

Coleg Gwent's Community Challenge

Advanced Level learners across Coleg Gwent's 5 Campuses, complete the Community Challenge in the first year of their two-year programme, along with the Global Citizenship Challenge.

Usk Campus has successfully completed a Countryside Experience week, whereby roughly 300 school children attend an event run by the college students, with staff supporting them. The children are given learning opportunities such as pond dipping, handling small animals, den building, foraging, popcorn making, greenwood crafts, milking a cow, seed sowing, hop on tractor and woodland crafts. The students planned and prepared the activities beforehand.



Another fruitful Community Challenge event was held at Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone, in connection with Blaenau Gwent Children's Council. The occasion saw schools coming into the campus to raise awareness of the Royal British Legion within the community. The British Legion attended a parade with students, as well as an event whereby staff, students and members of the public made their own ceramic poppies within the art department, with all funds from sales of the poppies going to the British Legion.



The college has also linked with Bullies Out, a Cardiff based charity that facilitates sessions for students, to enable them to become buddies within the charity.

Sessions were run through the organisation, whereby the charity came into each site to talk to students as part of a workshop. Several students across the campuses put their names forward to become a 'Peer Mentor' as part of the Peer to Peer programme with Bullies Out, which will give them a fantastic opportunity and experience as they develop into university.

