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Looking Back, Objective One Year Six

Six years have passed since the birth of Objective 1. There have been successes and challenges along the way, this year is no exception. What cannot be denied is that jobs have been created by Objective 1 in the county over the last 6 years, despite the problems in raising the wealth within this unique area. We look forward to the next round of funding, hopefully available in 2007. It will answer to the name 'Convergence', and we wait with bated breath, for the further opportunities it will bring for the economy.

Baseline Figures for the 6 Years for Ceredigion

Since 2000 **679 jobs** have been created in Ceredigion by **67** locally born and run projects. The total proposed investment on all types of project has amounted to **£63.5m** so far. Grant money paid to date totals around **£43m** whilst total grant approved notches up **£24m.** (WEFO Monitoring Data, Nov 2006)

Project Launches in 2006: To recapture just a few of the projects funded by Objective 1 in 2006:

Genesis (March 2006) Helping adults to overcome many of the barriers they face when wanting to learn new skills or return to work, the project known to all as 'Genesis' was launched in March. Funded by the European Social Fund it offers a range of support from building confidence to giving advice about higher education.

Constitution Hill Visitor Centre (April 2006) The launch at Constitution Hill took place 26th April. In 1896 it was a premier tourism attraction. Let's hope we can move it back up there! New facilities include a visitor centre with café, disability access paths and renovation of the bottom station, which will help to preserve the appeal of Aberystwyth's 360 degrees hill view around the town and countryside. The £400k project received a £190k in Objective 1 monies.

Llandysul Family Centre (May 2006) Around 70 residents, children, staff and officials attended the *Clwb Clonc* Family Centre Extension launch on the Beeches housing estate on the 26th May. The Centre was established in 2000 offering programmes of support for parents, carers and individuals and received £120k from Objective 1.

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Penrhos Golf Club (June 2006) Penrhos Golf and Country Club in Llanrhystud opened its new driving range on the 9th June thanks to £15k from Objective 1 in the form of a Ceredigion Business Grant. The money has allowed for an entirely new 300-yard, 14 bay, floodlit driving range, which is already coming in useful for local Junior squad participating in the Welsh Golfing Union as well as club members in general.

Pont Pavilion (July 2006) The pavilion's renovations were completed in time for the local Eisteddfod in May 2006. The first ever '*Gig Mawr Bont'*, held on Saturday 8th July, seeing over 750 people descend upon the village of Pontrhydfendigaid. The pavilion now has regular events and gigs throughout the year as well as being hired for TV Production for its now second series of the new TV Game Show "*Tipit*" on S4C.

Waunifor (September 2006) The opening ceremony of the new Recreation, Education and Holiday centre called Waunifor in Capel Dewi near Llandysul took place in the Autumn. £112k was given to create a new events space, ideal for weddings, conferences and well anything really! Locals flocked from all around to see their new community facility.

Progress Update

Parc Aberporth (July 2006) *Selex – Sensors and Airbourne systems,* new tenants to the new UAV centre at Parc Aberporth signed the lease for Unit 7. Costing in all £2.3m, this project, which has the potential to create over 200 jobs near Cardigan received a grant for £666k last year. The new partnership between West Wales Airport near Aberporth and QinetiQ, which deals with Global Defence and Security, will see the creation of a national UAV centre. The ultimate aim of this centre is to facilitate routine UAV operations beyond the line of sight and outside segregated airspace.

Small World Theatre (June 2006) A significant step in the regeneration of Cardigan took place on 29th of June with a turf cutting ceremony at the site of what will be Small World Theatre's new premises. The £1.2m project received a grant of £817.5k. The majority of the project capital is for construction costs towards an imaginative eco-friendly building that will house a new Community Arts Building. The timber frame is now being erected, the work for that began on 12th December.

Spirit of the Miners are doing well since their launch in March 2005, with 9 new projects being approved and most now running in the Uplands area. Visit their website www.spirit-of-the-miners.org.uk for more information on these projects.

Lookout in 2007 for more project launches, including the Prince Charles Quay Development launch in Cardigan next July. For more information on the Objective 1 Programme, visit our website online at www.euceredigion.co.uk.

