need to learn it.

More people should be able to speak our native tongue.

bydd unrhyw peth sy'n creu twf yn dda.

As long as its done sensibly.

Encouraging new learners is vital to maintain language and culture.

It is a costly vision

It should be a choice

There is no point. It's a dying language

We must keep our language alive

I have recently learnt the language coming from a very limited background. As a teacher in primary education and now working within the authority to promote welsh I believe it is vital that we aim for more welsh speakers, not only capturing the interests of our pupils but involving their families too

YES! I am a child of bilingualism - where it did not work. I came out the better side of it, because I've always been fascinated by Cymraeg but from going to an English Language school: I feel robbed of not being able to speak our mother tongue fluently and has left me and many in my position in a limbo of not knowing enough to be fluent but knowing a bit more than basic as to be in no mans land of understanding how to better ones ability or where to use and practice it with others [because if you dont use it - you lose it!]. It took me to travel to Caernarfon to realise that our language is not Dead or dying - but attempted genocide/actively being attacked and murdered. I don't want the next generations to have to travel to understand this, I'd like them to know where they are from and for them to be multilinguistic: but to be able to think and converse and engage with the world in Cymraeg! It is so liberating and what I feel helps make us wiser overall from gaining new perspectives as how to experience the same things but in different mindsets [or languages].

To comprehend and understand our native language

If the Welsh language has declined across the borough, why the need to increase welsh speakers? People are clearly not interested not even in the most avid welsh speaking communities eg Brynamman, Gwaen Cae Gurwen. Perhaps if employers and businesses in Npt and Wales were to offer increased salaries/wages to those who speak Welsh, then you might see sn increase in people wanting to learn the language?

The Welsh language is a niche language and is no longer relevant to most people living or working in Wales. As such it should be maintained as a tourist 'gimmick' as it serves little other purpose. History is exactly that, the past and the natural evolution of language should be respected.

What level of Welsh competence constitutes a 'Welsh Speaker'?

As above

As above

Why force people to speak a language that will be of little use to them other than in the confines of wales. And yes,i am welsh born and bred but have no desire to learn the language.

Its political by design. Focus on resourcing schools for relevant subjects.

Most day to day welsh is very basic and should be achievable. Small interactions in shops, businesses etc all help to create a more positive image of the language. We also need more Welsh medium education schools and better faciclities at those we currently have. More welsh medium schools spread out across the county Borough would help increase the number of Welsh speakers.

It is our national language and focus should be on preserving and encouraging it.

As above

to keep our language and heritage alive and help young people feel part of our country

Heritage culture our language inceease childrens ability to learn as they would benefit from being bi lingual

I think it is awful that a lot of welsh people cannot speak the language

It's our cultural history and a key part of our identity.

Welsh is important to Wales, Neath is very English speaking compared to some of it's surrounding valleys.

It is crucial to maintain and protect our language for the identity and confidence of the nation.

What does this achieve? Prioritising learning Welsh limits us as it is a dead language that no one really uses, encouraging the public to learn languages that are still used today i.e. French, Spanish, German, Manadarin etc would help more.

No point

3 generations taught bare minimum welsh in schools, what's the point now?

Good that welsh people speak Welsh

To work towards the governments Cymraeg 2050 vision

I believe Welsh to be advantageous for career and being bilingual is an asset

Having more languages is a good thing

Our Welsh language is something we should be proud of. Increasing the number of speakers is a positive step.

Because it's right

Agree that this something that should be should be striving to achieve

We should do all we can to save & help the language prosper.

Yr un rheswm ac ateb 2

Its good for all

Welsh language ought to be promoted always!

Send them out to spread the gospel like last year Wales No.2 most beautiful beach in the world Rhosilli - voted just that.

Mae'n hynod o bwysig i gadw'r iaith yn fyw. Er mwyn gwneud hynny, mae yna rhaid i ni ddatblygu siaradwyr Cymraeg newydd i gario'r iaith i'r genhedlaeth nesaf.

By increasing the number of Welsh speakers now, I would hope it would be passed on through families to the next generations.

Important to keep the language alive for future generations in all settings.

It is our language. It is part of our culture and who we are. I've lost count I'd the amount of people who say they wish they could speak Welsh

I feel like more needs to be done by making it inclusive to everyone

We should be proud of our language, and have a duty to keep the language alive.

It is difficult to find Welsh speakers

We and in Wales and this is our unique language which sets us apart from other countries. It is also the oldest language in Europe and needs to be protected yet celebrated.

Paet of heritage

I personally believe every Welsh person should be making that effort to be able to speak our mother tongue. It was banned and beaten from us yet it has survived. I believe that alone should be enough to motivate anyone to learn but unfortunately it's not which is why the language needs to be promoted and encouraged.

It's important to have a target that is commensurate and proportionate to the population as a whole and to the current number of Welsh speakers in our area.

Mae Strategaeth Cymraeg 2050 yn rhywbeth maen rhaid i'r Cyngor Sir cyfrannu tuag at, ac felly dyma'r lleiaf o beth dyle'r cyngor bod yn ei wneud. Er mwyn cyrraedd miliwn o siaradwyr erbyn 2050, dylai fod tatgedau uchelgeisiol gyda'r cyngor er mwyn cynyddu'r nifer y siaradwyr Cymraeg.

I believe the science also says there are health benefits to being bilingual. I think increasing Welsh speakers would be a benefit for the language and its speakers.

Helps to know and keep the language alive

It would be a good thing especially as we live in Wales

As before

Its totally irrelevant in everyday living, and in the wider world.

See previous answers

Its down to personal choice, so how can you encourage people.

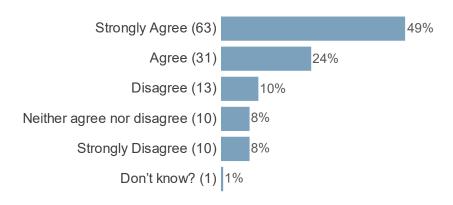
Cultural importance.

It depends how you intend to increase welsh speakers. if its meant as like encouraging local adults to speak welsh in situations then I agree. But if increase means putting more pressure on school children I disagree, as they're already got much to learn and take in that public pressure could have the opposite affect.

Welsh speakers have a greater connection to our heritage and culture and as a separate nation.

Support welsh language

Do you agree with the following strategic theme? (Increasing the use of Welsh)



I believe that it is important that the language flourishes and we encourage others to embrace our heritage

Supportive of a strong sense of pride/place in NPT culture and heritage.

Yes having better use of the language in communities should be encouraged.

See above

I'm not sure of what benefit or value it is to our society as a whole

The emphasis upon Welsh language alienates non-Welsh speakers

No use people being able to speak Welsh if they don't use it

Waste of public money

I think it's nice to use Welsh if you can even saying thank you, or the most basic statements.

Does dim pwynt dysgu plant yr iaith yn yr ysgol os nad i nhw'n gweld e'n cael ei ddefnyddio yn gyhoeddus/yn y tŷ. Felly, mae dyletswydd ar y Cyngor a'r Cynghorwyr i hybu defnydd yr iaith ac i ddilyn y ffordd.

Gweler uchod

Beneficial all round as stated my children are both fluent it benefitted immensly on employment and one of them doesn't even live in wales now, it opens up opportunities speaking two languages

See above

As above

Trwy defnyddio cymraeg a'i wneud yn weledol bydd y nifer o bobl sydd yn fodol defnyddio cymraeg yn tyfu, a bydd hyder yn cynyddu

Encouraging those who already know Welsh to use it.

Forcing the Welsh language on people will cause then to resist its use

As above

No point whatsoever. Complete waste of money

Knowing and using the language are different things, if we don't use, we forget.

The more opportunities to use welsh and visual signage in our areas will increase the use of welsh and encourage it to be part of our routines

I strongly agree with increasing Cymraeg, but you sincerely need to aim higher than 1% off the floor and be more open with your ideas and plans as how you seek to achieve them. Also, revert back to our Cymraeg name and that'll be a great start!

By having bilingual messagere etc to translate language

My opinion is that young children should be still given the opportunity to learn the Welsh language, so they can make an informed choice of whether they wish to continue using it. Are we wasting resources in doing so though, when the statistics demonstrate the obvious decline in the Welsh language use across our communities?

The Welsh language is a niche language and is no longer relevant to most people living or working in Wales. As such it should be maintained as a tourist 'gimmick' as it serves little other purpose. History is exactly that, the past and the natural evolution of language should be respected.

It must be a pleasurable experience rather than a chore

As above

As above

Hyd yn oed os nad yw pawb yn rhygl, mae defnydd pob dydd o'r Gymraeg yn cadw'r iaith, ein hanes, a'n diwylliant yn fyw.

As above

All Council events should increase the use of Welsh and as much of it to be bilingual. Also, there needs to be more welsh labguage events

They go together, there's no point in increasing the number of welsh speakers if they are not then using the language. It should be more prominent in our lives and it might then encourage others to learn.

as above

Welsh is important to Wales, Neath is very English speaking compared to some of it's surrounding valleys.

Bilingualism is a benefit to us all helping youngsters to learn on a different level, and maintains Wales individuality as a nation.

It has no relevance to our day to day lives, learn it as a hobby if you like but we shouldn't be forcing strategies where our focus could be used elsewhere i.e. road maintenance, better healthcare.

No point

We live in Wales. Welsh language should be more prominent

To 'normalise' the use of the language and therefore encourage more people to use Welsh in their daily lives.

The more it is used, the more people will be confident to learn

Useful to be able to speak and practice languages learn is great

Being a Welsh learner, I value being able to try to use, or hearing others use the language.

If kids from grade 1 are taught a little. Other countries have like America different national in their areas. Speak automatic

Welsh speakers in this area have very limited opportunities to use the language. Especially ypounger speakers who work etc. As meet-ups are usually in the day, when most people are working.

Yr un rheswm ac ateb 1

Its important to many people

Don't be belligerent. Don't shove it down peoples throats.

To improve numbers of welsh speakers, the use of Welsh and increased positiveness.

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We should be proud of our native language

Bilingualism can be advantageous in education and work settings so important to access the language as early as possible.

For too long it has been difficult to access services through the medium of Welsh.

