

Emyr John

Emyr joined One Voice Wales in January 2022 as Pembrokeshire Community & Town Councils Project Officer. Having worked in Carmarthenshire County Council's Regeneration Department for over 10 years and then as a Senior Project Officer at PLANED on the Arwain Sir Benfro LEADER Programme between 2016 and 2021, Emyr brings considerable experience in areas such as community regeneration, fundraising, working on European funding programmes, project monitoring and audit.

Emyr encourages new and innovative co-operation between communities of interest, thematic partnerships and cross-county linkages. He is a Pembrokeshire-born fluent Welsh speaker and promotes the sharing of best practise and community networking. There is also a huge potential for Councils to work on as new clusters or on common themes.

One element of his role in supporting Pembrokeshire Community & Town Councils was to encourage Youth Engagement opportunities and facilitate community activities including digital project ideas and Community Asset Transfer projects. He helped Councils raise awareness of what Community, Town and City Councils do, raised awareness of how to become a Councillor and to help guide residents on how to raise their ideas and issues with their Council.

Emyr is now the Communications and Social Media Officer with One Voice Wales and works closely with the Development Officers to identify exemplars of best practice and Case Studies within the Sector. He identifies opportunities to collaborate with partners geographically or thematically, supporting the work of existing and new partner to the organisation.

Having served as a Community Councillor himself for 10 years, Emyr hopes that his experience and knowledge can be used to help support Community, Town and City Councils across Wales, to develop new project ideas, raise the profile of local councils and encourage younger people to get involved in democratic and decision-making activities in their area.