

# SSce CYMRU



SUPPORTING SERVICE CHILDREN  
IN EDUCATION IN WALES

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# SSCE Cymru team

## Programme Manager



Millie

- Coordinates and delivers SSCE Cymru activities aligned to the SSCE Cymru mission.
- Ensures Service children's experiences are understood and responded to in Wales.
- Represents Wales to share good practice across the UK.

## School Liaison Officers



Yasmin



Cara

- Work with schools and local authorities to identify Service children and maintain a database of school contacts.
- Promote the SSCE Cymru e-learning package.
- Work with education settings to embed support for Service children:
  - Utilise SSCE Cymru resources (School Toolkit and Tools, Funding guidance)
  - Achieve their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status
  - Celebrate Month of the Military Child
  - Access funding to support Service children and families.
- Identify and promote good practice in schools.

## Participation Lead Officer



Jo

### Works with schools to:

- Listen to Service children
- Set up Service children clubs
- Facilitate opportunities for Service children to come together to share their experiences
- Celebrate Service children's experiences
- Share the voices of Service children.



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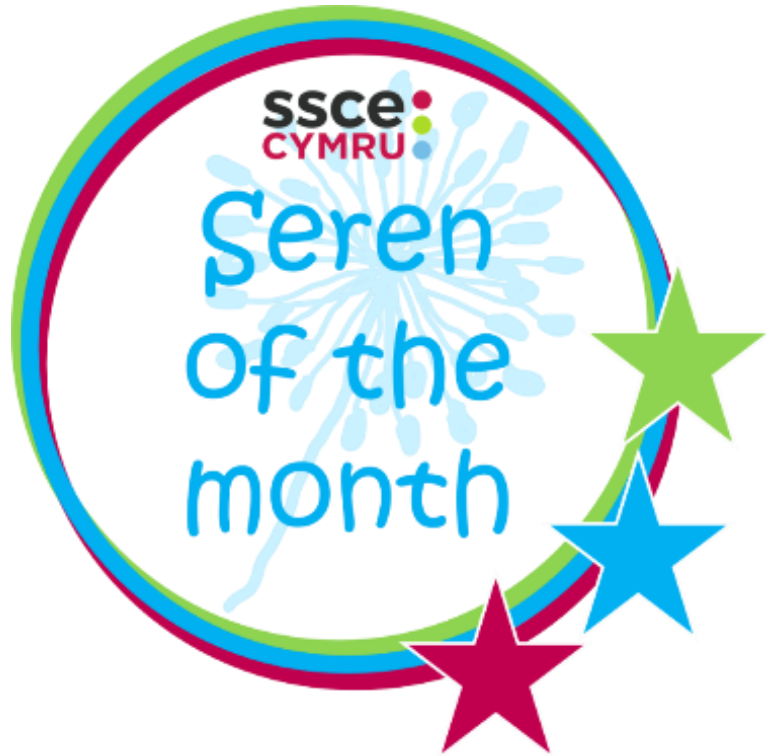


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# SSCE Cymru Seren of the month

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This is an opportunity for our team to publicly recognise an SSCE Cymru STAR, and say thank you to a Service child, member of school staff, work colleague, network member or organisation that have positively collaborated with us or shown exceptional support to Service children in education and their local Armed Forces community. We are grateful to work with some truly inspiring individuals and groups who ensure that Service children continue to feel valued and celebrated here in Wales.

# SSCE Cymru Seren of the month



## Seren of the month – July 2024

Etta works within the Wellbeing Hub at Pencoed Comprehensive School and has collaborated with the SSCE Cymru team to embed support for the Service children and young people at the school.

Etta implemented the Service children group based on her own experiences of being a Service child, sibling and wife, and understands how this can impact on family life. She brings a positive attitude and a personal touch to those she supports and a service that she is passionate about.

Etta exemplifies all that is good about supporting Service Young People. She runs a weekly group where learners can come together and discuss how they are impacted by having members of family who are in the forces. This allows the young people to open up about their shared experiences and offer support to one another. Etta has patience and kindness, in addition to her dedication, hard work and commitment in supporting these young people. She is proactive in raising money for them to take part in fun activities and good causes that benefit the group.

Thank you, Etta, for all your hard work and commitment!!