We should be proud of our language, and encourage all to use it day to day with no shame.

I feel customers should be able to opt out, especially as printing costs are high and literature not used

As above.

It's important as a Welsh person myself to be able to speak my language and I believe that every should be able to. It's our language the language of our land our people and our ancestors. And it's time we reclaim that language and make it thrive

It's important to develop a culture where existing Welsh language speakers are given the opportunity and encouragement to use the language more freely and extensively in their professional and personal lives. The same encouragement should be given to learners of Welsh.

Yr unig ffordd i greu siaradwyr Cymraeg go iawn yw bod ganddynt cyfleoedd i ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg.

Encourages people to learn welsh

As above

As before

Waste of money and resources that could be better spent.

Ditto

See above

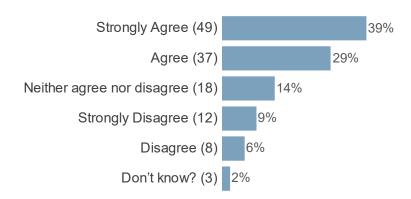
Make welsh regular on daily basis

Visually seeing welsh will help people become more familiar with understanding it. Which could potentially encourage people to speak or learn to speak it

Always a pleasure to hear it spoken

As above

Do you agree with the following strategic theme? (Creating favourable conditions – infrastructure and context)



Please give the reason for your answer

I believe that it is important that the language flourishes and we encourage others to embrace our heritage, offering more opportunities to communities to promote, hold courses and events associated with the Welsh language, in a positive and inclusive manner

Infrastructure is one of the main problems, especially signage which provides immense problems for anyone with reading difficulties, such as Dyslexia.

The emphasis upon Welsh language alienates non-Welsh speakers, but we're being forced to do this

Waste of public money

By putting up signs/stickers for items so that people are aware of the Welsh for things. Asking people if they want communication through the medium of Welsh, so they don't get annoyed having both and wasting paper (although I think this is WG policy to send both).

Rhan annatod o hybu'n iaith

Annog a dathlu'r iaith

See above

bydd hyn yn rhoi hyder i bobl

Sidelining non Welsh speakers is decisive, needs to be inclusive. Also, is the language standardised enough?

Need to have a wide range of access to Welsh language and learning opportunities.

To be perfectly honest, I don't understand the question

Stop wasting public money, and give people a choice

No one will use

This is too vague a description really what exactly is a 'favourable condition, infrastructure or context? If that refers to having everything in Welsh and having to request English versions then I 100% disagree as that is forced use which can only create resentment.

It is important to create a positive attitude towards welsh in NPT. Making learning accessible to all, making learning fun and engaging for all ages

Having social centres across all parts of NPT, having drop in centres for tuition, open up closed spaces/shops into learning centres/dysgu cymraeg places, increase funding for teaching adults [I'd really appreciate that one], greater support for welsh language music venues/artists/poets, putting in a bid for the Eisteddfod [future perhaps?], creating welsh language tours for NPT [tourism/history and education], Putting on bi-lingual festivals and events to help normalise use and ability/places to use Cymraeg. Create signage with helpful phrases in Cymraeg, alongside sign language [ways to be more inclusive of others and to normalise and help better communication all around]. Some ideas I'd love to see you implement

Not sure how to answer

I'm not convinced it's a wise decision during the current climate of an increased cost of living crisis, to pour more money into an already overstretched budget.

I'm assuming that money and resources are being poured into this endeavour. I think this money could be better spent on supporting residents at this time - cost of living crisis!

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Move away from the business model for Welsh inclusion ie more Welsh signs, translate everything etc which is costly and usually ends up in the bin as only a very small number of fluent Welsh speaker would chose to read a Welsh translation rather than an English document - Instead offer Welsh coffee mornings, Parent and Child events with a Welsh theme that encourages use of Language in a small way. Take away the barriers between being a 'Welsh Speaker' or and 'English Speaker' which is very divisive ...make it so that a little conversational Welsh is considered great (fluency not required)

Yes these are required to enhance the use of Welsh and promote it

Again, money can be used where desperately needed, not on this initiative.

Use the money on alternative infrastructure. Better services and schools.

In order to be able to meet the objectives, the conditions need to be favourable to do so. We need more welsh language medium places for people to converse, more opportunities within daily lives for people to learn, it should be part of school / work life.

to make the language more relevant to everyone

Key early win potential.

Again maintaining the Welsh individuality and identity.

Signs that convey important information like road signs should be in English first then Welsh

Cost prohibitive when money is bedded for more important issues

Welsh language needs to be visible

Just don't force it down peoples throat, this can be a very nice initiative

I believe this will help increase the number of Welsh speakers and the use of the Welsh language

Yes but remember some learn quicker than others so for "Granny" here it has to be slow.

Er mwyn dangos i ddysgwyr bod gwerth i'w ddysgu a bod y cyngor yn rhoi'r un pwyslais a defnydd o'r Gymraeg ac maent yn rhoi i'r Saesneg, a dim fel atodiad dibwys ac mewn ffont llai na'r fersiwn Saesneg.

Promote Welsh Culture

Being able to use the Welsh that you have learned is hugely important to keep it going

Important that people are able to learn in an enjoyable environment that is accessible and at a level that is right for them and that is also progressive as needed to improve over time.

Everyone should have the right to live their life through the medium of cymraeg.

Not sure

neither agree or disagree

It is the only way to ensure an increased use of the language.

Linked to 3a above. Greater access to (free) translation facilities, for example, could help those make greater use of the Welsh language in professional life. It also helps increase the exposure of the language in public and work places, and in leaisure, tourism and heritage.

Mae'r amodau ffafriol yma yn gwneud y Gymraeg yn fwy weledol a chlywadwy, ac yn dangos i bawb o fewn y sir - beth bynnag eu sgiliau iaith - bod y Gymraeg yn rhan o fywyd pob dydd, a'i fod yn rhywbeth i ymfalchio ynddo.

See q3

More access through media learning

Welsh taught in school to a greater extent

As above

There are far more important things to concentrate on.

How?

Employ welsh language ambassador in NPT whose role is to encourage and promote welsh in daily life.

Not sure what you mean

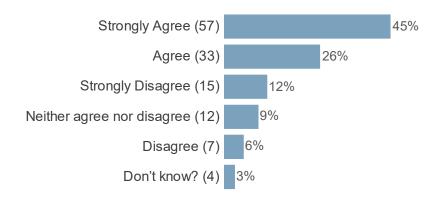
More opportunity to see the language spoken as useful and 'normal'.

Do you agree that the areas of work/potential actions listed below will help us achieve each strategic theme and vision

Strategic Theme 1: Increasing the numbers of Welsh speakers

Vision: More people speak Welsh

Key areas of Work (Support the implementation of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) 2022-2032)

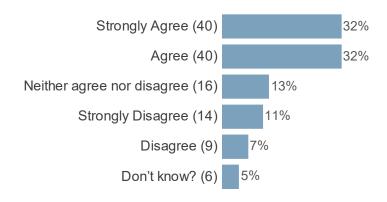


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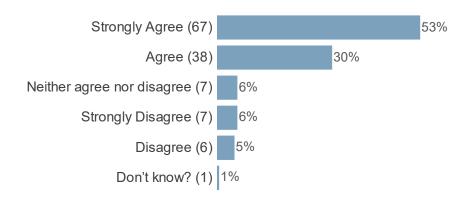


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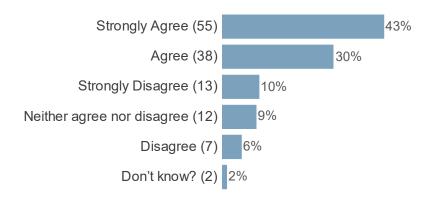
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Key areas of Work (Support people learning/speaking Welsh)

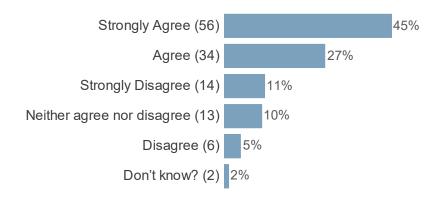


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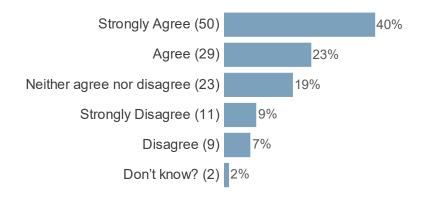


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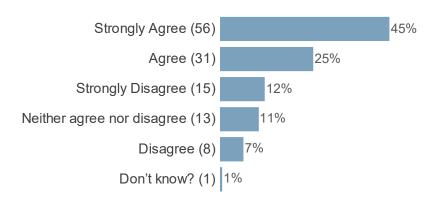


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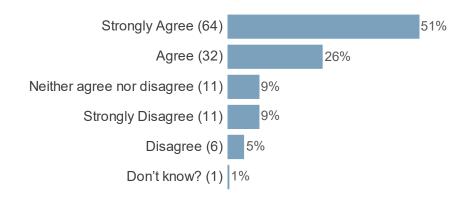


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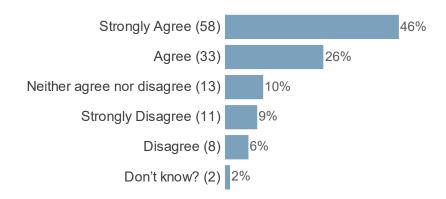


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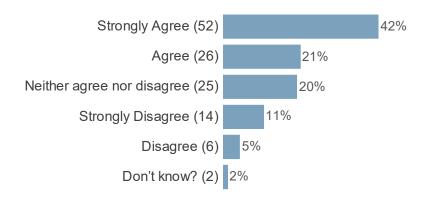


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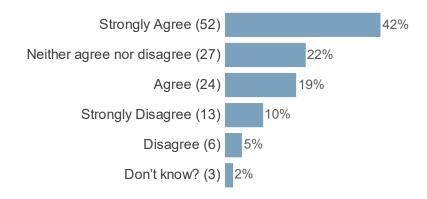


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If Agree/Strongly agree please give your reasons

I believe that it is important that the language flourishes and we encourage others to embrace our heritage

I think all of these things could have a positive impact.

