**Patagonia Trip**

**Urdd Gobaith Cymru**

**October 2020**



**What is the trip?**

A chance for 25 young people from all over Wales to volunteer for two weeks at the heart of the communities in Welsh Patagonia.

**What will you be doing?**

* The locations that you’ll be visiting will include Gaiman, Trelew, Puetro Madryn, Esquel and Trefelin, towns that have very strong connections with Wales.
* Working with children, young people, and residents of the Welsh communities in Patagonia.
* Various volunteering work.
* Taking part in an Argentinian Eisteddfod.
* Meet Welsh speakers at the other side of the world.
* Strengthen the connection between Wales and Patagonia.
* Create friendships for life with young people from all over Wales.

**The cost of the trip**

The cost of the trip is approxiamately £2,650. You’ll be expected to raise the amount by arranging events / activities for your community / School. This price will vary, depending on the travelling prices and the review of the 2018 trip to Patagonia.

**Who can come?**

* A student in year 12 or 13.
* Mature people seeking for a new experience.
* Skillfull people that can take part in voluntary work and work with children and young people.
* Enthusiastic people that are driven to rasie the amount of money for the trip.
* People who are available to travel druring the October half term in 2020.

**Notes by young people that have attended in the past:**

“Its great that I’ve had the chance to experience the thrill of doing something familiar (that is competing), yet in a completely different situation at the other side of the world.”

“Non-stop laughing in the company of amazing people.”

“Hearing the nursery children of Gaiman singing ‘Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau’ is a highlight.”

“Maintaining a games session in Welsh with young people at the other side of the world was a surreal experience.”

“I’ve learnt so much about myself, made new friends, and now respecting the language more.”

**Whats the next stage?**

You’ll need to fill in the application form by the **7th of October**, and if the application is successful you’ll be expected to attend an interview on the 20th of October in either Llangrannog, Glan-Llyn, Caerdydd or Bangor.

**Additional information**

* There’ll be many chances to meet the young people that will be going on the trip during the year, with support from the Urdd staff whilst raising the money.
* A parents evening will be held for the successful applicants in three different locations – Glan-Llyn, Llangrannog and Caerdydd (dates to be confirmed)
* If you’d like further details in the meantime, contact Eleri Mai on 07500607391 or elerimai@urdd.org