**Etta Bishop**  
Pupil Well-being and Family  
Liaison Officer  
Pencoed Comprehensive School



# Month of the Military Child Mis y Plentyn Milwrol



April/Ebrill | #MotMCCymru



**HH** HAVERFORDWEST HIGH VC SCHOOL  
**VCS** YSGOL LUNYHRADD GRŵ HWWLFORDD



**i** Click here to see details of #MotMCCymru activities



It's been incredible to receive lots of photos from schools and local authorities, showing us how they celebrated Month of the Military Child! Please send your photos to [SSCECymru@wlga.gov.uk](mailto:SSCECymru@wlga.gov.uk)





# Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru

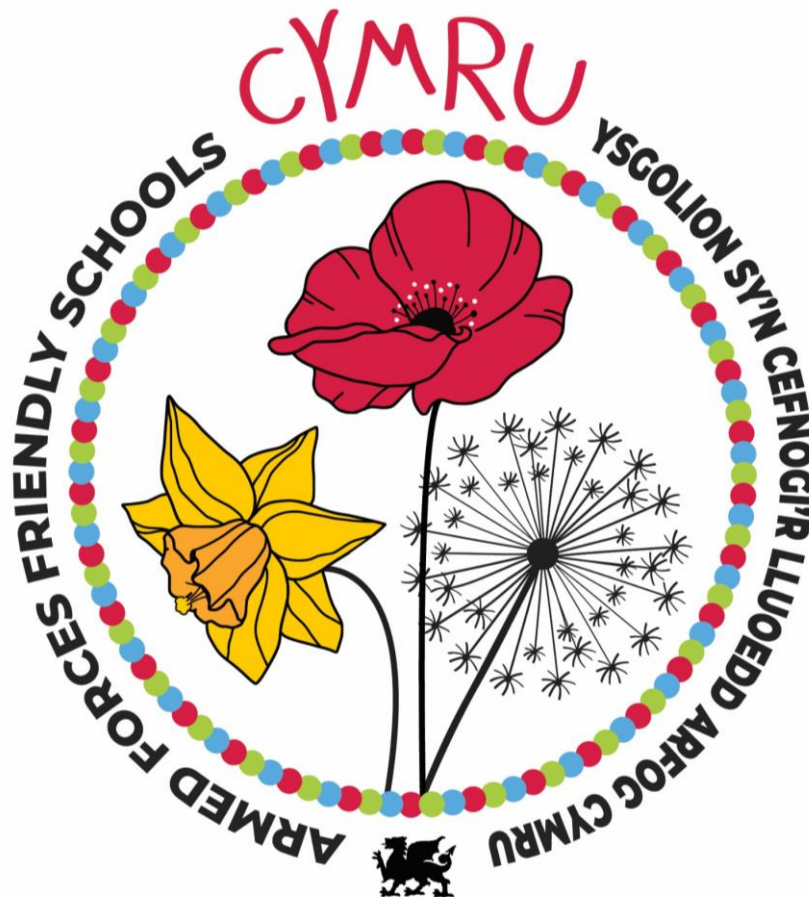
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## OBJECTIVES

1. Embed good practice for supporting Service children

2. Create a positive environment for Service children to share their experiences

3. Encourage schools to become more engaged with their Armed Forces community.



The SSCE Cymru team will work closely with all schools to support them in achieving their status, through completing activities/actions on the SSCE Cymru School checklist.

## CRITERIA THEMES

**IDENTIFY**  
Service children and a key member of staff

**UNDERSTAND**  
Service children and their individual needs

**ENGAGE**  
With SSCE Cymru and the Armed Forces community.

**Congratulations** to all schools who have achieved their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status.

So far, 30 schools have achieved their AFFS Cymru status. 30 have achieved Bronze, 7 have achieved Silver and 4 have achieved Gold!!!