I am not sure bilingualism in Wales should be more focused on Welsh than any other language. I find more people who speak Eastern European and Asian languages in my community, than who speak Welsh. Welsh only benefits people who wish to live and work in Wales and therefore is not overly appealing to a large number of people.

It's a key part of the process - but there should be forward planning towards 100% of education being through Welsh

I agree that support should be available for non-welsh speaking parents, maybe not solely through facebook. Conversational Welsh could be offered during the working/school day for parents. I think barriers to not choosing to learn the language could be explored but ultimately it's individual choice.

Doedd y rhestrau uchod ddim yn gweithio

Annog a dathlu'r Cymraef

See above comments i was given no help when my children were in school and i would have so taken this up. I would still like to learn if an evening course was local

You can't prioritise those in the luxurious position of sending their children to a Welsh school support all people, by teahhcingbrhem the language for free. Supporting only parents of the Welsh speak schools is elitist

English speaking teachers should not be forced to deliver a curriculum in any other language. They should not be forced to waste their time trying to convince children that Welsh is useful when so very few believe it is useful. Have a two tier system basked on parental choice - Welsh medium and English Medium schools. English medium schools should only teache curriculum Cymraeg eg celebration of being Welsh and Cynefin. For those parents who choose to send their child to a Welsh school courses should be made available to them to learn Welsh to support their children, but at a cost to them, not the tax payers, unless any family is in receipt of benefit and is unable to pay (it would be discriminatory and unfair to stop any person who truly wants to learn Welsh to support their child if they were u able to afford to do so).

Very important to use and try to learn the welsh language.

ma' rhain i gyd yn synwyr dda.

Parents have difficulty supporting their children learning Welsh at school.

I am disappointed that there is nothing there to promote the language to adults who don't have children in Welsh medium schools, it is almost exclusionary. An example is myself, My children are beyond school age, and as a result I am excluded from the plan? I volunteer a lot yet have to motivate myself, and pay myself, to learn the language. free welsh language education should be available for all

Because I wish that these things were already in place when I was a youth so that I wouldn't require this much support right now and would be fluent already! Youths have some support but more support is needed for English medium schools and for parents of children who have sent their children to be fluent in Cymraeg but aren't themselves. Anything to help increase use in the household, however, young parents also have some support from the Senedd but there is almost no support for anyone over 25 [Millennials keep on getting overlooked for all support]. Please don't limit your scope to just speaking language, but interacting with language via music/poetry/art/expression. I've personally found learning music easier by learning music - because I actively wanted to learn how to sing and play the songs, and just wish I had a teacher to help fill me in on what I was saying and to pontificate over the reasons they chose these words and what they poetically portray! I'd be writing my own music yn Gymraeg now if that were the case! But please, don't do the bare minimum.

Promoting the education of learning the laguage

I agree to exploring what the potential barriers of learning welsh are but surely the outcomes of that exploration should determine whether there is a need for increasing the take up or not?

Children from non-welsh language backgrounds are at a disadvantage in a Welsh Language school as parents are unable to assist with homework etc (this is first hand experience as a person who was taught in the Welsh Language from an English speaking background)

The increase in ways to make it easier for people to learn Welsh the more chance there is of the strategy succeeding.

More emphasis on supporting non welsh speakers will encourage and give confidence to those that wish for their children to attend a welsh medium school, or are learning the language

My youngest two children are aged 3 and 4. I really wanted them to attend a welsh medium school but unfortunately there were no places available when I applied, which meant my children missed out on learning the welsh language in their everyday life. I would have loved them to start speaking welsh at a young age and carry it on through life. I feel like unless your children attend a welsh medium school then they are missing out on fluently learning the language.

You need courses for parents that aren't just learning 'bore da'. Those are great, but parents need to progress beyond it to help their children or speak the language themselves.

I feel these things would positively promote the language, which is sometimes seen as uncool or old fashioned by youngsters and discouraged and made fun of.

Not everyone has Facebook so these methods may not always prove successful. There is definitely a greater need for more Welsh language schools, not just 'old disused schools' but new build schools with extra facilities

I am a teacher who has recently completed the Welsh Sabbatical Course. This training was so beneficial for teachers who are teaching children in Wales.

Welsh language education needs to be promoted from the very start. Along with the offer of support to non welsh speaking parents- so that they are educated, to understand they will be able to support their children in the welsh schools.

I would expect the key to increasing the use and the amount of people learning the Welsh language would be promoting and convincing people of the benefits and advantages.

They are resources and supports made available to learn Welsh, hence removing the barrier of cost involved in education of language.

All of these actions should help. I think supporting non-Welsh speaking parents with children attending Welsh medium schools would be particularly helpful to the families, plus there are bound to be some parents who decide to learn as a result.

No idea of the homework questions, as i do not have kids.

Rhaid rhoi pob cymorth i ddysgwyr a rhieni plant ysgol mewn pob maes, hyn er mwyn iddynt magu hyder mewn siarad yr iaith Cymraeg ac mewn defnyddio'r iaith mewn pob agwedd o'u bywydau. Mae'n bwysig bod siaradwyr Cymraeg yn cael yr un cyfleodd i ddefnyddio'r iaith ac mae siaradwyr Saesneg.

All efforts to promote welshness, implementation in my view should be the aim, for education, social and family areas.

Adults without children and Grandparents also need to learn.

Passionate to maintain the Welsh language from an early age but also acknowledge that work commitments for parents to learn Welsh with their children can be a barrier that needs to be considered but hopefully over the years this barrier will diminish

Growing up I was lucky my parents sent me to a Welsh school. It has been advantageous and I am fully bilingual Others should have this opportunity

I am Irish and classed as ethnic minority and I had to find a course to do

Unsure

A strong infrastructure to suppore the use of the language within communities and in a formal context must be adopted to generate a community shift.

It's important to revive the language as I've said before. We are a town in Wales with our own language we should all be able to speak in my personal opinion.

It is pleasing to see recognition of the BME community and underrepresented groups in this strategic theme. People who already possess multi-lingual skills and abilities are sometimes best place to become promoters of learning a new language.

Ar gyfer y grwp Facebook 'Homework Help' byddai'n dda hefyd i annog athrawon amrywiol i ymuno er mwyn cynnig cymorth sylweddol i rieni yn ogystal. Mae nifer o'r gweithredoedd uchod yn cael ei weithredu yn barod gan nifer o barteriaid y Cyngor sir. Mae'n bwysig nodi yn y dogfen yma beth yn union yw cyfraniad y cyngor sir tuag at y gwaith yma - mae amrywiaeth o ffyrdd gall y cyngor cefnogi'r gwaith yma yn ariannol, yn ymarferol ac yn strategol.

Welsh language in schools a bit sporadic

All support for the language should be actively encouraged

If Disagree/Strongly disagree please give your reasons

Until there is agreement and standardisation in the Welsh language, the teaching of the language is flawed. This can be seen in how it is taught in Welsh first language schools and English first language schools, English first language schools use a dumbed down version which Welsh first language teachers can be very scathing of. Also, you can have a group of Welsh teachers and non of them can agree on mutations or whether one word should be used or another.

Waste of public money

With the number of foreign people in our communities, Welsh is a complete waste of time. Compulsory teaching of Welsh should also stop in our schools.

I don't see how its the position of the Council to promote a social media group, when it's like claiming "you made the shoes, when all you've done is tied their laces". Also, Bilingualism doesn't work because the teachers in English medium schools *don't care for Cymraeg* nor do they seek to normalise it [from personal experience]. Teachers are overworked and underpaid, so only when there is a care and a framework to work from will it be cared for enough to be taught with care in English medium language schools. Being multi or bilingual is great and does work, the application of process and strategy as how to achieve it: is poor and does not work [in practice - from personal experience]. Focus on two fronts: Youth and Young parents/Young adults. Provide space and ability for elders [experts] to be present and included within the tuition process so that all are included, and try to make something cyclical in so that it becomes a self fulfilling tradition that the old come in to teach the new - an "art class of language" where you come to make art [regardless of quality, just the act of expressing ones self and having a place to do that and be valued for it].

The Welsh language is a niche language and is no longer relevant to most people living or working in Wales. As such it should be maintained as a tourist 'gimmick' as it serves little other purpose. History is exactly that, the past and the natural evolution of language should be respected.

Parents should have a choice in what Language their children are taught - If you wish your child taught in Welsh there should be the option of a Welsh school however if you wish your child to be taught in English then you should also have that choice - The Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) 2022-2032 does not allow choice. The Welsh Language should not be more important than a child's education.

See previous comnents

it is a waste of money and time for something that is of no use apart from vanity. if people want to learn or speak it, it should be their own choice.

We are in a cost of living crisis, the public would rather see our local authority helping out by fulfilling their roles and not spending money on facilitating this unrealistic desire for everyone to speak welsh.

For too much money is already spent on promoting the Welsh language, which provides little or no direct or tangible benefit to speakers and diverts funding from other causes which are more important and would help everyone in Wales, regardless of their Welsh language speaking status

Absolutely no point in this day and age. I've been taught more French in school than welsh and I was born in wales- absolute embarrassment

(Last 2 questions) That is discrimination, promote it for everyone, and consult/explore everyone. (First 4 questions) Waste of money, explore other ways to achieve the goal

Feel it is important to involve pupils with homework etc from a younger age than 5/6, 7/8 year groups to immerse themselves in the Welsh language.

Unsure

do not see it as finacially viable

You want to put in all these strategies for Welsh but children with disabilities can't get assessed!!!

Absolute waste of ,oney. Shocking that non Welsh speakers in schools are force fed this nonsense. More political correctness!

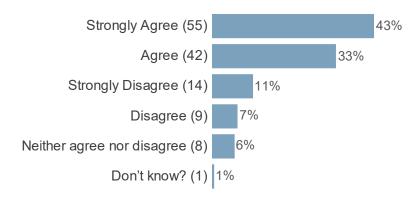
The welsh economy struggles yet money is wasted on promoting a language that does nothing to make wales more competitive in the world markets.