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Photo Captions; (top left) Small World Theatre; (top middle) Waunifor Recreational and Educational Centre (top right) Genesis, on launch day. (Bottom left) Consti hill Café; (bottom middle) Penrhos Driving Range - Junior Golfer using the new Driving Range; (Bottom Right) The seating at Pont Pafiliwn

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Edrych yn Ôl, Amcan Un Blwyddyn Chwech

Aeth chwe mlynedd heibio ers geni Amcan 1. Cafwyd llwyddiannau a heriau ar y daith ac nid yw eleni yn eithriad yn hynny o beth. Yr hyn na ellid ei wadu yw bod swyddi wedi'u creu gan Amcan 1 yn y sir yn ystod y chwe mlynedd diwethaf, er gwaethaf problemau codi arian yn yr ardal unigryw hon. Edrychwn ymlaen at gylch nesaf y cyllid, a ddaw yn 2007 gobeithio. Ei enw fydd Cydgyfeiriant ('Convergence'), ac arhoswn yn eiddgar am y cyfleoedd ychwanegol a ddaw i'r economi o ganlyniad.

Ffigyrau gwaelodlin Ceredigion am y 6 mlynedd

Ers 2000 crewyd **679 o swyddi** yng Ngheredigion gan **67** o brosiectau lleol. Daeth cyfanswm y buddsoddiad arfaethedig ar bob math o brosiectau i **£63.5m** hyd yn hyn. Cyfanswm yr arian grant a dalwyd hyd yn hyn yw tua **£43m,** tra mae cyfanswm y grant a awdurdodwyd yn dod i **£24m.** (Monitro Data SCEC, Tach 2006)

Cychwyn Prosiectau yn 2006: Gair am rai o'r prosiectau a gyllidir gan Amcan 1 yn 2006:

Genesis (Mawrth 2006) Helpu oedolion i oresgyn llawer o'r anawsterau a wynebant wrth ddysgu sgiliau newydd neu wrth ddychwelyd i weithio. Dechreuodd prosiect 'Genesis' ym mis Mawrth ac fe'i ariennir gan Gronfa Gymdeithasol Ewrop. Mae'n cynnig amrywiaeth o gymorth, o fagu hyder i roi cyngor ynglŷn ag addysg uwch.

Canolfan Ymwelwyr Craig Glais (Ebrill 2006) Digwyddodd y lansiad ar Graig Glais ar 26ain Ebrill. Roedd yn brif atyniad i dwristiaid yn 1896. Gobeithio y gallwn ei adfer i'r sefyllfa honno! Mae'r cyfleusterau newydd yn cynnwys canolfan ymwelwyr gyda chaffi, llwybrau mynediad i'r anabl ac adnewyddu'r orsaf waelod, fydd yn help i gadw apêl bryn Aberystwyth, gyda'i olygfa 360 gradd o amgylch y dref a'r wlad. Derbyniodd y prosiect £400k gyfanswm o £190k gan arian Amcan 1.

Canolfan Deulu Llandysul (Mai 2006) Roedd tua 70 o breswylwyr, plant, staff a swyddogion wedi mynychu lansiad yr Estyniad i Ganolfan Deulu *Clwb Clonc* ar ystâd dai Beeches ar 26ain Mai. Sefydlwyd y Ganolfan yn 2000 a derbyniodd £120k gan Amcan 1. Mae'n cynnig rhaglenni cymorth i rieni, gofalwyr ac unigolion.

Clwb Golff Penrhos (Mehefin 2006) Agorodd Clwb Golff a Gwledig Penrhos yn Llanrhystud ei faes ymarfer ar

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9fed Mehefin diolch i £15k gan Amcan 1 ar ffurf Grant Busnes Ceredigion. O ganlyniad i'r arian, cafwyd maes ymarfer 300 llath, 14 cilfach, dan lifoleuadau newydd sbon, sydd eisoes yn cael ei ddefnyddio gan y garfan Iau leol, sy'n cymryd rhan gydag Undeb Golff Cymru, a chan aelodau'r clwb yn gyffredinol.