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**This month, we are pleased to congratulate the following schools for achieving their AFFS Cymru status:**

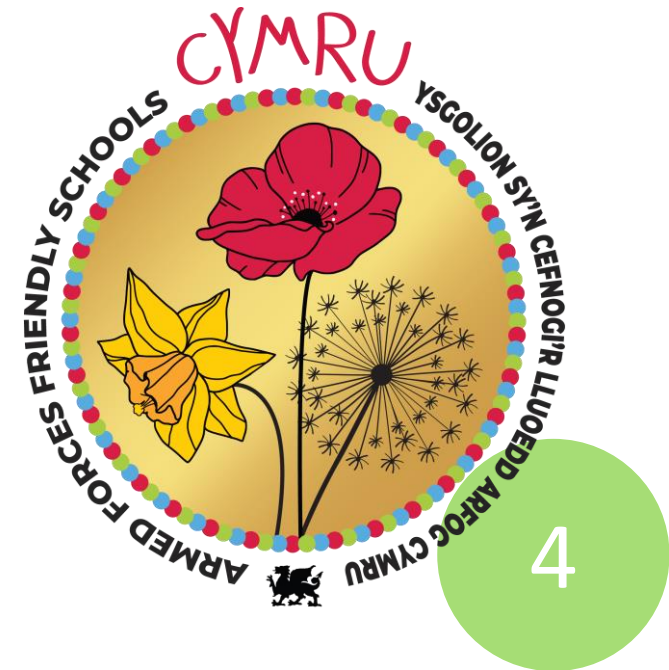
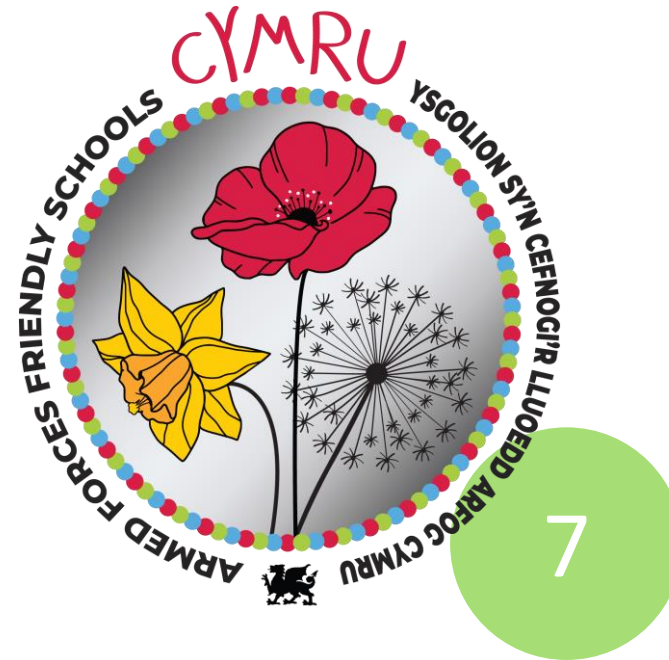
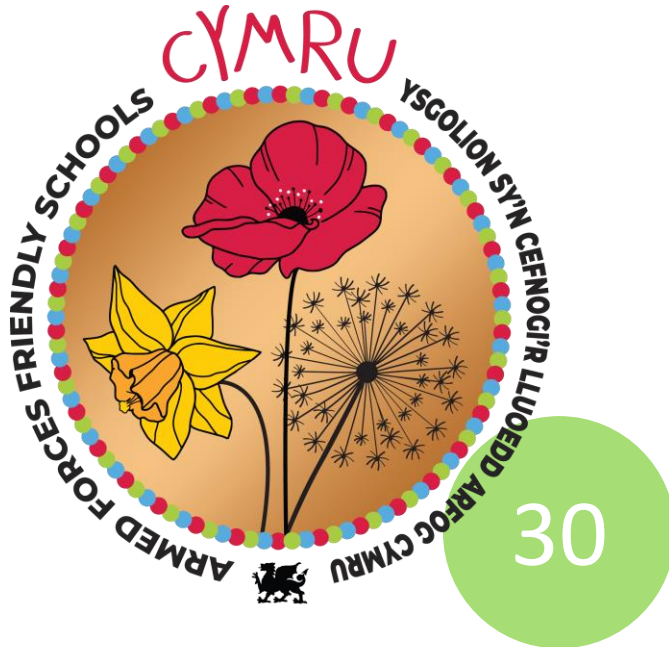
**Bronze:** Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog (Denbighshire)