I believe that its naive to believe everyone has the ability or the time to learn welsh. In forcing children to learn outside of schools will only cause negative backlash, they'll cause distress to teachers. Promote importance of bilingualism could cause distress for people who find it harder to learn languages. You'll build up a lot resentment, especially from the youth.

Strategic Theme 2: Increasing the use of Welsh

Vision: Welsh is an integral part of people's everyday life

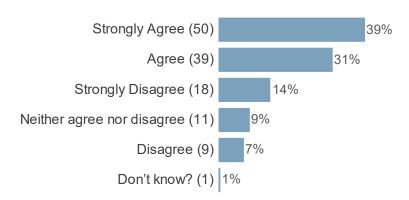
Key areas of Work (Support and promote the use of Welsh in social settings)



Strategic Theme 2: Increasing the use of Welsh

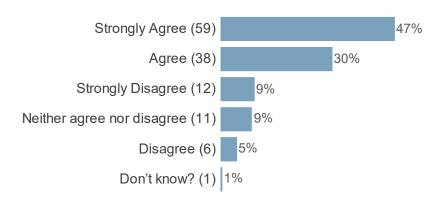
Vision: Welsh is an integral part of people's everyday life

Key areas of Work (Expand the use of Welsh in the workplace)

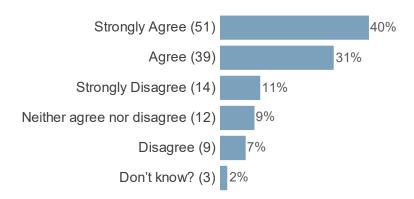


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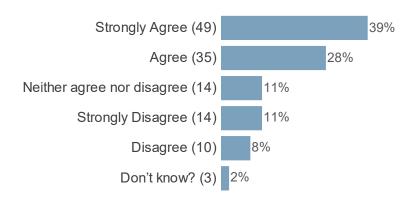


Strategic Theme 1: Increasing the numbers of Welsh speakers. Vision: More people speak Welsh (Expand the Welsh language leisure programme across Neath Port Talbot.)

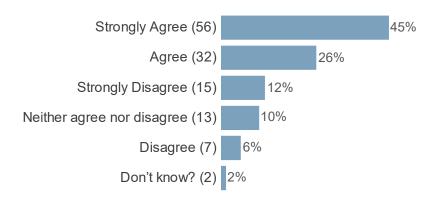


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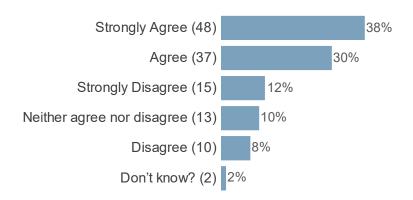


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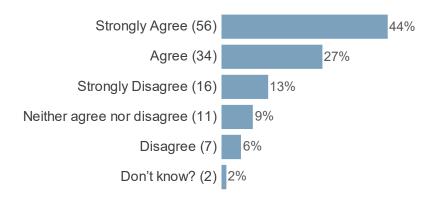


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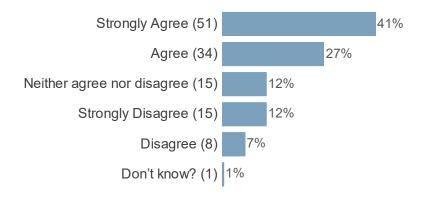


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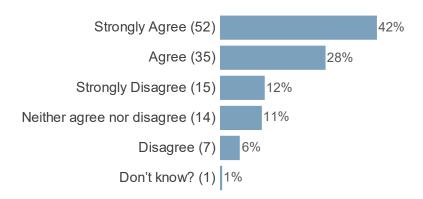


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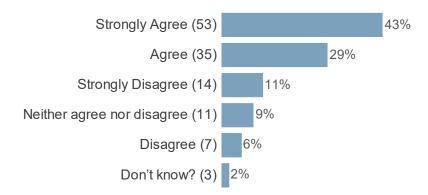


Strategic Theme 1: Increasing the numbers of Welsh speakers. Vision: More people speak Welsh (Welsh language awareness training will be promoted to all staff)



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Strategic Theme 1: Increasing the numbers of Welsh speakers. Vision: More people speak Welsh (Work with partners to identify opportunities to promote the Welsh language in a variety of social settings)



If Agree/Strongly agree please give your reasons

I believe that it is important that the language flourishes and we encourage others to embrace our heritage

Some of these will be difficult as many staff dont speak Welsh

I think many youths are resistant to using and learning Welsh at the best of times, if they are not speaking it at home, or in a Welsh school. My children would be deterred from accessing a youth club if it was in Welsh. I would be resistant to having to learn Welsh in work or use it more; it would not benefit me and I have more need for other languages. Learning Welsh would be a waste of my time, sadly.

Welsh speaking should be a condition for external and internal recruitment or promotion. Welsh should be the first language of greeting at all public interactions. All telephony staff should be Welsh speaking

I agree with all of the above, not easy to do, but start small and build.

Rhestrau uchod ddim yn gweithio

Gweler blaenorol

Not all people want to learn it shouldn't be enforced or mandatory so find pushing it in the workplace maybe not for everyone

This all costs a great deal of money for very few speakers. Are these actually barriers to learning Welsh? First find if there is a genuine demand for this from a largest enough proportion of our country, then make adaptions. We have such a wonderful diverse population in Wales with so many languages. Shouldn't all of these languages have their profile raised?

syniadau dda yma, yn enwedig cyrsiau i staff, a creu weithle mwy ddwyieithog

I agree with certain elements in that it should be promoted

Yes, yes and YES! Though, I would advise potentially explore the idea of using a colour coded system for different levels of speakers in events, where all levels of speakers [and non speakers] are welcome, but all events are able to cater to all different levels of Cymraeg. I would very much welcome events and festivals that are made for learners/non speakers to become more affluent and affiliated with Cymraeg - with organisations/people there who are equipped to be able to help. Anything to reduce the intimidation factor that its made out to be [learning any language]. But offering welsh language tours [do we even have a tourism board anymore, or does Swansea still do it for us?], as well as making online content in both languages - would help demonstrate the leisure activities we have in NPT as well as our magical language and culture [which could be the tipping edge decision as to why others would come visit us!].

To support and encourage

Move away from the business model to instead encourage casual Welsh speaking in the community. Make some spoken Welsh the Goal rather than fluency

I really support the use of Welsh in all settings, work and leisure, however it is a hard language to learn if not taught when very young and the inability to learn should not end up excluding members of our communities. Someone born in Wales who cannot speak Welsh is just as Welsh as a first language welsh speaker and should not be made to feel like a second class Welshman/woman.

Angen neud y Gymraeg yn rhan canolig o fywyd yng Nghastedd-nedd Port Talbot.

Access to learning opportunities is great but obviously it will depend on the time that people have available to commit as between work, children, life etc people are leading increasingly busy, hectic lives.

Make Welsh speaking a differentiator for recruitment

You could consider giving free Welsh lessons to youth club leaders (with targeted vocabulary).

As stated previously. Getting the cool cymru movement of the 90s. Gaining that pride back. The pride and confidence will help the welsh ecconomy in the long run.

Strongly agree with the above. Welsh language is missing in leisure facilities currently

Good ideas

I believe all welsh individuals should be able to have at very least, the skills to have a conversation in Welsh. It is part of our heritage and needs to be celebrated.

It is difficult to disagree with any of these important actions but the reality is that complying with the Welsh language policy requires extra resource which is not always available, Translation services can be difficult to access and take time and cost money

They are in line with wellbeing act, and I feel that they will work well to reach the goals set.

If you can get them in on it great give encouragement and patience.

While I agree with the potential actions I think it is important to remember that this should not be forced and everyone has the choice of participation in this e.g in all youth clubs, promoted to all staff etc, depending on how this is delivered it is important to not alienate those who choose not to participate

I think we should do all we can to help & support the language. There are very limited social opportunities for learnners to use the language. Only once or twice a month, for people who work!!

Os am gyrraedd y nod o wneud yr iaith Cymraeg yn iaith ddyddiol i ddysgwyr a siaradwyr, ac i gynyddu defnydd o'r iaith, mae'n pwysig bod y Cyngor yn cynnig popeth yn y Gymraeg yn ogystal â'r Saesneg, ac i wneud hynny rhaid cynyddu nifer y siaradwyr Cymraeg ymysg gweithlu'r Cyngor. Ond, mae'n allweddol bod y Cyngor yn gwneud yr uchod ac nid dim ond cytuno i wneud.

Same as before

There are a lot of people not working, retired, disabled, etc that also would like to learn. They seem to have been forgotten.

As previous comments about maintaining the Welsh Language - it becomes a "living language"

I have had the benefit of attending numerous Welsh language events run by menter iaith npt.

Unsure

Raising awareness of the Welsh language and it's history is key within the strategy. With understanding, comes action or the want to adopt a change.

Each of the above actions is critically important and need a strong partnership approach in promoting and developing the Welsh language.

Mae'r camau gweithredu uchod yn tynnu sylw at nifer o oedrannau wahanol, gan gynnwys plant a phobl ifanc ac oedolion â'r gymuned ehangach. Mae angen sicrhau darpariaeth o wasanaethau hamdden cyfrwng Cymraeg ar draws y sir.

Beneficial to have some Welsh for everyday needs

Try to create multiple learning in households through media

Promote and integrate the language for peoples day to day lives

As previous answer

If Disagree/Strongly disagree please give your reasons

Please see previous remarks.

Welsh language can only be used to a greater extent in the workplace if steps are taken to ensure that non-Welsh speakers do not feel excluded and discriminated against

The PC members of the council will miss use the policy so they can give out jobs and contracts to their National Socialist pals.

Same reasons as before

I disagree with singling out Local Authority employees for free Welsh language training while others pay. if we want the language to grow then it should be free for all to learn, otherwise you create a tiered system and hark back to the bad old days of switching to Welsh for social exclusion. I also have concerns about encouraging the use of the language in youth clubs, because this can massively disadvantage non Welsh speakers and can result in them leaving and again creating a two tier system.

Only monolinguists would disagree with any of the above.

I just don't see the point in inputting more money into projects that from 2011-2021 are clearly on the decline. Unless there is an external funding source available, then the budget for the Borough should be prioritised for more urgent needs.

