



PLANT YNG NGHYMRU
CHILDREN IN WALES

Poverty & Children's Early Learning Webinar

2 December 2021
10am – 11am

Format:
40 mins presentation, followed by audience questions

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**THE BEST START IN
LIFE**

**OUR WORK IN THE
UK**

**Y DECHRAU GORAU
MEWN BYWYD**

EIN GWAITH YN Y DU



Save the Children
Achub y Plant

THE EARLY YEARS OF A CHILD'S LIFE IS WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

Up to **6 months ahead** in development



HIGH-INCOME

AGE:

5

7

81% of high HLE index children **attain 5 A*-C GCSEs⁵**

5% do not attain any qualifications by age **26⁶**

Employment rate with a degree: **84.2%⁸**

THE GAP WIDENS WITH AGE

Up to **17 months behind** children from higher income families



LOW-INCOME

One third of poor children **behind in language and communication**

16

26

AVERAGE

34% of low HLE index children **attain 5 A*-C GCSEs.**

Average of **11 months spent NEET** between age 17 and 19

30% do not attain any qualifications by age **26**



**Parents want to
do the best for
their children**

**Mae rhieni
eisiau gwneud
eu gorau dros
eu plant**

*“If we want to
make a difference
to children’s lives,
we must empower
the people who
care for them”*

*“Er mwyn gwneud
gwahaniaeth i
fywydau plant,
mae’n rhaid i ni
rymuso’r bobl
sy’n gofalu
amdanynt”*



*Dr Jack P Shonkoff
Harvard Centre on the Developing Child*

**Supporting families at
home**

**Cefnogi teuluoedd yn y
cartref**



**Supporting families
through settings.**



**Cefnogi teuluoedd trwy
leoliadau.**



An effective local system of support for children and their families

System leol effeithiol o gefnogaeth ar gyfer plant a'u teuluoedd

**Drawing on the learning
from our work, our
partners, and what
matters to families to
advocate for greater
investment in the early
years**

**Defnyddio'r hyn yr ydym
yn ei ddysgu o'n gwaith,
ein partneriaid, a'r hyn
sydd yn bwysig i
deuluoedd i eirioli dros
fwy o fuddsoddiad yn y
blynnyddoedd cynnar**



EARLY YEARS & POVERTY CONTEXT IN WALES

- Wales now has the worst child poverty rate of all the UK nations, with nearly 1 in 3 (31%) of children living below the poverty line.
- Even before the pandemic, almost 200,000 children were living in poverty in Wales, with a higher proportion of children affected than at any point in the past 5 years.
- UK-wide, pre-pandemic **4.3 million** children in the UK were living in poverty, up 200,000 from the previous year – and up half a million (500,000) over the past five years.

BLYNYDDOEDD CYNNAR A THLODI CYD-DESTUN YNG NGHYMRU

- Cymru bellach sydd â'r gyfradd tlodi plant waethaf o oll wledydd y DU, gyda bron 1 mewn 3 (31%) o blant yn byw islaw ffin tlodi.
- Hyd yn oed cyn y pandemig, roedd bron 200,000 o blant yn byw mewn tlodi yng Nghymru, gyda chyfran uwch o blant wedi eu heffeithio nag ar unrhyw adeg yn ystod y 5 mlynedd diwethaf.
- Roedd **4.3 miliwn** o blant yn y DU yn byw mewn tlodi ar draws y DU cyn y pandemig, cynnydd o 200,000 o'i gymharu â'r flwyddyn flaenorol - a chynnydd o hanner miliwn (500,000) dros y pum mlynedd diwethaf.



EARLY YEARS & POVERTY CONTEXT IN WALES

- In every local authority in Wales, at least one in five children are living below the poverty line.
- In-work poverty is on the rise: Three quarters (75%) of children living in poverty in 2019/20 were in households with **at least one working adult**; up from one third (61%) in 2014/15.
- In 2016/2017 The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation showed that there were 48,000 young children aged 0 to 4 living in poverty in Wales.

BLYNYDDOEDD CYNNAR A THLODI CYD-DESTUN YNG NGHYMRU

- Ym mhob awdurdod lleol yng Nghymru, mae o leiaf un mewn pump o blant yn byw islaw ffin tlodi.
- Mae tlodi mewn gwaith ar gynnydd: Roedd tri chwarter (75%) y plant oedd yn byw mewn tlodi yn 2019/20 ar aelwydydd ag **o leiaf un oedolyn yn gweithio**; cynnydd o draean (61%) yn 2014/15.
- Yn 2016/2017, dangosodd Mynegai Amddifadedd Lluosog Cymru fod 48,000 o blant ifanc 0 i 4 oed yn byw mewn tlodi yng Nghymru.

EARLY YEARS & POVERTY CONTEXT IN WALES

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

Core Aim 1 - The Early Years
I have everything I need to give me the best start in life.

Core Aim 7 - Not disadvantaged by poverty
Freedom from poverty. I don't have to live in poverty and we have enough money for what we need.

BLYNYDDOEDD CYNNAR A THLODI CYD-DESTUN YNG NGHYMRU

Confensiwn y Cenhedloedd Unedig ar Hawliau'r Plentyn (UNCRC)

Nod Craidd 1 - Y Blynnyddoedd Cynnar
Mae gennyf bopeth sydd ei angen arnaf i roi'r dechrau gorau mewn bywyd i mi.

Nod Craidd 7 - Ddim o dan anfantais oherwydd tlodi
Rhyddid rhag tlodi. Nid oes rhaid i mi fyw mewn tlodi ac mae gennym ddigon o arian am yr hyn sydd ei angen arnom.