**Bronze:** Ysgol Y Tywyn (Isle of Anglesey)

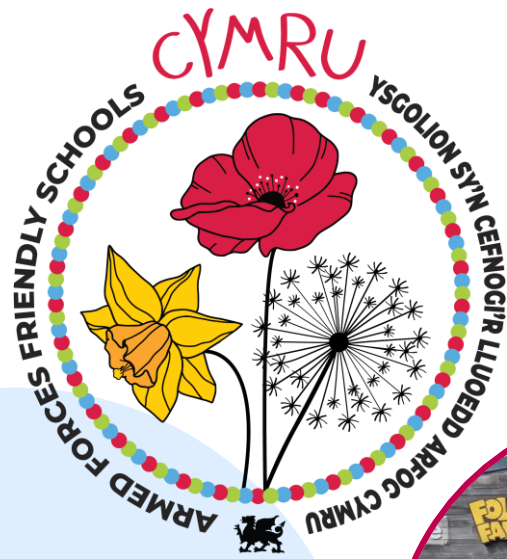
**Bronze:** Ysgol Uwchradd Aberhonddu (Powys)

**Bronze:** Ysgol Y Ddraig (Vale of Glamorgan)

**Silver:** St Athan Primary School (Vale of Glamorgan)







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# Service children data

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## Welsh Governments definition of a Service child:

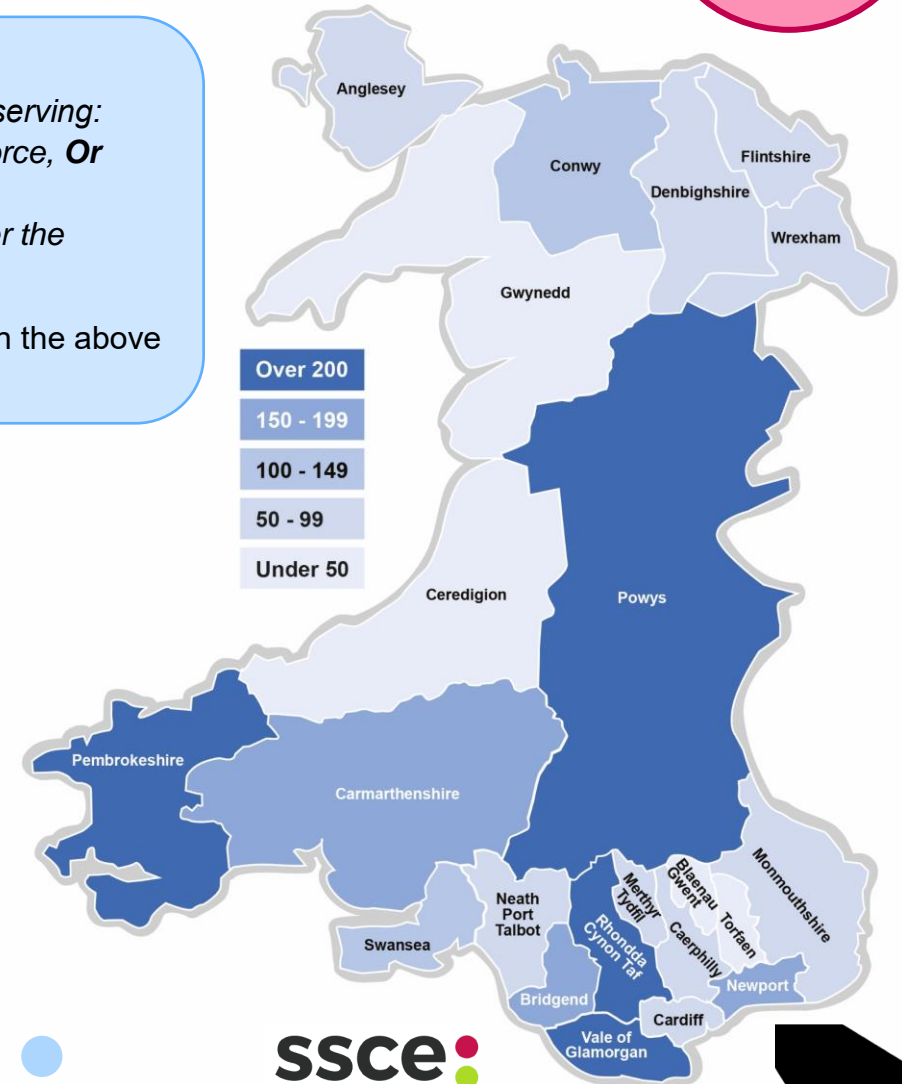
A 'Service child' has parent(s) or person(s) exercising parental responsibility who is/are Service personnel serving:  
- In HM Regular or Reserve Armed Forces – Royal Navy and Royal Marines; British Army and Royal Air Force, **Or**  
- Is an Armed Forces Veteran who has been in Service within the past two years, **Or**  
- One of their parents died whilst serving in the Armed Forces and the learner has received a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.

