

One Voice Wales & Friends of the Earth Cymru launch a new Guide for local Councils

One Voice Wales and Friends of the Earth Cymru launched a brand-new climate change and nature action guide for community and town councils in Wales at the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference recently.

Welsh Government Minister for Finance and Local Government Rebecca Evans MS delivered a keynote speech at the same conference which looked at how community and town councils can 'Face the Challenges of a Demanding Future'.

The new document, a collaboration between One Voice Wales and Friends of the Earth Cymru, seeks to give councils around Wales some practical ideas on what they can do on a range of issues such as energy use, water use, protecting nature, finances, chemicals, waste, food, and transport. It also draws together case studies of the good work already being done by community and town councils around Wales on these issues.

The Minister for Finance and Local Government, Rebecca Evans, said:

"This Climate Change Guide is an important new resource for Wales' community and town councils.

"We all have our part to play in tackling climate change, and town and community councils are uniquely well placed to be leaders in their communities on this very important issue."

Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive of One Voice Wales, said:

"I very much welcome the publication of this new Guide for local Councils and I would encourage all Councils to follow the guidance mentioned in the document for their day-to-day Council duties and activities".

Friends of the Earth Cymru spokesperson Bleddyn Lake said:

"Community and Town Councils have a unique role to play in inspiring and working with their communities to take practical action in their local areas on the twin threats of nature destruction and climate change.

"Acting locally, whether that is on a personal or community level, is one of the most important things we can do in the fight against climate change. We hope this new action guide will give Community and Town Councils new ideas as well as learning from some of the fabulous schemes already going on all around Wales."

The document attached is a collaboration between One Voice Wales and Friends of the Earth Cymru

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One Voice Wales is the principal organisation for community and town councils in Wales, providing a strong voice representing the councils' interests and a range of high-quality services to support their work.

Friends of the Earth Cymru was set up in 1984, is part of Friends of the Earth England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, and supports a unique network of local campaigning groups working in communities throughout Wales. Friends of the Earth Cymru inspires the local and national action needed to protect the environment for

current and future generations and believe that the wellbeing of people and planet go hand in hand.