Pafiliwn Bont (Gorffennaf 2006) Cwblhawyd adnewyddu'r pafiliwn yn barod ar gyfer yr Eisteddfod leol ym Mai 2006. Cynhaliwyd '*Gig Mawr Bont'*, cyntaf erioed ar ddydd Sadwrn 8fed Gorffennaf, a daeth dros 750 o bobl i bentref Pontrhydfendigaid. Erbyn hyn, mae'r pafiliwn yn cynnal digwyddiadau a pherfformiadau yn gyson trwy'r flwyddyn, yn ogystal â chael ei logi ar gyfer ail gyfres y Sioe Gemau newydd 'Tipit' ar S4C.

Waunifor (Medi 2006) Digwyddodd seremoni agoriadol y ganolfan Hamdden, Addysg a Gwyliau newydd, o'r enw Waunifor, yng Nghapel Dewi ger Llandysul yn yr Hydref. Rhoddwyd £112k i greu lle ar gyfer digwyddiadau, yn ddelfrydol ar gyfer priodasau, cynadleddau ac unrhyw beth mewn gwirionedd! Daeth y bobl leol yn llu i weld y cyfleustra cymunedol newydd.

Diweddaraf parthed Datblygiadau

Parc Aberporth (Gorffennaf 2006) *Selex –'Sensors and Airbourne systems',* arwyddwyd les Uned 7 gan denantiaid newydd yn y ganolfan UAV ym Mharc Aberporth. Mae gan y prosiect hwn, a gostiodd gyfanswm o £2.3m ac a dderbyniodd grant o £666 llynedd,, y potensial i greu dros 200 o swyddi ger Aberteifi. Bydd y bartneriaeth newydd rhwng Maes Awyr Gorllewin Cymru ger Aberporth a QinetiQ, sy'n delio gydag Amddiffyn a Diogelwch Byd-eang, yn creu canolfan UAV genedlaethol. Bwriad sylfaenol y ganolfan yw hybu gweithredoedd arferol UAV y tu hwnt i linell weledigad a thu allan i ofod awyr ar wahân.

Theatr Byd Bach (Mehefin 2006) Digwyddodd cam sylweddol yn adfywiad Aberteifi ar 29ain o Fehefin gyda seremoni torri tyweirch ar safle adeiladau newydd Theatr Byd Bach. Derbyniodd y prosiect £1.2m grant o £817.5k. Mae mwyafrif cyfalaf y prosiect yn cael ei wario ar gostau codi adeilad eco-gyfeillgar llawn dychymyg fydd yn gartref i Adeilad Celfyddydau Cymunedol newydd. Dechreuodd y gwaith ar godi'r ffrâm bren ar12fed o Ragfyr.

Mae **Ysbryd y Mwynwyr** yn datblygu'n dda ers ei gychwyn ym Mawrth 2005, gyda 9 prosiect newydd wedi'u hawdurdodi a'r rhan fwyaf yn gweithredu yn ardal yr Ucheldir. Am ragor o wybodaeth am y prosiectau hyn ymwelwch â'r wefan www.spirit-of-the-miners.org.uk.

Cadwch lygad am ragor o brosiectau yn dechrau yn 2007, yn cynnwys Datblygiad Cei Tywysog Siarl yn Aberteifi Gorffennaf nesaf. Am ragor o wybodaeth ar raglen Amcan 1, ymwelwch â'n gwefan ar-lein yn www.euceredigion.co.uk.

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Teitlau lluniau; (chwith uchaf) Canolfan Byd Bychan; (canol uchaf) Waunifor Yr adeilad gyda lle ar gyfer ddigwyddiadau Hamdden ac Addysgol (Dde uchaf) Genesis, ar ddiwrnod y lansiad. (chwith gwaelod) Craig Glais; (canol gwaelod) Penrhos ar ddiwrnod y lansiad - golffiwr iau yn defnyddio cyfleusterau newydd y maes ymarfer; (dde gwaelod) Seddau ar lawr neuadd Pafiliwn Bont.

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