SSCE Cymru also encourages schools to consider identifying children and young people who don't fit within the above definition but have a link to the Armed Forces.

2116  
Service  
children

In 533  
schools

NEW!  
SSCE Cymru  
online data  
form for  
schools



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# SSCE Cymru e-learning

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To celebrate Month of the Military Child in April, the SSCE Cymru team launched our highly anticipated NEW on-demand, bi-lingual, e-learning training package on *Supporting Service children in education in Wales*!!!!

Funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, the SSCE Cymru e-learning training package has been designed to give educators the tools and confidence to understand and support the needs of Service children within their education settings in Wales however, the training can be accessed by anyone who would like to learn more about supporting Service children within education.

This FREE training package consists of nine topics and will take roughly two hours to complete. Your progress will be saved so that you can continue where you left off and revisit the training as required.

## Topics included in the e-learning:

- Introduction to SSCE Cymru
- Armed Forces in Wales
- Service children's experiences
- Education in Wales
- Identifying Service children
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Extra-curricular activities
- Funding to support Service children
- Research and evidence.

*"Hearing from the children was great."*

*"It was very interesting to learn of the different mobility, deployment and transitions that families experience."*

*"Great links that I will use and very comprehensive. I loved the videos."*

*"Excellent information and support available."*

100% of participants found the e-learning beneficial



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# SSCE Cymru ALN survey

[Further information here](#)

SSCE Cymru is conducting a survey with schools in Wales to gain a snapshot of the challenges schools may be facing in supporting Service children with Additional Learning Needs (ALN), and to identify examples of good practice.

The survey is estimated to take between 5-15 minutes to complete.

The information provided will be used to inform practice and policy in relation to supporting Service children with ALN.

**Survey deadline: 31st July 2024.**

**CLOSING  
SOON!**

# Impact of the Armed Forces Covenant Legal Duty survey

[Further information here](#)

The MOD Covenant Team want to hear from bodies in scope of the Duty (including schools and LAs) in order to assess the impact.

The data collected will help us identify areas where bodies in scope can be supported in implementing the Duty. It will also help to demonstrate the good work that is being done across the UK to support the Armed Forces Community.

The survey is estimated to take around 10 minutes to complete.

**Survey deadline: 15th July 2024**

**CLOSING  
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# Upcoming events

[Further information here](#)

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**13<sup>th</sup> Nov 24**  
SCiP Alliance  
Annual Conference  
**CARDIFF**

Service Children's Progression  
**ALLIANCE**

# SSCE Cymru journal

[Further information here](#)

The SSCE Cymru journal provides an overview of the activities and events that SSCE Cymru team members have been involved with.

May 24



## Brecon Military Show 2024

May 2024

The annual Brecon Military Show is always a calendar highlight. Hosted by the Infantry Battle School, in Dering Lines, Brecon. It is an opportunity for civilian and military families within the local community to come together to share in a day of

[Read more](#)

May 24



## More filming days with CLECS Media

May 2024

Towards the end of May, the SSCE Cymru team were visiting some of our Armed Forces Friendly schools across East, West and South Wales to complete our filming days with CLECS Media.

[Read more](#)

Apr 24



## Month of the Military Child celebrations at Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog (Denbighshire)

April 2024

Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog are a school in Denbighshire, North Wales, with one Service child. Please see below a quote from Headteacher, Laura Martin, and some lovely photos of what they got up to in April to celebrate Month of the Military Child!

