

Mel ab Owain, Mid and West Wales Development Officer

Mel has worked in Local Government and the voluntary sector for most of his working life, latterly as Town Clerk for Penmaenmawr in North Wales for 4 years.

Before that he worked for organisations as diverse as the Magistrates Courts, Inland Revenue, Wales Council for Voluntary Action and the CAB.

Mel was brought up in Cardiganshire and Conwy and gained a degree from the University of Wales at St David's University College, Lampeter. He is currently studying for his CILCA qualification.

After a number of years successfully promoting the 'Green Flag Award' for public and community green spaces in Wales on behalf of the Welsh Government, Mel returned to local government as Clerk and RFO of Penmaenmawr Town Council.

Penmaenmawr is a progressive council and Mel has been involved in a number of initiatives to take over services from the Unitary Council including the library, street cleaning and the upgrade of the promenade. He has worked closely with local community groups on most of these projects.

Mel hopes that his experience and skills can now be used to help community and town councils across Mid and West Wales.