

# **The Welsh Language**



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- Welsh Language Act 1993

**The principle:** in the conduct of public business and the administration of justice in Wales, *Welsh and English should be treated on an equal basis*

- Welsh Language Board

The 1993 Act established the Welsh Language Board on a statutory basis.

**Aim:** *to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language*

# The Board's responsibilities

- Grants in support (4 voluntary organizations):
  - Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin: The Welsh-language nursery school movement
  - The Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales
  - Urdd Gobaith Cymru: The Welsh-language youth movement
  - The Welsh Books Council. Administers grants to publishers, runs promotion projects (children's book club)

# Other Initiatives

- Radio and TV-programmes in Welsh
- The fourth TV-channel, **Sianel 4 Cymru**: 12 hours of programmes a day being broadcast in the medium on S4C
- Local newspapers? Publications are printed wholly/partly in Welsh

**Thank you for your attention!**