[Read more](#)

Apr 24



## A successful month celebrating Month of the Military Child at Ysgol Penygloddfa (Powys)

April 2024

Ysgol Penygloddfa, a primary school in Powys with 4 Service children, had a busy month full of Month of the Military Child celebrations during April. Service children and their peers took part in hosting charity bake sales, sporty activities such as

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# Welsh Government funding

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2024/25

- The Welsh Government Education Directorate have funded the core SSCE Cymru team (Programme Manager and Participation Lead Officer)
- SSCE Cymru will continue to administer a grant scheme – the *Supporting Service Children in Education in Wales Fund (SSCE-WF)* – which is open to all schools and local authorities in Wales
- Funding will also continue to be available for the SSCE Cymru Case Management support.

## Supporting Service Children in Education in Wales Fund 2024/25

Schools and local authorities (LAs) in Wales can apply for funding throughout the year, to deliver projects specific to supporting Service children in education, linked to the curriculum in Wales.

£1,000 projects – open to all schools and local authorities in Wales.

£3,000 projects – open to schools who have achieved their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru Bronze status and all local authorities.

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OPENING  
IN SEP24



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# Grant funding

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## Service Pupil Support (SPS) programme

The Service Pupil Support (SPS) programme will award grants of £5,000 to £80,000 to projects supporting Service children along their educational pathway.

The SPS programme is open to schools, FE and local authorities. Schools are expected to work collaboratively and apply in a cluster of three or more.

### Project themes for 2024/25 are:

- Closing attainment gaps
- Addressing the needs of Service children with ALN
- Identifying and addressing the needs of small cohorts of Service children.

DEADLINE  
31st May  
**NOW CLOSED**

## Armed Forces Education Trust: Collective grants

This programme is funded by the Armed Forces Education Trust (AFET). Open to applications all year, the funding aims to help provide educational support for service pupils. Such support is likely to include a specific educational intervention as a result of which the improved educational outcomes of the service children can be demonstrated. *NOTE: The AFET may also be able to help with a grant to assist an individual child to overcome difficulties linked to their parents' service and mobility.*

# Funding and support

[Further information here](#)

## Case Management support

Schools and education settings in Wales can work with the SSCE Cymru team to access support and funding (if deemed appropriate), throughout the year, to provide interventions for an individual Service child or a small number of Service children (aged 4-16) with specific need/s related to the impact of their Armed Forces lifestyle.

## SSCE Cymru funding advice document

The *SSCE Cymru funding advice* document provides advice from the SSCE Cymru team for schools and local authorities, to assist them when applying for funding to support Service children / local Armed Forces community. It also includes a checklist of suggested actions to help when preparing and completing a funding application and a list of funding ideas and suggestions.

## SSCE Cymru funding drop-in sessions

Led by the SSCE Cymru Programme Manager, these drop-in sessions are available to support schools and local authorities in Wales with accessing funding to support Service children in education. We will raise awareness of relevant grant funding streams, share examples of good practice, answer questions, promote resources and discuss collaboration opportunities.

**NEXT SESSIONS:**  
19<sup>th</sup> Jun  
15<sup>th</sup> Jul



# SSCE Cymru drop-in sessions

[Further information here](#)

From April 2024, every month, SSCE Cymru will host a series of informal drop-in sessions focusing on specific themes. Come along to any of the sessions that interest you, where members of the SSCE Cymru team will share relevant information, promote resources, coordinate discussions, answer your questions and create opportunities for collaboration.



## JULY schedule

<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup></b> 2pm Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	<b>Tue 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 10am Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	<b>Thu 4<sup>th</sup></b> 10am SCiP Alliance Thriving Lives Toolkit	<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup></b> 2pm Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	<b>Tue 9<sup>th</sup></b> 2pm Service children voice	<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup></b> 10am Local Authority Action Plan	<b>Thu 11<sup>th</sup></b> 3pm Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup></b> 2pm Funding for supporting SC	<b>Tue 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup></b> 10am Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	<b>Thu 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Tue 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thu 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tue 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup></b> 2pm Local Authority Action Plan		

### Drop-in session themes include:

- Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru
- Service children voice
- Funding for supporting Service children
- Local authority Action Plans
- SCiP Alliance Thriving Lives Toolkit.

*Plus additional themes at certain points of the year (i.e. Month of the Military Child, Armed Forces Day)*

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