The Welsh language is a niche language and is no longer relevant to most people living or working in Wales. As such it should be maintained as a tourist 'gimmick' as it serves little other purpose. History is exactly that, the past and the natural evolution of language should be respected. Promoting Welsh as a communication medium in a workplace or social setting could lead to exclusion and in the event of an emergency could result in miscommunication.

Forcing Welsh in the workplace would require fluency which is a strategy currently being used which is not working (all statistics show the Welsh language continuing to loose ground despite masses of publicity/legislation etc) - I believe that is because there is a very large divergence between an 'English speaker' and a 'Welsh speaker' ... make Welsh spoken in a social setting enough (business Welsh not required)

Again see previous comments

WELSH LANGUAGE NOT NEEDED - Those who speak welsh speak English, nobody relies on the Welsh Language

This is all money that could be better spent elsewhere

As previous comments. The financial resources required would be better spent improving the lives of everyone who lives in Wales regardless of Welsh speaking status

(Questions 2,3,4) - Segregation effort in national language introduction (Questions 5,8) - Council staff - promotion and awareness training is waste of money. Give support/offer Welsh language courses, and a culture of acceptance/love for Welsh language

Unsure

not financially viable

Work with partners to help with disabled people

As a taxpayer, living in a deprived area, the money could and should be used to reduce council tax and not to enforce outdated polices.

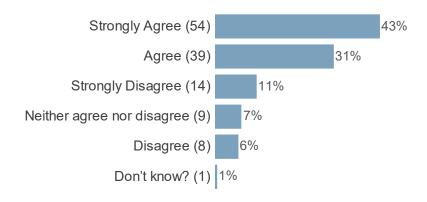
Are you trying to brand non welsh speakers as second class citizens? I think you are. Shame on you.

People who work for long period or time days are stressful enough. Just causing more workplace complications. Although, enough welsh understanding would be critical to know it should be pushed onto people. They should have the option.

Strategic Theme 3: Creating Favourable Conditions: Infrastructure and Context

Vision: We have an environment in which the language thrives

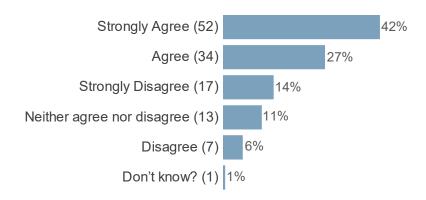
Key areas of Work (Increase the visibility of the language across the area)



Strategic Theme 3: Creating Favourable Conditions: Infrastructure and Context

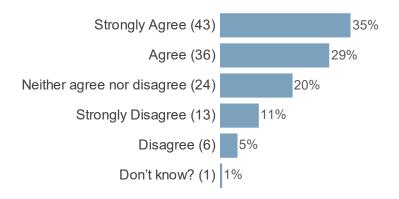
Vision: We have an environment in which the language thrives

Key areas of Work (Embed Welsh into all our strategies and plans)

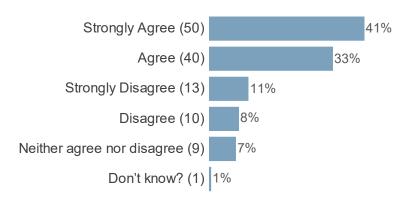


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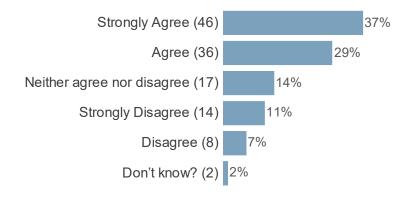


Strategic Theme 1: Increasing the numbers of Welsh speakers. Vision: More people speak Welsh (Develop and implement a new Culture and Heritage Strategy that promotes awareness, use and visibility of the Welsh language within Neath Port Talbot)

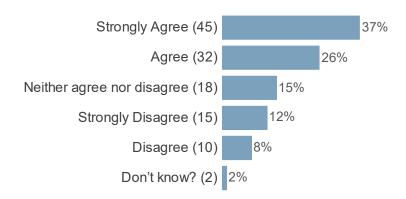


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Strategic Theme 1: Increasing the numbers of Welsh speakers. Vision: More people speak Welsh (Develop and implement our internal language skills policy across our service areas.)

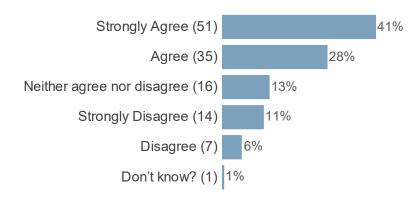


Strategic Theme 1: Increasing the numbers of Welsh speakers. Vision: More people speak Welsh (Ensure the Welsh language is central to the design and application of new technologies.)

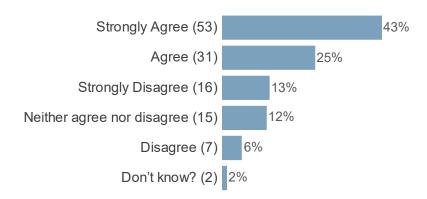


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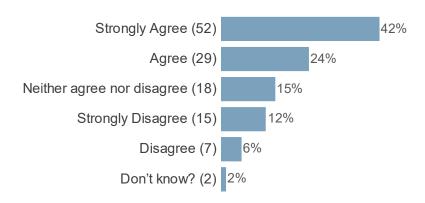


Strategic Theme 1: Increasing the numbers of Welsh speakers. Vision: More people speak Welsh (Ensure Welsh language, heritage and culture is a key component of the Destination Management Plan currently being developed.)

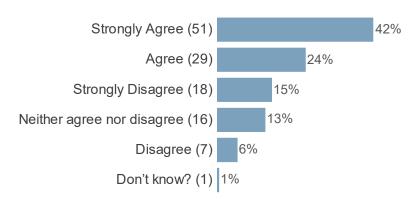


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Strategic Theme 1: Increasing the numbers of Welsh speakers. Vision: More people speak Welsh (Ensure Welsh is taken into account during the development of the commemoration of people and events in the public realm policy.)



Strategic Theme 1: Increasing the numbers of Welsh speakers. Vision: More people speak Welsh (Include the Welsh language as a key element in all future policies and strategies)



If Agree/Strongly agree please give your reasons

I believe that it is important that the language flourishes and we encourage others to embrace our heritage

Should be at the heart of everything that the council does

We just need to build slowly and we will get there.

Rhestr uchod ddim yn gweithio. Mae rhaid cael pobl sy'n siarad neu dysgu ein iaith i fod yn swyddi sy'n delio â'r cyhoedd.

rhain i gyd yn mynd i tyfu niferoedd, ond hefyd yn rhoi neges bod hawl gyda ni gweithio a byw trwy gyfrwng y gymraeg yn CNPT

Again I agree in many instances, but have concerns around language based exclusion while dealing with local authority employees.

I'm so glad I voted Plaid, as this is but one of the many reasons I vote for them [as they actually listen and represent!]. I agree to work with all and any organisations for people in Cymru that call this place home - to get greater connected with this land and its language. I sincerely hope that all of this is not just to design internal measures *only* within the council, but that these are implemented across that of every community within NPT because: it's our language! It's unique, It's a selling point - It's a unique selling point! Only here can you find iron and steel works with people made of metal, with roman and norman castle ruins and even older stones and structures strewn across it - where in spite of everyone and everything: we are still here! But, we can't only look to the past but must be mindful of the future and future technology as well - where - we need to keep ontop of new tech and make sure that our language continues to grow both on and offline [because online not only helps share and record our understandings for people now - but for future generations to come/for as long as the files exist on a server].

Policies should contain translation

There is nothing wrong with promoting the Welsh Language but don't make it the focal point of everything, instead have it as part of the strategy, no more or less than any other part

more focus on welsh and the welsh language can only be a good thing when it comes to highlighting it and maintaining it for years to come.

I thought there was already a legal as well as moral responsibility to do all of the above already

If Agree/Strongly agree please give your reasons

The more it is seen/integrated within daily life, the more people will learn. We need to be immersed in the language so that it just becomes part of the day to day living in Wales

Important to be built in at the start of a process rather than an add on or a tick box exercise

They are worthwhile effort to embed Welsh language in council services and provision.

To have language is great. It's Welsh - Welsh should be proud of it.

As per previous question

Mae sicrhau a gweithredu'r camau uchod yn bwysig dros ben os am wneud yr iaith Cymraeg yn rhan annatod o fywyd trigolion CNPT. Mae hybi ein treftadaeth a diwylliant yn allweddol i gynyddu'r nifer o siaradwyr yn y Sir. Ond eto, rhaid gweithredu'r camau ac nid dim ond derbyn nhw.

In terms of commemoration, Welsh true history needs to be taught. I was never taught any Welsh history in school.

As previous comments

As a resident of nptcbc at times when attempting to access services in cymraeg has felt like am afterethought. I have previously contacted the Welsh language comissioner with regard to the lack of Welsh language provision. It is vital going forward that Welsh in included at ground level and not just tacked on to tick a box. Genuine enthusiasm for cymraeg is needed. I welcome a proactive approach.

Unsure

As above.

Mae nifer o'r pwyntiau uchod yn rhan o'ch gweithredoedd statudol o dan Safonau'r Gymraeg - dyma'r isafswm statudol - oes modd mynd ymhellach?

See previous answer ~ important not to alienate nonWelsh speakers and discrimination

How do/will you/create wider support in communities which are concerned with the costs and resources required to take this proposal forward

Visiblity gives the public the option which isn't being offered in other areas. Heritage is important but it can cause distress for families who had families in the coal mines and stuff. So it's important not to be over baring.

To ensure that hearing and conversing in welsh is 'normalised'.

If Disagree/Strongly disagree please give your reasons

All of this is just incurring more costs to already reduced budgets. The council would be better to use council tax on improving road surfaces, resources for schools, support staff for schools and other practical things.

Waste of public money

Don't sideline people.

Waste of our money

How on earth can the Welsh Language be central to design and application of new technologies? We need to apply resources according to the amount of use of the language otherwise we end up with social exclusion by language.

How to say you're British and a monolinguist without saying you're such: *They disagree with the above* [No disagreements from me].

