

## PUBLICATIONS FROM CEWC-CYMRU AND FRIENDS



CEWC-Cymru's online membership system, **Citizenship Today**, can be found by clicking on the homepage link at [www.cewc-cymru.org.uk](http://www.cewc-cymru.org.uk). For £30, users can access over 50 bilingual lesson plans on topics such as children's rights, diversity and active citizenship, as well as complete teaching packs on democratic participation and Philosophy for Children.

The **Non-Violence Training Handbook for Wales** has been published by Cynefin y Werin, the all-Wales network for peace and global justice. It includes 9 training sessions for adults, each lasting up to 2 hours, with a range of activities to improve practical understanding of peace and conflict issues. Session titles include "Analysing conflict", "What can non-violence achieve in conflicts?", "Building strong groups" and "Strengthening local peacebuilding". To order a copy, send a cheque for £10 payable to CEWC-Cymru.



Our parent body, the Welsh Centre for International Affairs, has a number of publications relating to **Wise and Foolish Dreamers**, its project on Wales and the Spanish Civil War. A full-colour, bilingual book of that title, written by project co-ordinator Phil Cope, explores the conflict – and its relevance to Wales – in detail. Copies cost £10, with a free accompanying DVD. Schools can also order a project workbook for students

(£1) or a set of 6 exhibition posters (£5). Please make cheques payable to the Welsh Centre for International Affairs.

## PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN UPDATES

Our website has been updated with more detailed information on Philosophy for Children (P4C), a classroom method used by CEWC-Cymru to promote effective thinking and communication skills. The new section – available at [www.cewc-cymru.org.uk/p4c](http://www.cewc-cymru.org.uk/p4c) – includes a short introduction to P4C, information on training courses, and lists of useful resources.

Our next Level 1 training course in P4C takes place at the Temple of Peace, Cardiff on 11 and 12 June 2009. This will provide an introduction to using P4C in the primary school classroom, with plenty of opportunities to get involved in philosophical dialogue with your colleagues. The 2-day course costs £225 including materials (or £160 for subsequent teachers from the same school), and a registration form can be downloaded from our website.

## STAFF UPDATE

**Alex Roberts**, who worked as CEWC-Cymru's Office Assistant, returned home to Hampshire in March. We thank Alex for her valuable contributions since joining us in September 2008, and wish her all the best in her future career.

## GLANTAF TRIUMPHS AGAIN



**Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf** won the South Wales Forum of the European Youth Parliament for the second year in a row, debating in March against nine other schools and colleges.

## FUTURE SECURE FOR WALES SCHOOLS DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS



We are delighted to announce that **Julian Hodge Bank**, sponsor of our national debating competition since 2000, has confirmed that it will support us for a further three years. This guarantees continuation of the Wales Schools Debating Championships and Debate Training Days until at least 2011. An increase in funding means that we can also offer additional debating workshops in individual schools and colleges, particularly those wishing to set up clubs or make debating activities more widely available to students.

The next tournament will take place in October, with Debate Training Days preceding it in September. All secondary schools and colleges in Wales are eligible to take part, and will receive an entry form by early June. Details will also be available nearer the time on our website, [www.cewc-cymru.org.uk](http://www.cewc-cymru.org.uk).

The previous winners of the Wales Schools Debating Championships have been as follows:

2008	<b>Haberdashers' Monmouth School for Girls</b>
2007	<b>Pencoed School, Bridgend</b>
2006	<b>Howell's School, Cardiff</b>
2005	<b>Whitchurch High School, Cardiff</b>
2004	<b>Amman Valley School, Ammanford</b>
2003	<b>Atlantic College, Llantwit Major</b>
2002	<b>Bishop of Llandaff High School, Cardiff</b>
2001	<b>Bishop Vaughan Comprehensive School, Swansea</b>
2000	<b>Bassaleg School, Newport</b>
1999	<b>Bryn Celynnog Comprehensive School, Pontypridd</b>
1998	<b>Bishop of Llandaff High School</b>
1997	<b>Fairwater Comprehensive School, Cwmbran</b>
1996	<b>Llanidloes High School</b>
1995	<b>Fairwater Comprehensive School</b>
1994	<b>Amman Valley School</b>
1993	<b>Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, Cwm Tawe</b>
1992	<b>Olchfa Comprehensive School, Swansea</b>
1991	<b>Ysgol y Gwendraeth, Llanelli</b>
1990	<b>Gowerton Comprehensive School, Swansea</b>

## WELSH DEBATERS AT THE BIRTHPLACE OF DEMOCRACY



The latest World Schools Debating Championships took place in February – and Wales was represented once again, with support from CEWC-Cymru. This year's event was hosted in Athens, and Samir Deger-sen coached the team of Sarah Roberts (Cwmcarn High School, Crosskeys), Jasper Warner (Howell's School, Cardiff), Josephine Maidment (Ysgol Dyffryn Taf, Whitland) and James Staniforth

and David Wigley (Bishop of Llandaff High School, Cardiff). The team had a very tough draw, coming up against three of the world's best teams (New Zealand, Australia and Canada) in the initial rounds. However, they won their 5 other preliminary debates (against Lithuania, the USA, Sweden, Turkey and Sri Lanka) and were ranked 14th of the 39 competing teams. They met New Zealand again in the first knock-out round of the tournament, where – for the second successive year – Wales were defeated by the eventual world champions.

## A DECADE OF DEVOLUTION FOR WALES



The National Assembly for Wales celebrates the 10th anniversary of its first plenary session on 12 May 2009 – and CEWC-Cymru will be at the centre of the day's action, as we hold our annual Model National Assembly for Wales in Cardiff Bay.

The event is the latest to be organised by CEWC-Cymru at the Assembly, as part of a fruitful partnership during the first decade of its existence. In 1999 we organised a residential National Youth Assembly conference, with students working in committees to discuss some of the key issues facing the real Assembly in its early days of work. Since 2002 we have organised day-long Model National Assembly events at Tŷ Hywel, the first home of the Assembly debating chamber. Discussion topics have included drugs policy, nuclear energy, sex education and refugees in Wales. Tŷ Hywel has also been the venue for the South Wales Forum of the European Youth Parliament, as well as for occasional CEWC-Cymru student workshops.

We have taken part in a number of events at the newer Senedd building too, since it opened in 2006. These include a screening of our film of that year's World Schools Debating Championships, hosted by former Education Minister Jane Davidson.

We are grateful to Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas, Presiding Officer of the National Assembly, for his regular participation in CEWC-Cymru's events, and to the Assembly's Education Services team for their continuing help.

## LEARNING ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY

We believe it is important for young people in Wales to understand and engage in democracy, and in particular to know about the role of the National Assembly. This area is highlighted in the Framework for Personal and Social Education in Wales as well as the 'Wales, Europe and the World' component of the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification.

If you would like to receive a free workshop on democratic participation, e-mail us at [cewc@wcia.org.uk](mailto:cewc@wcia.org.uk). To find out more about the Assembly, or to arrange an educational visit, go to [www.assemblywales.org](http://www.assemblywales.org). And why not have a look at our own teaching pack on democratic participation – go to [www.cewc-cymru.org.uk](http://www.cewc-cymru.org.uk) and click on 'Resources'.