

# WALES FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

## MANIFESTO

### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

#### PRESENT:

Laura Elliott, (Facilitator); Katie Davies, (Wales YFC Chairman); Caryl Haf, (Wales YFC vice chairman); Edna Jones (staff association representative); Niall Evans, International sub committee chairman); Caryl Hughes, (Events and Marketing sub committee vice chairman) Dewi Davies, (Ceredigion); Clare James (Rural Affairs chairman); Will Jones, (Rural Affairs vice chairman); Cerys Harts, (Youth Forum vice chairman) and Nia Lloyd, (Wales YFC director).

#### APOLOGIES:

Katie Court, (Competitions chairman)

**Work took place to agree the topics and main themes at the last meeting of the group.**

<b>Food and farming in the curriculum</b>	We teach others about food production, food life cycle, farm to fork.  Look at Cows on tour website for some wording.
<b>Accreditation</b>	We provide skills for life, developing skills in young people
<b>Language (Iaith y Pridd)</b>	Energise the language. Reference the Iaith y pridd report. YFC supports the safeguarding of the language, which in turn sustains communities. Use quotes from the Welsh language grant reports we submit to the Welsh Government.
<b>Supporting younger farmers</b>	Food producers More targeted support (grants)
<b>Apprenticeships in Agri. (Rural Employment)</b>	Maybe widen to rural business  'Local people for local jobs'. Lots of talented people leaving the area for more skilled and higher paid employment.  Levelling up rural inequality - Broadband, lack of housing. This could be a heading bringing together the rural housing, broadband, apprenticeship points.
<b>Minister for young people</b>	What is the ask?  Making youth work statutory across the local authorities. Maybe a Minister is not such a priority??

	Find out from counties how much has been lost from LA's over the past 10 years to provide context to this point.
<b>Rural Support (Mental Health &amp; Volunteering)</b>  <b>Wellbeing??</b>	<p>Headline ask -</p> <p>Help us to further equip??  We need better support for rural support??  Equipping young people with the correct tools to keep themselves well??</p> <p>Creating a hub for mental and physical and mental support</p> <p>Continued support.</p> <p>Tool kits</p> <p>Resilience?</p> <p>Link between education and upskilling to better working practices</p> <p>Highlight the work that we are doing in relation to well-being. Need more support to enhance the training.</p> <p>YFC support charities and are trained by them.</p> <p>Rural young people's well-being. (Farm safety &amp; Mental Health)</p>
<b>Rural Housing</b>	<p>Derelict properties.</p> <p>Not just rural housing the emphasis should be housing for rural people.</p> <p>For the 'one page' version amalgamate into <b>rural inequality</b>.</p> <p>Services are being centralised to the detriment of rural communities.</p> <p>Under this section we could also include transport. Transport also leads into isolation.</p> <p>Counties could pick up on concerns in their particular areas such as DVLA, hospital services.</p>
<b>Broadband &amp; Technology</b>	This would also be incorporated into the Rural Inequality section.
<b>Future entrepreneurs and business support</b>	<p>YFC Marketplace.</p> <p>Continue the support for future entrepreneurs.</p>

**Other areas to be considered to be included;**

- Climate change

- Food and drink
- Farm safety

Consideration needs to take place as what Wales YFC wants to see in each of these areas.

### **Styling of the Manifesto**

Considered the points that are to be included in the middle, with images to associate the YFC and the work that we already do and what we could offer.

Agreed that the Children's commissioner manifesto with the grid is eye-catching, with more detail for readers as necessary.

Aim to launch in mid-January the framework one page document and counties can then elaborate further on issues that affect them.

Cerys to speak to Youth forum as to how they can get involved and also to see if there is anything that has been missed from a younger member's perspective.

Meeting prior to Christmas if Teleri is able to put together a draft in order for counties and committees to consider in January meetings.