For reasons already given previously. Why are we wasting time, effort and money on this now? There are far more very important priorities deserving in our current climate of deprivation, poverty and need across our communities. I do think people living in the Borough will want to know why their needs are not being prioritised and viewed as a more urgent matter

If Disagree/Strongly disagree please give your reasons

The Welsh language is a niche language and is no longer relevant to most people living or working in Wales. As such it should be maintained as a tourist 'gimmick' as it serves little other purpose. History is exactly that, the past and the natural evolution of language should be respected. If the UK government wishes to promote the use of the welsh language then it should fund it centrally and this should not have a cost implication at a local government or Welsh Assembly level.

Take the force out of the Welsh language strategy (Embed, Ensure etc), instead make it a natural part of the social scene in communities (Encourage, facilitate etc) Not a key element, instead it is one of the elements to be considered no more or less important than any other

I have exolained akready, see previous comnent

Waste of time and resources.

This is all a waste of money

As previous comments. The financial resources required would be better spent improving the lives of everyone who lives in Wales regardless of Welsh speaking status

Discriminatory and segregation effort on introducing a national language for Wales

Unsure

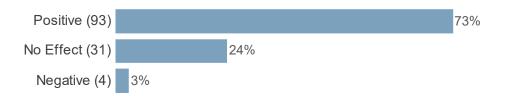
not financially viable

Welsh is not a priority at present

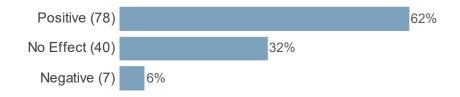
As above. I feel discriminated against and object to all of it!

Wales has a lot to offer the rest of the world, language is not it. Unfortunately too much is spent on the welsh language that could be better spent elsewhere.

What effect do you think the strategy will have on: (People's opportunities to use the Welsh language)



What effect do you think the strategy will have on: (Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language)



Please give reasons for your responses

We need to take the subject seriously rather than pay lip service to the task ahead. Leadership and buy in from the top down is important to maximise shift in attitudes. Currently this is not the case and it is seen as a hindrance rather than an opportunity!

It will increase opportunity, the issues is will it increase uptake.

Does not go far enough.

Please give reasons for your responses

If people want to use the Welsh language they can and that's great, but it shouldn't be force fed to those who don't.

It is already pushed hard enough to make those of us who are not Welsh feel unvalued and excluded

That is the way the world works

Promote it to the younger generation better, catch the children preschool.

Mae rhaid fod y bositif a hybu'r Gymraeg hefyd

Depends how u do it

The model is backwards and tries to artificially create necessity. It is coercive and in your face and only serves to agitate people who are struggling to survive and as such know money is being spent on something to encourage people to speak a language so few use. I have asked so many people young and old to share their view and there is so little support except for nationalistic who seek to separate us from the English speaking world. Our identity is not built on our language.

bydd y strategaeth yn wneud hi'n mwy derbynniol i defnyddio'r cymraeg ym mywyd bob dydd y gwaith

I don't agree with the language being forced on the population, many of whom don't even speak English properly

The majority of school children do not study Welsh further than GCSE level. People are just not interested.

I don't think the strategy will make a difference to how the language is treated, and in fact we run the risk of the outcome being negative if we attempt to use the stick instead of the carrot.

Massively increasing the opportunities will work amazingly for people who live here - unfortunately - we do not have devolved media powers, and we are not the arbitors of our own descriptions or immune from attacks. One only need look to the amount of people losing their "heads" over Bannau Brycheiniog reverting to its original name only - and the mindless xenophobic attacks our language/culture/people perpetually receive... where as a pragmatic result: there will still be people who will mistreat our language because of the narratives and directives from UK media or UK Parliament. Shouldn't stop us from trying, as we can't worry about what we can't control - but try and focus on what we can change. Lets be the change we wish to see, where if you'd like to push to devolve media powers to the Senedd: you'd get my support.

As welsh persons to hold conversations and read welsh

Times have changed and this authority has to move with it and prioritise and address the actual needs of its communities. These proposals will all cost money, in terms of logistics and implementation, salaries, training, time and the lust goes on

The most effective way to increase welsh language speakers is to have more welsh speaking schools.... surely? But this comes at a cost

The Welsh language is a niche language and is no longer relevant to most people living or working in Wales. As such it should be maintained as a tourist 'gimmick' as it serves little other purpose. History is exactly that, the past and the natural evolution of language should be respected. Failing to move with the times and to recognise the need for a homogenised UK wide 'first' language will continue to negatively impact every aspect of Welsh life and will add further to the image of Wales as a poor cousin to the rest of the UK.

It needs to be encouraging not forced

There are still only a small % of Welsh speakers in the Borough and this policy could severely disadvantage small organisations or community groups if they have to publish everything bilingually. Let's focus on getting more people speaking and using the language before imposing costs that will be detrimental to the local economy.

Already commented

Mae'n wych i greu strategaeth, ond y gwaith caled go iawn yw sicrhau bod o'n cael ei ddefnyddio, neu jest geiriau ar bapur ydy o.

Please give reasons for your responses

Welsh is more a hobby than a need. It wont and shouldnt change through naked social engineering. Let the market decide if its needed and only support school use as a voluntary option.

It's difficult to state it will be treated no less favourably when in lots of cases it will have a longer response time than English purely due to lack of resources. It will also take time for new language learners to feel comfortable to converse or deal with things in welsh, if ready to at all.

The steps set out are a positive step to encouraging the use of the language and making it more acceptable in our own towns and villages.

The majority of Welsh people/people living in Wales don't care about the language and this would just be falling on deaf ears and rightly so.

Hopefully, t wil have no effect because it was to be implemented.

If someone knows welsh that's fine however there's just no point anymore- schools ruined this years ago

No actual requirement for people to learn welsh

People will be more confident in trying to use the language. Welsh learning groups and social groups offering the opportunity to practice, would be helpful for adults.

The strategy is very broad and naturally positive

All of the actions in the strategy should help to improve both the opportunities to use the Welsh language and ensure Welsh is treated no less favourably than English

People who what to revive the culture. Will be happy and proud.

Os fydd y Strategaeth yn cael ei mabwysiadu a'i weithredu a dod yn rhan amlwg o weinyddiaeth y Cyngor fe fydd hynny yn magu hyder ymysg siaradwyr a dysgwyr yr iaith a'u hysgogi i'w ddefnyddio fwy. Ond rhaid gweithredu'r Strategaeth yn ei chyfanrwydd

Shwd gymaint o effaith o wylio Netflix a rhagleni Americanaidd, mae'n anodd denu pobl i weithfawrogi pwysigrydd y gymraeg.

If both languages are treated equally and encouraged, then it can only have a positive effect.

Important to consider how the Welsh language, heritage and culture is given the same relevance as English and how to engage with communities to achieve this.

It's Wales, why not?!

minimal appetite for use of welsh language

With a carefully considered approach which involves encouragement as apposed to force. This can be a positive success.

Collective effort alone will help raise the profile of the language. The marketing and promotion strategy is critical and, to encourage new learners it must be presented as a fun, non-threatening and uncomplicated thing to do. We have bilingual street signs, official publications and the like, but there is a clear barrier in the way the Welsh language does not penetrate ordinary, everyday life even in the smallest ways e.g. salutations.

Os mae'r polisi yn cael ei weithredu'n effeithiol, gall yr effaith bod yn un cadarnhaol iawn. Ond angen ymrwymiad nifer o adrannau gwahanol o fewn yr awdurdod a dyma'r her.

Do not marginalise either language or people

Create an inclusive community through learning

I totally object to my money being spent on pie-in-the-sky rubbish

People speak what they want to speak without outside interference

Austerity, current economic situation - How will it benefit young people and families?

As long as its fair and optional, that makes it bareable to everyone. But it should be pushed if people dont want it.

All publicity(Positive) is helpful.

Increase the positive effects

We need to take the subject seriously rather than pay lip service to the task ahead. Leadership and buy in from the top down is important to maximise shift in attitudes. Currently this is not the case and it is seen as a hindrance rather than an opportunity!

People need to have a willingness and a reason to learn Welsh. Its a difficult language for those who dont speak it.

Heavier investment

Stop setting targets, this also applies to the Welsh Government, people don't like being coerced.

Already stated above

Mwy o arweiniaeth gan ein aelodau etholiadol yn defnyddio/dysgu a hybu'r Gymraeg. Penderfyniadau cadarn, positif i ddefnyddio enwau gwreiddiol pentrefi a lleoedd o fewn yr ardal e. e Cwmafan (Avon is in South West England). Beth am defnyddio disgrifiad Saesneg ar arwyddion ffordd e.e Banwen (White Beacon)

Teach it for free

Choice! Simple things like allowing a person to have a Welsh or English at the top of their emails. Roads signs Welsh first in areas like Carmarthen and English first in Swansea. English only in English medium schools. Anything that makes you feel like you have a choice!

The only way to truly encourage non-Welsh speakers learning Welsh is to have fully bilingual nursery and (ideally) Early Years educations so that every child is bilingual by the age of 5 or 7. Support this with classes for patents. Also set up informal Welsh conversation groups in pubs and cafes etc. where Welsh learners can practice their Welsh in real situations.

Cael "Welsh Champions" neu rhywbeth, i'w weld yn defnyddio'r gymraeg yn ogystal a'r saesneg yn mwy amlwg.

I have no suggestion

Make online language learning free for all.

Survey, Listen, and *THEN* cater to your audience! Don't push policy blindly, measure the level of ability and provide tuition in relativity to the ability [we know where we want to get to, but let's not get ahead of ourselves]. Youths - Offer free pizza at events to learn [work with local chains or dominos, as it worked for me as a youth] Learn how you can work best by parents - and not the other way around, as they're stressed overworked and underpaid for what they do as well [I sense a theme here... thanks Westminster and lacking devolved powers!]. I can imagine its intimidating having your children speak a language you don't understand, so find the best way to communicate with parents or survey and involve parents as to ask: How can we help you to help us, to help us help you feel comfortable using Cymraeg? Potentially offer some reduction or help in other ways that you can as a council to help support them in supporting you/the future of our language. You effectively want to take their time [to learn], where time is money - so what levers do you have to be able to help them, help you [to help us all]? Try to make events inclusive for all, or to be able to make any event an opportunity to learn Cymraeg - potentially - using a colour system for different levels of learners to be able to engage and understand/learn at an appropriate level. Take inspiration from Iolo Williams, and make interactive events in cymraeg with experts across all sectors in NPT. Convince local businesses to adapt and use Cymraeg as a USP - potentially offer businesses that adopt cymraeg discounts on rates[etc]?

