

A guide to support and services For students with disabilities

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Ioan Talfryn



Disability code

Popeth Cymraeg is committed to ensuring that people with disabilities and/or learning difficulties, are treated fairly. All reasonable adjustments will be made to ensure that students with disabilities, or otherwise disadvantaged persons, will not be discriminated against.

Introduction

The purpose of the information shared below is to let you know what support is available from Popeth Cymraeg if you or someone you know has a physical disability, sensory impairment or learning difficulty. You may be recovering from a mental illness or needing help with literacy and numeracy. Support, where appropriate, is part of your learning entitlement. Popeth Cymraeg defines people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities as someone who needs different and/or additional support to ensure access to their programme of study

Equality and Diversity policy

Popeth Cymraeg is committed to the principles and practices of equality, diversity and human rights, and to working with our communities and partners to ensure equal and inclusive learning for all our learners. As students and staff with Popeth Cymraeg we will:

- Reflect the diverse communities we serve
- Respect and celebrate the different backgrounds and cultures of all learners and staff
- Treat all learners and staff equally and fairly
- Ensure that learning and college services are accessible to all
- Challenging prejudice; And
- We will not tolerate bullying or harassment

Popeth Cymraeg requires all students and staff to follow the principles of this policy and to contribute to the achievement of the goals.

Start learning

If you want to join one of your Welsh classes you can:

- Contact us beforehand to discuss your needs;
- Let us know if you have communication difficulties that may require a text to be printed in Braille or provide a sizer;
- Visit our main centre in Denbigh, Canolfan Iaith Clwyd, to discuss your needs in a personal interview. We will help you check that our facilities are easy for you to use;
- Inform us on your application form that you have needs that may affect your studies;
- Tell us about your disability/difficulty when you register;
- Tell us about other people or agencies involved in your care.

You are welcome to bring someone with you at any time

Student Services

We can help you with a number of problems that you may have, by:

Financial support

We offer discounts of between 20% and 40% to students under certain categories listed on our website. There is also a further financial support scheme available from the Welsh government to help with travel, childcare or resource purchase costs. Details of this scheme can be obtained here: <https://learnwelsh.cymru/support/financial-support/>

Counselling

If you feel depressed and want an unbiased person to talk to, please contact Ioan Talfryn, chief executive of Popeth Cymraeg for assistance ioan@popethcymraeg. Wales/01745 812287
This is a confidential service.

Childcare

Although Popeth Cymraeg does not generally organise childcare for community classes (with the exception of Welsh for parents courses or CWTSH clubs organised in conjunction with other organisations) financial support is available from the Welsh government: <https://learnwelsh.cymru/support/financial-support/>

Learning Support

Popeth Cymraeg commits to offering all possible support to our students. In most cases we will be able to offer the support that is needed in-house but if there are cases where students need more specialist support (see below) we will ensure that through the support procedures offered by Coleg Cambria's Learning Support team, our partner within the North East Welsh language learning provision.

What can you expect to receive from the Coleg Cambria learning support team?

You can expect to have:

- Friendly and courteous service
- Find your learning support needs with a study skills tutor
- Learning Support Study Skills Agreement which succinctly identifies the appropriate learning support
- Tutorials that are set up to show you suitable learning and study methods
- Support with assistive technology
- Advice and checking for exam arrangements
- Classroom support, in line with your educational needs
- If you have a diagnosed medical condition, the additional support coordinator will draw up a care plan
- Check to detect probability:
 - A) specific learning difficulties e.g. dyslexia
 - b) Visual stress (Irlen syndrome)

What is expected of you?

We expect all students who choose to receive learning support to:

- Come to all agreed appointments
- Tell us if their needs or circumstances change

Disclosure: You may choose not to disclose your disability, but if you tell us that you have a disability, or other needs, before you enrol and start your course, then we will try to meet your needs.

You also have the right to secrecy, but once you have disclosed information and given your permission, we will share this information with other staff in the organisation, as necessary.

Popeth Cymraeg is here to ensure you have the right support in place so you can reach your full potential.

We hope you will enjoy studying with everything Welsh

Basic Skills

If you have basic skills needs Popeth Cymraeg will work with our partner Cambria College to arrange appropriate support for you.

Coleg Cambria has a whole-college approach to improving the basic skills of all students. To start the process you will need to complete an initial and diagnostic assessment. This will tell us what support you need to help you improve your reading, writing, numeracy, speaking and listening skills. This will help you on your main programme and to gain recognised qualifications.

If English is not your first language, you will be able to benefit from the support available from English for Speakers of other languages (ESOL) tutors, in order to develop your skills.

Additional opportunities for students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities

Coleg Cambria has courses specially designed for people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. The Independent living skills courses include lessons in basic skills, life skills, vocational skills and employability skills. The courses are available at pre-entry level and entry level and are being introduced on the northwest and Yale College sites. These courses help to build skills for independence and supported employment or to move on to further study.

We recognise that many students learn more slowly than others and need more time and support to make progress. These courses are delivered in smaller groups than mainstream courses and additional educational support is provided in the sessions through the use of teaching assistants. Learners who require additional one-to-one support, social or medical support, for example, to help with personal care or medical support needs, can come to the college with their own dedicated





external support workers. Contact everything Welsh for initial advice and guidance.

Independent Living skills/life skills courses are full-time courses three days a week for one year. Students on these courses are able to register for additional study at the same level or move on to the next level, up to a maximum of four years, provided a suitable course is available. Part-time study trails are also offered. These courses will only take place if there is sufficient demand and enough registration.

For details on the independent living skills courses currently being offered, please visit the website:





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Centre facilities

	Car Park	Wheelcjhair  Access	Lifft 	Disabled Toilet  REST ROOMS	Hearing Loop 
Canolfan Iaith Clwyd, Dinbych	x	√	Not necessary	√	√
Bodelwyddan Business Centre	√	√	√	√	
Canolfan Y Dderwen, Y Rhyl	√	√	√	√	
Salford By The Sea, Y Rhyl	√	√	√	√	
North Wales Bowls Centre, Prestatyn	√	√	Not necessary	√	
Trinity Church, Prestatyn	x	√	Not necessary	√	
Rhuddlan Community Hall	√	√	Not necessary	√	
Canolfan Ni, Corwen	√	√	Not necessary	√	
Llangollen, Council Chambers			Not necessary		
Glyn Ceiriog, Memorial Hall	x	√	Not necessary	√	

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	Car Park	Wheelcjhair  Access	Liff 	Disabled Tolet  REST ROOMS	Hearing Loop 
Admin Block	√	√	√	√	
Hostel	√	√	√	√	
Library and Languages	√	√		√	
Teaching Block	√	√	√	√	
Workshop Block	√	√	√	√	
Engineering Block	√	√	√		
Small Animakls and new buildings	√	√	√	√	√
Agricultural Teaching Block	√	√	√	√	√