Adult Community Learning Courses - Welsh Language Survey Results

This report was generated on 16/02/16. It shows the results of an assessment of the level of demand for the Council’s Adult Community Learning courses to be delivered in both the English and Welsh languages. Overall 649 respondents completed this questionnaire. The report has been filtered to show the responses for ‘All Respondents’.

Would you want the course that you are currently enrolled on to be offered in the Welsh language?

Yes (16) 2%
No (633) 98%

Would you like to see other courses that Cardiff Council Adult Community Learning Service offers also delivered in the Welsh language?

Yes (37) 6%
No (612) 94%
If you have answered yes to Question 2, what other courses would you like delivered in the Welsh language?

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<th>Course Type</th>
<th>Proposed Courses</th>
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<td>Appropriate ones.</td>
<td>Practical courses like upholstery or dressmaking.</td>
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<td>There ought to be a full range available at a variety of levels of difficulty to encourage Welsh learners to dare to move on to subject study in Welsh.</td>
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<td>It depends on which courses Welsh speakers want.</td>
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<td>Welsh history</td>
<td>All</td>
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<td>Drawing and painting</td>
<td>Courses where there was considerable demand but not if the courses would then be more expensive.</td>
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<td>Nothing special comes to mind - it's simply to encourage local people to participate in Welsh culture.</td>
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<td>I'm uncertain right now - it depends what courses I'd like to do.</td>
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<td>I think the wrong questions are being asked. I may not need the course to be in Welsh myself, but doesn't mean I would not like to see opportunities given to Welsh speakers to be able to attend such courses.</td>
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<td>Most courses</td>
<td>I don't know?</td>
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<td>All courses should be offered in the Welsh language</td>
<td>Cheaper access for semi-retired teachers</td>
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<td>Where there is an opportunity and ability all courses should be considered for offering in the Welsh language.</td>
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<td>Popular courses that appeal to welsh speakers, subject to sufficient demand.</td>
<td>Anyone that wants to be taught in Welsh should be able to.</td>
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<td>Welsh for adults</td>
<td>Welsh for improvers / professionals</td>
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<td>Not anything specific, but as a general rule education in any language is a good thing.</td>
<td>Languages</td>
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<td>Anything</td>
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<td>Cookery, craft</td>
<td>Painting course</td>
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<td>All courses should be offered in both English and Welsh</td>
<td>Hanes/history</td>
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<td>Probably the more academic ones rather than crafts</td>
<td>As many as possible</td>
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<td>Any that would encourage more Welsh speakers to join</td>
<td>No limit except for English/foreign language courses</td>
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Do you attend other courses delivered through the medium of the Welsh language for example those provided by Menter Caerdydd or the Vale of Glamorgan Council?

Yes (7) 1%
No (642) 99%

Do you consider yourself to be a fluent Welsh speaker?

Yes (20) 3%
No (629) 97%
Do you have any other comments to make?

No not at this present moment you says it all on there

This is a good idea to ask people to make a choice of preference. It may ultimately lead to some saving of money.

I would prefer all courses in English. Only reason can't speak or understand Welsh. But it would be ideal for those pupils who can speak Welsh.

I would not be able to understand it if it was in Welsh.

As long as courses offered through the medium of Welsh could be self-funding I would be happy.

Would prefer for access not to be restricted to Welsh speakers.

I am Welsh but do not speak Welsh. Given that it is only spoken by the minority in Wales I am concerned at the waste of paper in sending out everything bilingually since most of this will be discarded and even recycling has a cost. Whilst people should be able to access everything in the Welsh language if they wish why can't I and other non-Welsh speakers opt out.

I speak a little Welsh and understand the Welsh language but I do not think that the course needs to be done in Welsh.

Delivering virtually all courses in the Welsh language is a waste of tax payer’s money.

I think the courses should be available to Welsh speakers despite not being a fluent Welsh speaker myself. I think people should have the option there to choose if they wish to be enrolled on a Welsh speaking course.

There is already a question mark over the affordability of adult learning and I fear that the proposals to double up the cost of adult learning by including the same courses in Welsh when these speakers are fluent in English is ridiculous.

English is the language used internationally & in Business. Welsh like Gaelic & Cornish are historical languages that are extra to normal.

Most learners are able to speak English.

More courses needed - used to be a huge choice -

I think more information is needed, particularly about funding.

Hoping you can find someone to carry on upholstery tuition.

As the course that I’d enrolled on was cancelled at the last minute, I don’t think offering it in Welsh would have made any difference. Lack of advertising seems to be the problem.

This is pointless.

My course is wonderful but we all speak English!!

I think there is only one Welsh speaker in both Yoga classes I attend. One person in 40 would not be cost effective.

I am in favour of Welsh being used for some Adult Learning even though I am not a Welsh speaker myself. We are in Wales!

Another waste of money and resources.

Perfectly happy speaking English thanks.

I know of no-one who cannot speak English therefore why waste money we have not got in Wales.

PC gone mad.

