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— FOR BRIDGEND AND PORTHCAWL —



Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament

Dear Claire,

I am writing today to express my full support for Awen Cultural Trust's application bid for funding from the Arts Council of Wales.

Within my role as Senedd Member for Bridgend and Porthcawl, I have worked with Awen Cultural Trust on local initiatives in the community, and have seen first hand how their work has brought communities together, particularly during the pandemic when their 'Stronger Together Bridgend' team produced a series of conversations on social media.

Awen Cultural Trust continue to offer opportunities for constituents across Bridgend to embrace cultural experiences and thus contribute to the wellbeing of individuals and our community. This has, of no doubt made a huge impact to the lives of residents of all ages, especially given the cost-of-living crisis.

I'd like to highlight their contribution to the production of the Bridgend Mental Health Pathway project, where they have been an active stakeholder in the coproduction and a driving force for community collaboration. Their creative skills and cultural significance led to the successful promotion of the project, amplifying stories from individuals and organisations on the ground, from Bridgend Youth Council, to Splice Family and Child in Pyle.

I wish to share my support for any opportunities for the expansion of such provisions through this funding, both in the ability to offer more opportunities, and reach more residents across Bridgend and Porthcawl.

Cofion gorau,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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