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Dear Council,

One Voice Wales National Awards Ceremony 2026

I am delighted to announce that One Voice Wales will be holding its National Awards Ceremony on **Wednesday 1 July 2026** at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground, Llanelwedd, near Builth Wells, LD2 3SY. We are grateful to [Unity Trust Bank](#) who have kindly agreed to be the main sponsors of the Awards Ceremony. **Please use this opportunity to mark this important date in your Council diaries.**

These awards are an opportunity for your Council to showcase the services it provides for its community, and an opportunity for Councillors, Clerks and Staff to receive the recognition they truly deserve. The entries will be used as an evidence base to inform Welsh Government, Unitary Authorities, the Third Sector and other key partners of the good work local Councils are doing in their communities across Wales and how they can support the work of the local Council sector in the future.

Attached you will find a **Nomination Guide 2026** (PDF) listing the award categories and details of how you can nominate your Council for these prestigious awards. For 2026, we have introduced an **on-line Application Form** which allows you to save the form and continue at another time, before submitting the form electronically. Further details of the new process and the Application Form are on our designated website page: [One Voice Wales National Awards 2026 - Application Form - One Voice Wales](#)

As in previous years, an independent panel made up from national representative bodies will undertake the assessment of the submitted Applications.

You will already be aware from previous communications from us that this year we are holding our annual National Awards Conference **as a special ceremony on the afternoon of our National Conference, which will be held on Wednesday 1 July 2026 at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd.** As a change to the normal short-listing process, this year all Councils will be notified of their successes that afternoon.

During the special ceremony, all winners and runners-up will be presented with their awards and certificates. Hopefully, this will build up even more excitement and enthusiasm for our member Councils. We will be publishing a post-event report to be shared with local Councils and stakeholder organisations throughout Wales, as well as showcasing successful projects on our website and in our e-newsletter magazine. Furthermore, we will invite award-winning Councils to exhibit and display their successful projects as part of our Innovative Practice Conference (Wednesday 30 September 2026).

The closing date for entries is 30 April 2026.

Should you have any queries regarding our 2026 National Awards, please get in touch with Emyr John, Communications Officer: ejohn@onevoicewales.wales

I do hope that you will nominate your Council for an award and help One Voice Wales to highlight and promote the innovative practices that take place in local communities throughout Wales.

Yours sincerely,
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Chair, One Voice Wales

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Mae'r e-bost hwn at ddefnydd y sawl y'i bwriedid ar ei gyfer yn unig ac mae'n cynnwys gwybodaeth all fod yn freintiedig a/neu'n gyfrinachol. Os na fwriedid ichi dderbyn yr e-bost, dylech roi gwybod i'r sawl a'i danfonodd trwy ddanfon e-bost yn ôl a dileu'r e-bost hwn ac unrhyw atodiadau.

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