

Executive Summary

Tyfu Fyny March 2017 – March 2020



369

GROWING PROJECTS
SUPPORTED.



1,263

PEOPLE PARTICIPATED
IN TRAINING.



9,527

STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED
WITH THE PROJECT.



199

TRAINING DAYS
COMPLETED.



91%

SAID THAT THEIR
KNOWLEDGE AND
SKILLS HAD INCREASED.



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FEASIBILITY STUDIES
COMPLETED



88%

SAID THAT TYFU FYNY
HAD HELPED THEIR
GROUP TO IDENTIFY
FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES
AND ACHIEVE IT'S GOALS.

Key Learning

-  The community growing sector in Wales is vibrant and has huge potential to contribute to Welsh Government policy relating to the economy, cultural heritage, the environment and the health and wellbeing of communities.
-  The Covid-19 pandemic has presented significant opportunities for the sector to reaffirm the value of local food and to contribute towards food security in the future.
-  Despite the existence of a national community growing strategy there is significant variation about how this translates into support and action across different Local Authority areas.
-  The Tyfu Fyny delivery model of using experienced sector Development Workers who provide a gateway to specialist advice and support alongside specialist advisors is effective.
-  Tailored support which directly meets the needs of a group is the most effective and efficient form of support.
-  Networking and peer to peer learning is highly valued by groups and is more likely to lead to sustained change within the sector.
-  There is significant added value to bringing together different elements of the growing sector under one project and this has the potential to move beyond edibles in the future.
-  Social Farms & Gardens were able to draw on their experience and history of community based engagement work to provide multifaceted support to CSA's and Care Farms which extended well beyond industry specific advice.
-  The vibrancy of the sector varies geographically and there may be the need for market development in some areas.
-  Any future project should build on the wealth of knowledge and experience and networks developed through Tyfu Fyny
-  Sufficient capacity and resources should be allocated to any future project to ensure reach to all parts of the sector and all parts of Wales but also to combine on the ground approaches with strategic policy influencing.
-  Securing appropriate land and overcoming planning related barriers still remain key challenges facing the sector.
-  There is the need for specific support and/or training for groups to enable them to demonstrate their Social Value.