TAKING ACTION- OUR APPROACH

At Save the Children Wales, we believe that *every* child has the right to a safe, healthy, and happy childhood, and we know that parents love and want the best for their children.

The early years of a child's life shapes their personality and skills, and forms the foundation for their future, however, poverty creates multiple barriers that sometimes make it difficult for parents to play and learn with their children.

GWEITHREDU- EIN HYMAGWEDD

Yn Achub y Plant Cymru, ein cred yw bod gan *bob* plentyn yr hawl i gael plentyndod diogel, iach a hapus, a gwyddom fod rhieni yn caru eu plant ac eisiau'r gorau iddynt.

Mae blynnyddoedd cynnar bywyd plentyn yn ffurfio eu personoliaeth a'u sgiliau, ac yn ffurfio'r sylfeini ar gyfer eu dyfodol, fodd bynnag, mae tlodi yn creu rhwystrau lluosog sydd weithiau'n ei wneud yn anodd i rieni chwarae a dysgu gyda'u plant.



TAKING ACTION- OUR APPROACH

Over the next five years we will strive to reduce the number of children growing up in poverty in Wales by working in partnership with others, listening to the latest evidence, and most importantly listening to the voices of children and families. Through this work, we aim to create innovative and sustainable change to ensure that all children have what they need for the best start in life

GWEITHREDU- EIN HYMAGWEDD

Dros y pum mlynedd nesaf, byddwn yn ymdrechu i leihau nifer y plant sydd yn cael eu magu mewn tlodi yng Nghymru trwy weithio mewn partneriaeth ag eraill, gwrando ar y dystiolaeth ddiweddaraf, ac yn bwysicach na hynny, yn gwrando ar leisiau plant a theuluoedd. Trwy'r gwaith hwn, ein nod yw creu newid arloesol a chynaliadwy i sicrhau bod pob plentyn yn cael yr hyn sydd ei angen arnynt i gael y dechrau gorau mewn bywyd

TAKING ACTION- OUR APPROACH

Listen	Partner	Evidence	Influence
We will hold space and power for children and families	We will build equitable relationships with allies and decision-makers	We will demonstrate what works for families	We will advocate for practice and policy change

GWEITHREDU- EIN HYMAGWEDD

Gwrando	Partner	Tystiolaeth	Dylanwad
Byddwn yn cadw lle a grym i blant a theuluoedd	Byddwn yn datblygu perthynas deg gyda chyngreiriaid a gwneuthurwyr penderfyniadau	Byddwn yn arddangos yr hyn sydd yn gweithio i deuluoedd	Byddwn yn eirioli dros ymarfer a newid polisi

TAKING ACTION- OUR APPROACH

Demonstrating the How	Sharing the What
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-design & shifting power Connected responsive local communities Communities of Practice Learning Networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lived experience of children and families impacted by poverty Learning and evidence Good practice

GWEITHREDU- EIN HYMAGWEDD

Arddangos Sut	Rhannu Beth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyd-ddylunio a symud grym Cymunedau lleol cysylltiedig, ymatebol Cymunedau Ymarferol Rhwydweithiau Dysgu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Profiadau bywyd plant a theuluoedd sydd wedi eu heffeithio gan dloidi Dysgu a thystiolaeth Arfer da



TESTING & LEARNING - PROJECT EXAMPLES

Bettws Early Learning Community (BELC)

Focus on children aged 0-8 & their families

Whole community 'system'

Transitions to primary school

Focus on children aged 3-4 & their families

Working with schools & community partners

Supporting parents in the home

Focus on children aged 0-3 and their families

Alleviating immediate material need
Working with home visiting practitioners

PROFI A DYSGU - ENGHREIFFTIAU O BROSIECTAU

Cymuned Dysgu Cynnar Betws (BELC)

Ffocws ar blant 0-8 oed a'u teuluoedd
'System' cymuned gyfan

Pontio i'r ysgol gynradd

Ffocws ar blant 3-4 oed a'u teuluoedd
Gweithio gydag ysgolion a phartneriaid
cymunedol

Cefnogi rhieni yn y cartref

Ffocws ar blant 0-3 oed a'u teuluoedd
Lleddfu angen materol uniongyrchol
Gweithio gydag ymarferwyr sy'n ymweld â'r
cartref



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Melanie Simmonds

Head of Save the Children Wales

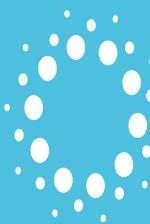
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**Thank you
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WHAT CAN CHILDREN IN WALES OFFER YOU?

* A fantastic, low cost Membership Scheme - gain access to our exclusive member-only benefits and access to our brand new membership platform www.childreninwalesmembership.org.uk

* A high quality and varied events and training course programme - book onto any of our events or open courses via our website or, alternatively, you can commission us to develop a bespoke training course just for you by emailing training@childreninwales.org.uk





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* A pathway to working directly with children and young people from across Wales. Our Young Wales initiative is all about listening to children and young people and ensuring that their voices are heard, so if you need to reach out and work with them on a specific project then please contact our Young Wales team.

We now have a section dedicated to children and young people on our website:

www.childreninwales.org.uk/children-young-people





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Poverty-related events and training courses

Webinar – 6 January 2022, 10am – 11am

[Identifying areas most in need - Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation](#)

Training course – 4 February 2022, 9:30am-12:30pm

[Child Poverty Awareness](#)

Please visit [Training and Events | Children in Wales](#) to view the
entire training course catalogue





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If you were not able to join us for our first two poverty-related webinars around the Child & Family Poverty Survey 2021 and the Price of Pupil Poverty Guides, please click these links to the recordings:

https://youtu.be/nlqKCnB_4HE

[Children in Wales - Price of Pupil Poverty Webinar 4 November 2021 - YouTube](#)

