

Y fflam



The flame

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There's a new flame in town...

...that's the message from the Unitarians of Wales at this year's General Assembly in Keele, Staffordshire. As a media frenzy surrounds the 2012 Olympic Flame, the Welsh Department is lighting a new flame of its own that is bound to continue, long after the Olympic torch has been snuffed out.

"I'm delighted to announce the arrival of **Y FFLAM**, a newsletter for individual Unitarians across Wales, and beyond, who are not affiliated to a place of worship", said Carwyn Tywyn, Welsh Department Secretary.



Carwyn Tywyn,
with daughter Heledd

"In 2005, I drifted into our denomination via the National Unitarian Fellowship, the society for otherwise non-affiliated Unitarians. The idea of the NUF has inspired this **FREE** newsletter for any individual who wants to keep in touch with Unitarianism in Wales."

"Let us cast our minds back just five years. The way people are interacting with each other since then has changed beyond recognition. It continues to change at a frightening pace. People are absorbing their information – including their spirituality – in a bite-sized and individualistic way. We must respond to this change. We have to create new networks to complement traditional chapel or church attendance. I hope **Y FFLAM** can fill a gap."

New badge for sale...

A new badge, advertising our Twitter name,

@UndodiaidCymru, is on sale at the GA.

The badge is on sale for a minimum donation of 50p (Though a donation of £1 from Unitarians would be hugely welcomed, to pay off the initial costs). What better way to celebrate those memories of last year's Swansea G.A...?





Just as Welsh Department Secretary Carwyn Tywyn was born in Leicester, **Y FFLAM** is also coming to life in the midlands of England. And, just as Carwyn learned to speak Welsh, so can you! ...Starting right here in Keele...

<i>Gwers(i) geirfa Cymraeg...</i>	...Welsh vocabulary lesson(s)
<i>Croeso i Swydd Stafford!...</i>	...Welcome to Staffordshire!
<i>Pryd mae'r bar yn agor?...</i>	...When does the bar open?
<i>Yw'r Ysgrifennydd wedi deffro eto?...</i>	...Has the Secretary woken up yet?
<i>Mae'r sesiwn plenari yma'n hir!...</i>	...This plenary session is long!
<i>Fe gwrddon nhw yn G.A. Abertawe...</i>	...They met at the Swansea G.A.

For free, accessible Welsh vocabulary, visit: www.saysomethinginwelsh.com

What Next for Y FFLAM?

The first step is to receive comments from Welsh Department colleagues, and the views of this meeting, on the layout and style of this draft version. Suggestions will be incorporated into a proper Issue 1 for dissemination to members of the public, and vigorously promoted on Twitter.

Bydd pob rhifyn o'r **FFLAM** yn y dyfodol ar gael yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. All future issues of **Y FFLAM** will be made available in Welsh or English.

As Secretary, Carwyn Tywyn has developed personal contacts with around a dozen individuals who have interested in the Unitarian movement, baut at diffeent stages of affiliation. It is intended that Issue 1 Proper of **Y FFLAM** will be sent to these people shortly after the Easter period.

It is hoped that the National Eisteddfod in August will significantly increase the number of informal contacts who will wish to receive **Y FFLAM**. It will be sent as an e-mail attachment in the vast majority of cases.

Ultimately, it is hoped that **Y FFLAM** will lead to new personal connections being made and – with any luck – new congregations being planted.

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