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Brief

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Background

You have a unique opportunity to shape the future of Eryri, and we invite you to be part of it!

Following the success of COPA1, which is the first conference of its kind for young people in Eryri - we invite you to submit an application to be part of COPA2 which will be held on the 3rd and 4th of December 2026. The conference will be held over two days including an overnight stay at Plas Dol-y-Moch, Maentwrog, and this year the focus will be on the Celtic rainforests.

Who can take part?

The conference is specifically aimed at Year 7 and 8 pupils (who will be Years 8 and 9 by December 2026). We welcome multiple applications from each school, but there are a limited number of places available.

The event is free for pupils and teachers, with arrangements available to reimburse any associated supply costs.

Why take part?

By joining this conference, your school is able to empower students to:

- foster a deeper understanding of Celtic rainforests and their significance in our world today
- explore creative and innovative solutions
- raise awareness of conservation
- inspire others through meaningful projects

If your application is successful, you will receive an invitation to a youth conference, COPA2 at Plas Dol-y-Moch on the 3rd and 4th of December 2026. You will have a unique opportunity to:

- Stay overnight in a beautiful location, at the heart of nature in Eryri.
- Take part in interesting and interactive activities that are educational and fun, including dark sky activities and conservation.
- Meet other students from Eryri, share ideas, and work with your classmates to explore and protect Celtic rainforests.

Guidelines for teachers

- This task can be adapted to suit your class, learning field and experience or learners.
- You may present the task in any medium that suits the individuals or group - e.g. art, video, poster, spreadsheets/graphs or a report (more information below).
- The work can be submitted in Welsh or English

If you would like to take part, but are unsure where to start or need more guidance, please do not hesitate to contact: copa@eryri.llyw.cymru or there is a list of useful additional resources below.



Task: Woodland Survey and Wildlife Assessment

Objective:

To understand what is in a woodland, assess its condition, and explore how it supports wildlife. An important first step to gather information and present your findings creatively. This will help to protect its special qualities for generations.

Task

Choose a green space containing trees: - Select a green space containing trees that you can safely visit. For example, this could be a woodland, park, cemetery, hedgerow or standalone mature tree. If for any reason you cannot physically visit a site, please contact copa@eryri.llyw.cymru and we can support your application.

Hedgerow



Parkland trees



Cemetery



Tree cluster



Woodland



Veteran tree



Conduct your own simple survey: Collect information about your chosen green space's features. You could include:

- How the green space makes you feel?
- What can you see, smell, hear etc?
- Types of trees and plants you can see
- Signs of wildlife (birds, insects, mammals) e.g. noises, footprints, excrement, feathers, bones etc.
- Evidence of human impact (paths, litter, disturbances)
- Estimate possible age of the tree/woodland (i.e. ancient, established, or newly planted)

****If you're not sure about the above, there are some resources to support with identifying trees and wildlife below.**

Record your observations: Use any method you like including notes, sketches, diagrams, photos, digital tools. Think creatively! For example, you could make a simple map of the woodland, or a collage showing different wildlife signs.

You could consider these questions:

- Why is this green space important for this area?
- Do you use the green space? How?
- How does the green space make you feel?
- Which areas are most supportive of wildlife? Why?
- Are there signs of threats to the green space?
- How does the age of the green space effect what you see?
- Think about ways to improve the green space's condition for wildlife to help it thrive in the future?

Present your results creatively:

Share what you found in a clear, engaging way. You could:

- Create an illustrated poster or infographic
- Make a short video or slideshow
- Design a 3D model or interactive display
- Build a digital map with your observations

Submit the idea

Send your application to copa@eryri.llyw.cymru

Or via post to

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Good luck!

Deadline: 10/7/26

