



Dear Claire Cressy

I am writing on behalf of Bridgend Youth Council and YPOP LGBTQIA Youth Club to outline why we support your bid for an ACW grant.

Awen have provided a number of activities for our young people such as a community intergenerational CSI session, Songs from the Nest Lockdown Music event, Chat and Podcast sessions and a number of consultations where they took in the young people's views and voices and provided feedback. These activities and sessions have all been instrumental in helping our young people engage with the local community, promote their priorities such as inclusivity and accessibility and promote the UNCRC's Article 12 "Every Child has the right to express their views, opinions and feelings and have those views taken seriously". Our Youth Mayor has been honoured to attend a number of events put on by Awen as a dignitary which has helped and shaped his Youth Mayor experience.

We would support ACW's investment in Awen as it would enable them to reach more young people and set up more amazing events and activities for the young people of Bridgend and beyond to benefit from, including forming links with a number of our newly established Youth Clubs.

In summery we hope that the ACW invests in Awen so that they can continue to provide a great service to the community and young people as well as scope to grow and widen their reach.

Kind Regards

**Lois Sutton**

**Children's Rights and Participation Worker**

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Rwyf yn siarad Cymraeg yn rhugl.

I am a fluent Welsh speaker