The understanding of native tongue

Personally I disagree with the strategy and my opinion is that it should be mothballed until the people in our communities are given alternative opportunities to consider and it and voice their opinions. Not all have the ability or indeed the inclination to complete a lengthy online survey and there should be other additional methods of public consultation used.

Promote the Welsh language as a heritage language only.

Move away from forcing compliance and instead encourage participation with lots of help to comply (i.e Welsh language learning, social gatherings, 'just use some Welsh and that's ok' take away the 'English speaker', 'Welsh speaker' designation on everything - Make some Welsh comfortably spoken enough

Increase the positive effects

Make it easier to learn Welsh as an adult. Concentrate of the spoken word rather than written, don't disenfranchise those who are keen to learn but may struggle with the written word.

Already commented previously

Gwneud y targed o cynyddu'r nifer o siaradwyr Cymraeg 1% yn fwy heriol - 5% er enghraifft. Sicrhau ei bod o'n cael ei ddefnyddio.

Get rid of 90%

Support for parents who are non-welsh speakers to encourage uptake in schools. Bi-lingual homework. Bi-lingual resources from the school, given to the child/parents to practice at home.

Make it cheaper /faster / better if Welsh language services are used rather than other non-native languages such as English.

Increase the target to 5% over 5 years.

Bring out an English Not and cane kids who speak English?

Abandon the strategy

I hope the strategy will have positive effects. But I still feel there is a big disconnect and the English language is always preferred in our society

Better chance of employment for a welsh learner

Need more Welsh primary schools in the area/ or intensive welsh learning provision to allow older children to join the school later than infants.

Bilingualism - incidental Welsh, mixed used, not the binary all or nothing approach.

I am English. But call myself British. Born Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. Widow of a lovely Welsh man. I stand for National Anthem and Welsh. I so proud.

increase opportunities for non welsh speakers to have easy affordable access should they choose to learn

Ddim yn gwybod fel i ddiwygio'r Strategaeth ond rhaid yn y dyfodol cyfeirio at y Strategaeth mewn pob agwedd o waith y Cyngor a'i adrannau er mwyn iddo llwyddo, wedyn fe fydd pobl yn gweld bod yr iaith yn naturiol ac yn berthnasol i'w bywydau.

Focus on 'the other people' who don't fit the demograph. Grandparents and extended family can be a great help with young people learning Welsh. These are the people who need help to learn. Maybe Welsh lessons online or books with basic conversational Welsh

Providing safe, positive environments for people to engage with the language without fear of making mistakes and being encouraged to converse and learn in a variety of settings at whatever level.

Do more events on council committees and get the local area having more Welsh catch up

Unsure

allow customers to 'opt' in if required - cost effective

Community involvement- getting the people of the county on the journey to change, influence and encourage others. Peer to peer.

Regular reviewing of the strategy will be important if it is to be taken seriously by the council and its partners - this is not something that can be done by the council alone. All partners should be encouraged to have their own robust Welsh language policies and supported to implement this together to ensue that as many people as possible in our workforce and communities enjoy the benefit of the Welsh language.

Son yn fanwl am sut gall y cyngor sir cefnogi mudiadau Cymraeg i gyfrannu at y strategaeth - e.e. cefnogaeth ariannol, cynnig llog ystafelloedd y cyngor am ddim i fudiadau'r Gymraeg, buddsoddiad amser ac hyfforddiant i staff, rhyddhau staff i fynychu hyfforddiant - sicrhau bod staff ym mhob adran sydd â'r gallu i ateb y ffôn / delio gyda'r cyhoedd trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg,

Promote and encourage bilingualism / multilingualism

Learn a new skill

Increase the positive effects

1. Welsh coffee mornings attendees are mostly pensioners, I suspect because they are home during the day when workers and children cant attend. 2. Something is needed to allow workers and children to attend e.g. Welsh discos, Welsh games(computer) in the evenings/ at weekends. 3. Have say 15 minute sessions during the day at work, where people can pick up a bit of welsh (to arouse their interest). This could develop into formal courses for interested parties outside of working hours.

There are no positive effects, but plenty of negative ones. We are on insignificant blob on the European continent and this is just increasing it.

There are no positive effects.

Don't know

Like a lot of technology, there should be an option for english and welsh.

Welsh only days would be great

Remove/decrease negative effects

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I do not believe there will be negative effect

Stop the waist of money.

Just having Welsh signage and incidental Welsh will have no effect on non-Welsh speakers learning Welsh. How may know what ARAF means, despite seeing it on roads hundreds of times each week?

"debunk" y ffeithiau anghywir, fel nad oes neb yn CNPT yn siarad cymraeg felly pam botheran!

There are no negative effects of promoting and growing the Welsh language.

A lot of people, me included, begrudge the amount of tax payers' money is spent on this vision.

On no account make the majority of the population feel excluded by showing massive favouritism to the welsh Language, encourage not enforce

Try to include more means of communication alongside Cymraeg - so not only providing signage with helpful phrases in Cymraeg but what about sign language as well? Can't argue that we're "only benefitting our spoken language" if we're working to increase the levels of communication on *ALL* levels and abilities to communicate and engage with one and other! [We shouldn't apologise for being social people - I mean... We're Welsh!] Ensure that English Medium language school welsh teachers are capable, that the English medium language schools actually adhere to the silibus and policies to actually teach Cymraeg as 1st language [and are supported to be able to adhere to the law - or penalised for breaking it]. [In Senedd] Devolve media powers to prevent UK Media xenophobia or hold it to account.

Encourage and support

Don't waste time and resources on a dying language.

Stop forcing people Encourage them (A massive translation in business Welsh although gratifying for a fluent Welsh speaker (who also reads and writes in Welsh) is massively off putting to a person with only conversational Welsh

Don't insist on all publications being bilingual, the costs are high and the impact can be negative when the majority do not read in Welsh even though they may be able to speak it.

Already comnented previously

Get rid of 90%

Don't do it

Abandon the strategy

Remove/decrease negative effects

It can sometimes be quite frustrating to have to sift through pages of Welsh to find the English version when receiving a letter for example and often seems like an awful waste of paper. Could we be better at giving an option for a welsh version if needed?

All Welsh and all English publications/adverts etc, all has segrogatory effort, especially in NPT (not a predominantly Welsh speaking area)

When people try change at first dought our negative. It won't work. Bad things said. Then see it one day. Then they see again, then again. Then it become a thing used to and love. Then love the complaining has stopped.

delivery will be key so it does not feel 'pushed' and people have the choice to participate

Wrth i'r iaith cael ei weld a'i ddefnyddio fwy fyth gan y Cyngor fe fydd wedyn yn cael ei dderbyn fel rhan annatod o'u bywyd pob dydd.

There is still a snobbery in schools about being English.

Remove the "Them and Us" mentality of speaking Welsh and that the language is for everyone.

Unsure

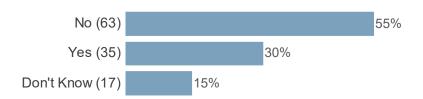
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No discrimination and respect other viewpoints

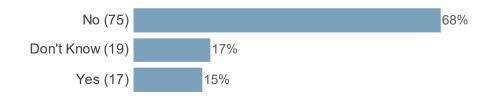
On all signage, standardise colours and fonts so it is easier to distinguish between English and Welsh. Too often signs are ignored because they are too confusing.

Don't know

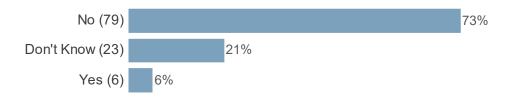
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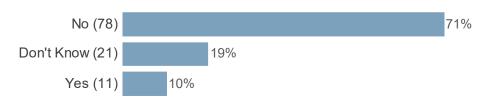
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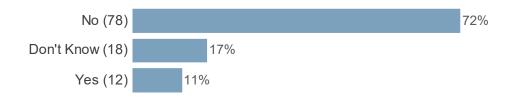
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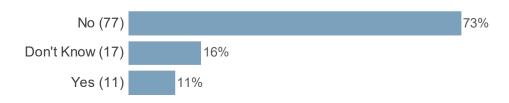
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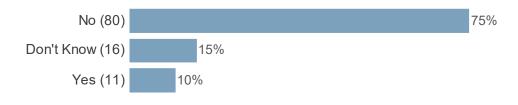
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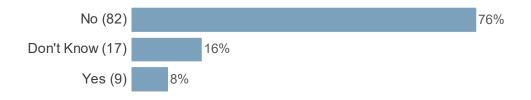
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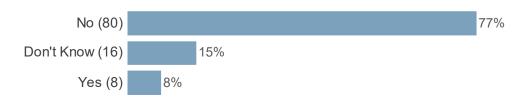
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Would the strategy have an impact on you and/or your family because of (your and /or their): (Sex)



Would the strategy have an impact on you and/or your family because of (your and /or their): (Sexual orientation)



Please give reasons for your answers

Why would the language impact on these?

Wuuld affect me except by way of work as I live outside the borough though am a staff member.

Dyslexia

I already live daily with the negative impact of the Welsh Language standards

No

It is a hard language to learn, but small changes to everyday life will allow adults to learn small words and phrases, but catch the children, then the older generation will hopefully learn with them.

Rhestr ddim yn gweithio

Dim yn effeithio o rhan agweddau yma.

No effect

Will have no effect on anyone

As there is no real detail this question is impossible to answer.

Being a millenial, the Senedd cut us out of access to free education - so offering greater access to be able to learn would definitely impact me, where if you were to continue to act as you do offline but record and document it online - this would aid me and my disability for sometimes I am inable to go out so I would still be able to engage online. Also, anyone who calls this part of the rock home [no matter where they are born] - ydy'n Gymry neu Teulu i fi / Is Welsh or Family to me. One factor it would change is understanding of history, because with an ability to read and understand Cymraeg... we could actually learn to understand the history of Castell Nedd and Prydain.