Unfortunately not a Welsh speaker.
I would like to see the results of the survey and to know how much it costs to deliver courses in Welsh throughout the County and throughout the year.

At a time of ever-reducing resources, it is only reasonable for Welsh medium provision to take its fair share of the burden.

If I wanted to speak Welsh (and were able to) I would attend Welsh medium activities

All Welsh speakers that I know also speak English. In these so called times of austerity I believe it would be a waste of money to offer bilingual courses.

Would love to see the full fee price of the courses reduced. The more it costs the less people can afford to keep coming back.

Welsh speakers are bi-lingual; delivering courses in Welsh only would a) add to the cost of the courses (presumably it would have to be funded by those on the course, the Council is already facing severe budgetary constraints) and (b) lead to a reduction in the number of courses being run if Welsh speaking tutors cannot be found.

I'm a Welsh language learner so it would be better to ask me these questions in two or three years' time.

Welsh is not the first language of Cardiff people. Why we have to waste so much valuable money in this way when there are more important issues which need money.

Where is the money coming for this? Only a limited number of people speak Welsh in Cardiff. Are you putting up the fees to cover this?

Not everybody can speak Welsh

I do not speak Welsh so such courses would not be of interest to me, however I believe that popular courses should be offered through the medium of Welsh as that language has equal status with English.

I think keeping Welsh relevant is admirable, but in times of financial cuts where almost everyone speaks English then it is better to keep the courses we have in one language only.

I am certain that if the demand was there for Welsh Language Courses....it would be sensible to organize them

I would like to attend Photography course somewhere in my area. There are eight people who are pensioners would also like this.

I would like to attend any free course in the Evening and school holidays.

If your courses were in Welsh I think you would struggle to get enough numbers attending, perhaps an alternative would be to show in your prospectus which of your teachers are bilingual in Welsh & English

I would be interested in following a short course to learn some basic Welsh conversation (good afternoon, welcome everybody, thank you, how do you do? pleased to meet you, etc.).

Seems like a waste of money considering how short of money councils are!

Not about Welsh Language. My issue is that I would like to receive more information about adult learning/night school classes as I often hear about these courses via word of mouth.

Only if I were learning Welsh would I expect the course to be led by a fluent Welsh speaker

There are not enough Welsh tutors

I do not speak Welsh

The English speaking tutor we have is a very high standard
Most people speak English

The tutor is very good now. We need more Welsh tutors for the future

Welsh learner

I would like to learn Welsh
I may go on a Welsh course in the future
I may learn Welsh in the future
If you speak Welsh you should be able to be taught in Welsh
Not enough people speak Welsh to justify this
Waste of time
I am a great supporter of the use of the Welsh language but could not cope with it in a class I attend

How many would enrol?

Often money is wasted if documents are sent in both languages. Suggest as most deal with you in English you could put on forms ‘please request Welsh form if required. It would be interesting to know how many forms you get back using Welsh.

I am not against courses in welsh but I am an English speaker

Difficult to answer Q.2, as I am a participant in only one course. One assumes the answer would be known if there were a sufficient demand.

Would only be of use to me if it were in English

Would like to learn Welsh in the future

I am Deaf/BSL user

I would like to learn Welsh

I would like to learn Welsh at some stage but have other priorities just now.
I would imagine fluent Welsh speakers would like to learn in Welsh.

The majority of people in Cardiff do not speak Welsh, so it would be good to spend any spare money on more courses rather than overlapping courses in Welsh.

Courses should be provided in the Welsh language if there is sufficient demand so as to result in the ‘financial performance’ of the course being similar to course in English.

This is not personally relevant but I do fully support the use of our language everywhere.

I wish I could speak Welsh but as I can’t, learning through the Welsh medium would be no good for me.

Whilst I am not a Welsh speaker I appreciate that there are plenty of children now enrolled in Welsh schools and that in future it would be good to know that they can carry out lifelong learning in welsh

No thank you

I feel that this is a huge waste of time and money which would be better served looking after disadvantaged people in Cardiff i.e. the elderly and people with physical and mental problems. The person who dreamed up this idea should be ashamed of themselves as there are far more important issues facing the people of Cardiff.

Offering courses in Welsh would be an additional expense which would satisfy only a small minority. Everyone speaks (or should be able to speak) English and this should be the base language for all adult courses, except those teaching the Welsh language.

Currently more concerned that my course can continue when the current venue closes
There is no demand for courses delivered in Welsh. This reflects the profile of the type of learner in this geographical area.

In the present economic climate it would make no sense to offer classes through the medium of Welsh as this would be extra costs at the time when the Community Learning Service has already had to make massive cuts to the number and scope of classes offered.

Money spent on this could be better spent elsewhere

As an English speaker, I have no personal need for Welsh language classes but fully support the idea for Welsh speakers!

Where does the council think it will find Welsh speaking tutors to teach all the areas currently on offer? Where are the facilities to run practical courses without removing classes already using them? Courses taught by English speaking tutors can be accessed by Welsh and English speakers. Employing two tutors e.g. to teach French, one through English and the other through Welsh, doubles the pay required when funding is already an issue.