

Good News

YMCA Neath Newsletter

APRIL - JUNE 2024

WELCOME

As we move from spring into summer, we have exciting updates and stories to share from our community. Your support and participation have made a significant impact, and we are thrilled to highlight the events and developments from the past few months.



COMMUNITY PANTRY

We are delighted to announce that our community pantry officially opened on April 29th. Our pantry is a vital resource for many families in our area, providing essential food items and support. We couldn't have achieved this without your generosity and support.

CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS WEEK

In honour of Volunteers Week, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful volunteers. Your dedication and hard work are the backbone of our community initiatives. From organising events to maintaining our facilities, your contributions are invaluable. Thank you for everything you do!



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NEATH JUDO

Our Judo club recently hosted a charity event, 'Put on a Gi to Help Children See,' at the YMCA. Thanks to the enthusiasm and generosity of the participants, they raised an impressive £838.70 for the Childhood Eye Cancer Trust (CHECT). Your contributions will make a meaningful difference in the lives of many children.



COMMUNITY ACTION DAY

In May, we held a Community Action Day where volunteers and community members came together to work on our garden. The day was filled with hard work, laughter, and a shared sense of purpose. Thanks to everyone's efforts, our garden is now a beautiful and welcoming space for all to enjoy.

SWANSEA PRIDE

Our LGBTQIA+ youth proudly marched in the Swansea Pride Parade, showcasing their support for diversity and inclusion. Their participation highlighted our commitment to fostering an inclusive community where everyone feels valued and celebrated. The group looks forward to returning next year for another fantastic event. The day was one of many celebrations leading up to Pride Month, which takes place over the month of June.



MORRISONS FOUNDATION

We are incredibly grateful to the Morrisons Foundation for their generous grant of £9,000 towards our community pantry. This funding is crucial in helping us support local families and maintain our pantry's operations!

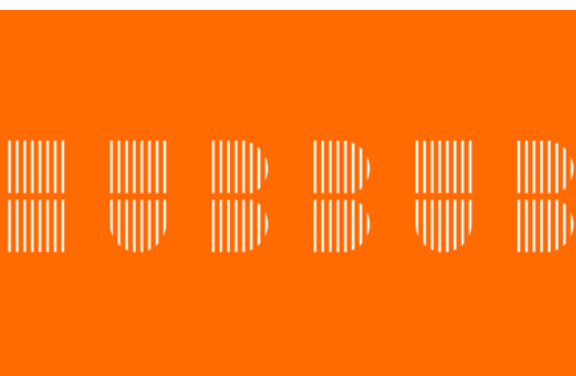


ACTION FUNDER

Thank you to Backyard Nature Green Microgrants 2024 for their £1000 grant, which has helped develop our community garden. Your support helps us create a sustainable and beautiful environment for everyone to enjoy. We are looking forward to holding outdoor workshops in July!

NEIGHBOURLY

We would also like to thank Neighbourly for their £500 spring grant that will help us purchase stock for our baby bank. This contribution allows us to provide essential items to families with young children, ensuring they have the resources they need.



HUBBUB

We are so pleased to announce that we were successful in our application to the Hubbub Community Food Hub fund. This £9,000 grant will help us to develop an after school club, watch this space!

NEW GROUPS!

We are excited to announce the successful launch of two new groups: the Crochet Group and Morning Mingle. These groups have quickly become popular, providing fantastic opportunities for community members to connect, share skills, and enjoy each other's company. If you haven't joined yet, we encourage you to come along and see what it's all about!



180 YEARS OF YMCA

On the 6th June, 180 years ago, George Williams, alongside 11 others, founded YMCA in London. Today, YMCA has grown to serve 65 million people across 120 countries. 6 June is a day to celebrate YMCA and all it has achieved, as well as our ongoing commitment to empowering young people and strengthening communities.

BYE FOR NOW!

Thank you for being a part of the YMCA Neath community. Your support, whether through volunteering, donating, or participating in our events, is what makes our community strong and vibrant. We look forward to seeing you at our Summer Fayre Wednesday 14th August at 11am!



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