

# Llais y Goedwig Gathering 2013

## A Celebration of Welsh Community Woodland Work

**Blaen Bran Community Woodland,  
Cwmbran, Torfaen**

**Two days of lively debate, talks,  
interactive demos and celebratory  
adventure in the heart of the woods.**

### **Creating a vision for the future**

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April 12 – 5.30pm**

A ticketed event with **local lunch**, **inspirational speakers** and **debate** with **Dr Emyr Roberts**, CEO, Natural Resources Wales, **Rob Penn**, star of BBC series 'Tales from the Wild Wood', **leading community woodland groups**, and **organisations** including WCVA and Cynnal Cymru.

### **Celebrating Community Woodland work**

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 5pm**

A **free open day** for all the family with **live interactive demonstrations**, **local food** and **entertainment!** Includes **horse logging**, forest school, **green wood working**, milling timber, and themed **woodland walks**.

**Event info  
& bookings call**

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## Invitation

### A Celebration of Welsh Community Woodland Work

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> & Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Blaen Bran, Cwmbran, Torfaen**

The community woodland movement in Wales has been going from strength to strength in the last decade.

Now is your opportunity to join community woodland groups from the 125 strong Llais y Goedwig network, leading environmental organisations, and the Welsh public, to celebrate the growing success and variety of work in this field. It's a chance also to look forward to the future, with two days of lively debate, talks, interactive demos and celebratory adventure in the woods.

**Taking place at the heart of Blaen Bran Woodland, the outdoor gathering will be in two parts:**

#### **Creating a vision for the future**

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April 12 – 5.30pm

An afternoon of networking, sharing of best practice, and discussion with inspirational speakers.

These range from Dr Emyr Roberts, CEO of Wales' new single environment body Natural Resources Wales, to Rob Penn, star of BBC series 'Tales from the Wild Wood', as well as key representatives from community woodland groups, plus organisations such as WCVA and Cynnal Cymru.

#### **Celebrating Community Woodland work**

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 5pm

A day of live interactive demonstrations from community woodland groups from across Wales. This will include firewood processing, horse logging, milling timber, forest school activity and green wood working, as well as themed woodland walks led by special guests. All supported by good local food, drink and entertainment!



**Learning new skills, Llangattock community woodland group, Powys.** *Photo: Llangattock*

## What is it about?

Community Woodlands are woodlands for people. Community woodland groups in Wales deliver a huge range of public and community benefits, including recreation facilities, biodiversity conservation, rural development, jobs, renewable energy, woodfuel, other woodland products, opportunities for social inclusion, and outdoor education.

We believe community woodlands have a great future in Wales and can make real contributions to social, environmental and community concerns. The event this year aims to showcase the variety and value of community woodland work, but also to take stock during an era of great change and progress in Wales.

**Confirmed as part of the programme so far include:**

Llangattock Community Woodland Group, Penllergare Valley Woods, Crucorny Energy Group, CYFLEON, SoundWood Links, Rowan Working Horses, Dragonfly Creations, Golygfa Gwydyr, The Green Valleys Community Interest Company, Coetiroed Dyfi Woodlands, Natural Resources Wales, Diana Reynolds, Environment & Sustainable Development Change, Welsh Government, Cynnal Cymru, WCVA and many more...



## Want to take part?

- **Join the debate** - Inspired by guest speakers take part in Friday's 'Creating a vision for the future' workshops
- **Bring your own demo** - An expert in a certain field of work? Demonstrate best practice amongst your peers, and share skills with others, or host your own discussion circle
- **Network and team up with others** – this only happens once a year - the annual gathering is the perfect place to track down old friends, and make new connections
- **Come ready to entertain and make merry** – from sundown Friday night over the fire, to daytime performances in the woods, Blaen Bran is your open wild woodland platform!
- **Help host the event** – from making rounds of tea to helping us erect the big marquee, every little bit helps in this collectively created gathering and the reward is a free Friday day program event pass and camping

## Booking your place

The Llais y Goedwig Gathering 2013 is a not-for-profit event, with funding from the Forestry Commission Wales.

- **Fri day program - Creating a vision for the future (12 – 5.30pm)**  
**Event pass:** £15. Includes talks /presentations and lunch/refreshments
- **Fri night camping at Blaen Bran woods for tents and vans**  
**Camping pass:** £5 per person
- **Fri night BBQ & fire at Blaen Bran woods**  
**Dinner pass:** £6 per person. Includes meal and drink
- **Sat day program - Celebrating Community Woodland Group work (10am – 5pm)**  
**Free event** open to all with simple and affordable lunch available to buy on site

## Getting there

The Llais y Goedwig Gathering 2013 is based at Blaen Bran Community Woodland, Cwmbran, Torfaen.

- **By car share:** Visit [http://www.freewheelers.co.uk/Llais\\_y\\_Goedwig\\_Gathering](http://www.freewheelers.co.uk/Llais_y_Goedwig_Gathering) to share a lift
- **By train:** The venue is 2 miles from Cwmbran train station. A shuttle service will be available at set times for those travelling to and from the station. Timetable available at [www.llaisygoedwig.org.uk](http://www.llaisygoedwig.org.uk) a month before the event. Visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for information on trains across Wales.
- **By bus:** The venue is 2 miles from Cwmbran bus station. A shuttle service will be available at set times for those travelling to and from the station. Timetable available at [www.llaisygoedwig.org.uk](http://www.llaisygoedwig.org.uk) a month before the event. Visit [www.traveline-cymru.info](http://www.traveline-cymru.info)

**Book your place: Call Rosie on 01654 700061 or email [info@llaisygoedwig.org.uk](mailto:info@llaisygoedwig.org.uk)**



Preparation for woodland performance, Golygfa gwydyr community woodland group, Conwy.  
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