No impact on any of the above

Promoting a niche language can lead to visitors and migrants feeling isolated. Migrant here is used as a term to describe all individuals who come to settle in Wales regardless of their country of origin / circumstances.

ALREADY COMMENTED THIS IS REPETITIVE.

I have lived in NPT for 50 years. I have heard welsh spoken (outside of school) only a handful of times and never in my village or local town.

My children are of school age so could impact on them through their schooling.

Please give reasons for your answers

We are a diverse nation and these areas will impact our diverse family

It's not an equal opportunities strategy

What the hell has race/ sex and orientation got to do with leaning welsh.... WOW this is the exact reason welsh has been left to die . Concerned over irrelevant things that wouldn't affect language

Why would it

Don't know what this question aim to find out - what impact exactly?

I don't no enough to be "honest" but if you try you won't fail.

without stereotyping there may be those in older generation who would not wish to learn. also important to recognise that everyone has different learning styles and there is no 'one size which fits all'

Dim yn deall y cwestiwn

None of that should matter

Unsure

no wish to start to learn another language

Potentially, the strategy could positively impact on all the above groups who have the right to choose support and services to be promoted, discussed and delivered through the medium of Welsh. Denying those who identify with the above groups could make the feeling of isolation, exclusion and discrimination worse. Language is closely connected to how comfortable we feel and a sense of belonging.

The strategy will have a positive effect

Older is harder to learn as more busy and other commitments

I object to having to select an English language option when speaking to my surgery etc. It should be the other way around!

Stop being so woke!!

A lot of my family drive have mental disabilities and find it hard to understand or learn with the English language. Enforcing more welsh on top of the already stressful and terrible education system will have a negative effect on them and people like them.

If you have any further comments please include them below

No

When you have a strategy and plan in place [after much surveying and engagement with those you seek to impact], Please, revert to our old name Castell nedd only. I feel that would be the biggest kick to the system to let people know that you have a plan and you mean business, and that it's *the* plan for the future going forward [no going back]. I'm happy to live in a country that dwy iaith, but there is a glaring inadequecies and representation on the Cymraeg front... in Cymru... which shouldn't sit right with anyone, and for those that it does: invite them to speak with people of the world and explain to them whats happened here and our current mentality, and to then ask their opinion of that. Its consultations like this which is the reason I'm happy to put time and effort into my responses, as it's great to finally see governance in NPT seeking to be more representative and outward reaching [Thanks Plaid Cymru and other representatives seeking to represent their areas and NPT!]. But, all in all, aim higher - gauge your reach and audience - and if we under perform, it'll still be better than a 1% increase over 5 years. Work to include all people from all walks of life, of all levels of ability to speak Cymraeg - and we might just live in a better town yet.

Courses more input

If you have any further comments please include them below

The Welsh language is a niche language and is no longer relevant to most people living or working in Wales. As such it should be maintained as a tourist 'gimmick' as it serves little other purpose. History is exactly that, the past and the natural evolution of language should be respected. Concentrate on improving English literacy, this country deserves to be seen as the true jewel in the crown of the UK and to do that it needs to focus on the future and not the past.

Er mwyn normaleiddio'r Gymraeg ac i'r strategaeth fod yn llwyddianus, mae angen sicrhau bod y Gymraeg yn weladwy, er enghraifft, enwau Cymraeg yn unig ar ystadau o dai newydd. Hefyd, dylai fod popeth sydd yn cael eu rheoli gan y Cyngor fod yn ddwy-ieithog. Sylwais yn ddiweddar bod arwyddion Castell-nedd yn uniaith Saesneg, a dydy hyn ddim digon da.

Na

Don't give up. Wonderful idea.

Os yr ydym o ddifri ynglŷn â chynyddu'r nifer o siaradwyr Cymraeg tu fewn y Sir rhaid darparu fwy o ysgolion cynradd Cymraeg eu hiaith; un ysgol gynradd gyfrwng Cymraeg mae CCNPT wedi agor ers ei sefydlu. Agorwyd mwy o ysgolion Cymraeg eu hiaith ym Mhatagonia a Sir Fynwy dros yr un cyfnod nag yn CNPT.

From personal experience, using the welsh language either telephone or to access service, form filling etc results in a delay in services due to need for translation etc

We haven't lost the language but we have to retain/ grow it

Absoulute waste of time and money

1. This whole survey is over-complicated and full of wordy questions (Quite frankly - Boring) It would be an improvement to simplify it. 2 a. You ask questions about obverse WLSP 2022-2023, but with no simple explanation about what it is - so how can we answer effectively? b. Ditto for "Benefits of bilingualism" booklet. What the heck is that, and who reads it anyway? c. What is "the Language Leisure programme"? d. "Destination Management Plan"? e. A lot of "High Falutin" Language, which means little to nothing to the general public.

I strongly object to the way in which welsh speakers get jobs over non welsh speakers, and this is happening everyday. IT's DISCRIMINTION against non welsh speakers. Its utterly disgraceful.

The education system already causes enough self harm, suicide, bullying. Don't make it worse for the people with mental disabilities of who are slow learners. Be considerate to others and not just the 'love walsey welsh' movement that's going.

Are you responding...



Please provide your full postcode below (e.g. SA13 1PJ). This allows us to better understand your views and needs by area, and to make sure we've heard from people in all parts of the county borough

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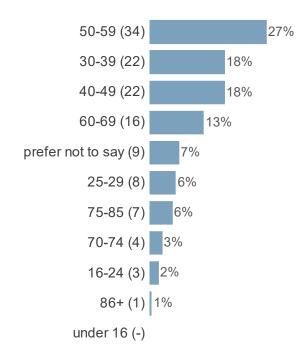
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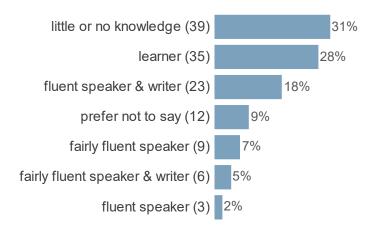
Please state which organisation you are responding on behalf of:

Caffi Cymraeg, Creunant SA10 8RF		
Neath Port Talbot CVS		
Menter laith Castell-nedd Port Talbot		

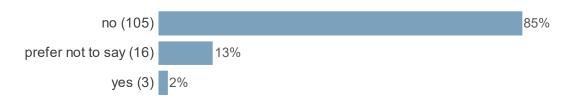
What is your age?



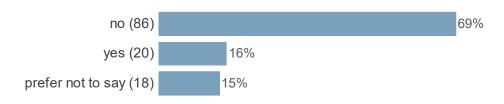
Welsh Language - are you:



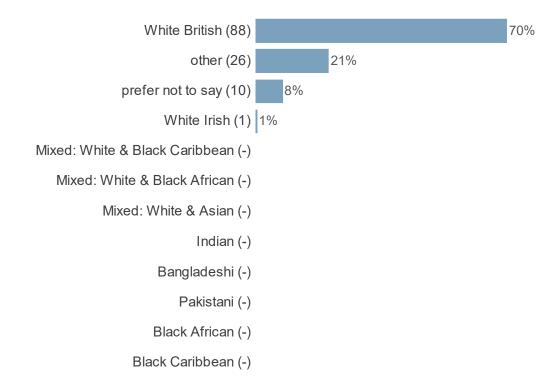
Are are you pregnant or on maternity leave?



Do you consider yourself to have a disability?



Ethnic origin



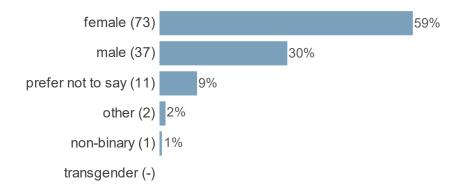
other - please specify (Other ethnic group - please specify)

Welsh not British
Human.
Gwyn - Cymreig
White Welsh
Cymraeg a Cyprus
White Welsh
Cymreig Welsh
Gwyn: Cymraeg
White Welsh
White Welsh
Welsh who doesn't welsh
Welsh
consider my origin as White Welsh
White Welsh
Gwyn Cymreig
Cymraes ydw i!!!
Welsh
Why is there no Welsh ethnicity to tick!!?? Please readress this promoting and paying lipservice
White Welsh
White Welsh
White- Welsh
White Welsh

other - please specify (Other ethnic group - please specify)

Welsh
White welsh
British Welsh (No Welsh Box????)
European

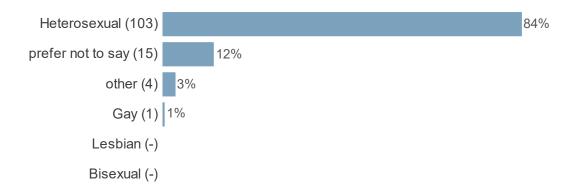
Sex:



other - please specify

This question makes no sense. The protected characteristic is Sex. Gender identity is separate. Hippo

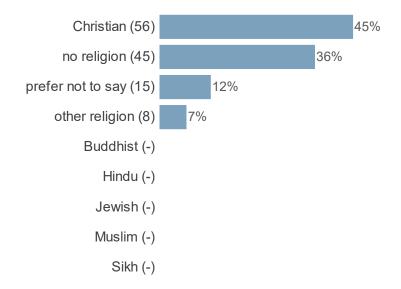
Sexual orientation:



other - please specify

Frying pan
Don't believe in sex out of marriage and couples
pa ots?
Pansexual

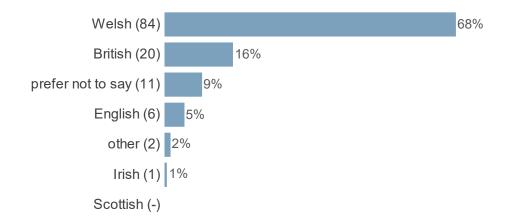
Religion / belief:



other religion - please specify (other - please specify)

Pagan	Pentecostal
Catholic	Welsh Independent
Celtic Pagan	Spiritualist

Nationality:



other nationality - please specify

Fake welsh European