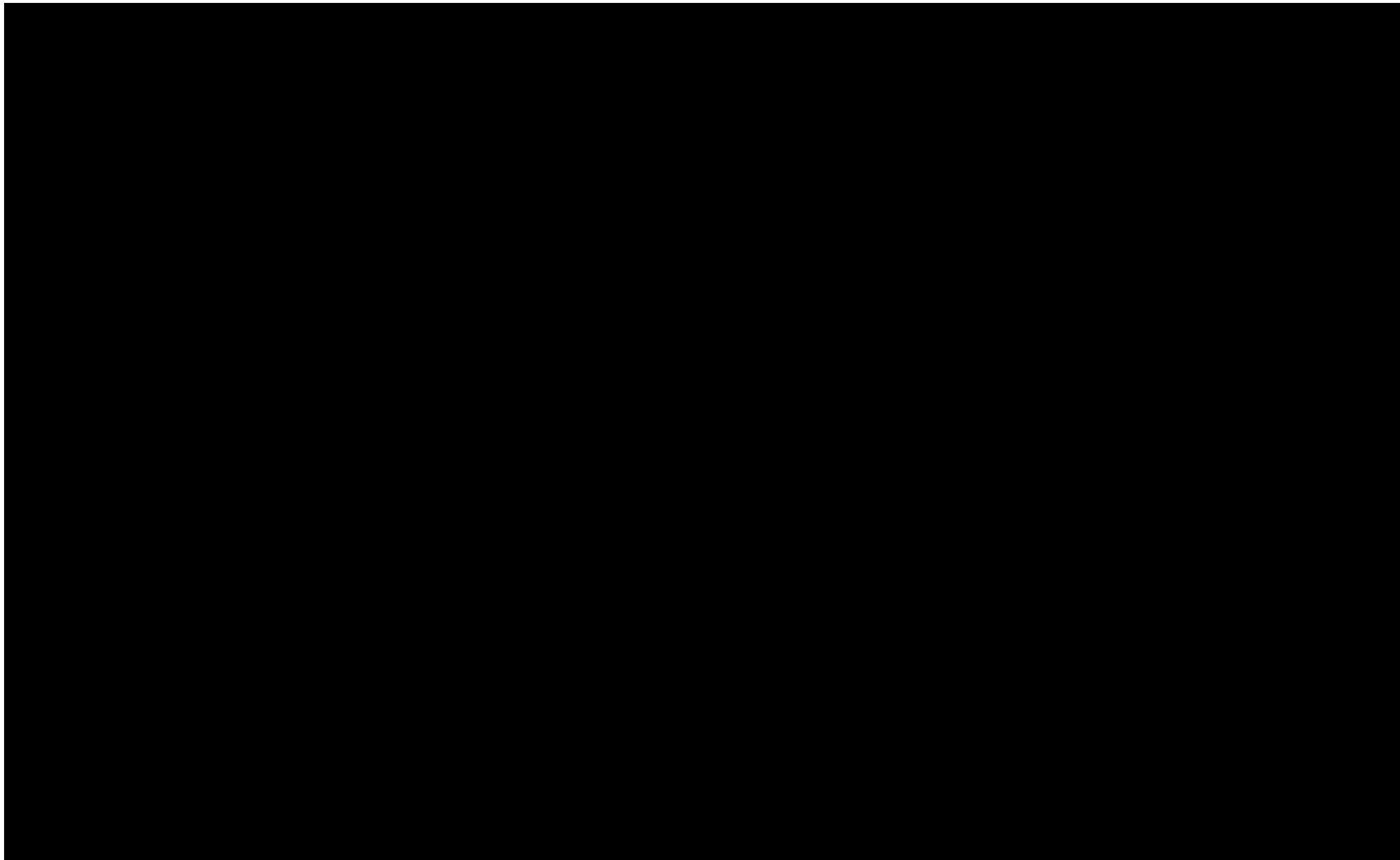


**How it all  
started!**

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A photograph of three young people in a workshop or garage. On the left, a person with glasses and a black t-shirt stands next to a wooden workbench. In the center, a person in a black hoodie holds a black helmet. On the right, a person in a black t-shirt with a white graphic and black pants stands with hands on hips. The background shows various workshop items like paint cans, a pallet, and a colorful mural on the wall.

# Young People who:

- *Are willing to commit to making a change*
- *Are Pioneers/ visionaries*
- *Will share their ideas and their experiences*
- *Will give their time*
- *Have enthusiasm*



# A space that's ours

*Recognition of the uniqueness of each Youth Shedz*



# Staff Support

- *The right role models/people to help*
- *Authentic people who have walked the walk*
- *People who can keep us on track but not take over!*
- *Staff that don't judge us; people who "get it"*
- *People who give us hope*





# Identity/ownership/ responsibility

- *Shedderz*
- *Logo*
- *Ownership is VITAL*
- *Constantly involved in decision making*
- *Constant reference to things they've done/achieved*
- *"wonky screw" - common experience unites Shedderz*





# Food

- *Importance of eating together/shopping together*
- *Creates a family feel*
- *Talk over food*
- *“Eating together is really important, we all sit around and chat and eat like a family do, we have a routine, the social aspect sitting together is really important.”*
- *Eating together - face to face communication - not just via social media*
- *Real world, not via a screen*





# Skills gained through doing

- *Planning*
- *Presentation*
- *Project and budget management*
- *Health & Safety - how to use tools.*
- *Co-learning*
- *Creativity (graffiti, graphic design, film making)*







- *Not just for us but for others in the future*
- *Passing on experience as Shedderz - Denbigh to Colwyn Bay to ....*
- *Vision of a Shed in every town*
- *Building a community*

**Legacy**



# Recognition & Pride

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- *Achievements and accomplishments - owning them -*
- *Speaking about their accomplishments to others (e.g. decision makers, grant funding bodies)*
- *Awards*
- *Being seen to be making a positive contribution*





# Build Relationships

- *Supportive*
- *relaxed, jokey, banter,*
- *Non-judgmental*
- *Trust!*
- *Shared sense of humour, a shared history (wonky screw)*
- *Different backgrounds - learning how to get along with people who aren't the same*
- *All contributions are valued*



- *Intergenerational work*
- *Engage with local Community Organisations*

**Working with others**



# Why should young people get involved?

- *“It’s something different, learn stuff key skills, from experienced people - helps the community and helps them”*

- *“Something productive, get new skills, helps you get a job and gets you to socialise with people”*

- *“Working with people etc, I learned how to direct things. I get a sense that I've achieved something”*

- *Sharing personal stories*

- *Making a difference*

- *Challenging the stereotypes*

# What make Youth Shedz different?

- *Not top down, bottom up!*
- *Everything is our ideas - we do what we need not what other people think we needs*
- *Shed can be used for anything, practical or otherwise, the space is so flexible we can use it how we need and will inspire young people*
- *A youth shed is a safe, secure environment they can go to at any time they need, help you get back on track.*
- *Loads of opportunities and skills - currently doing health and safety. . Learnt team work, communication, enterprise etc.*
- *Tagging each shed as a mark of quality? Importance of signing off each one as a quality mark/checklist to ensure it meets the basic principles of Youth Shedz??*



## Inspiring Quotes:

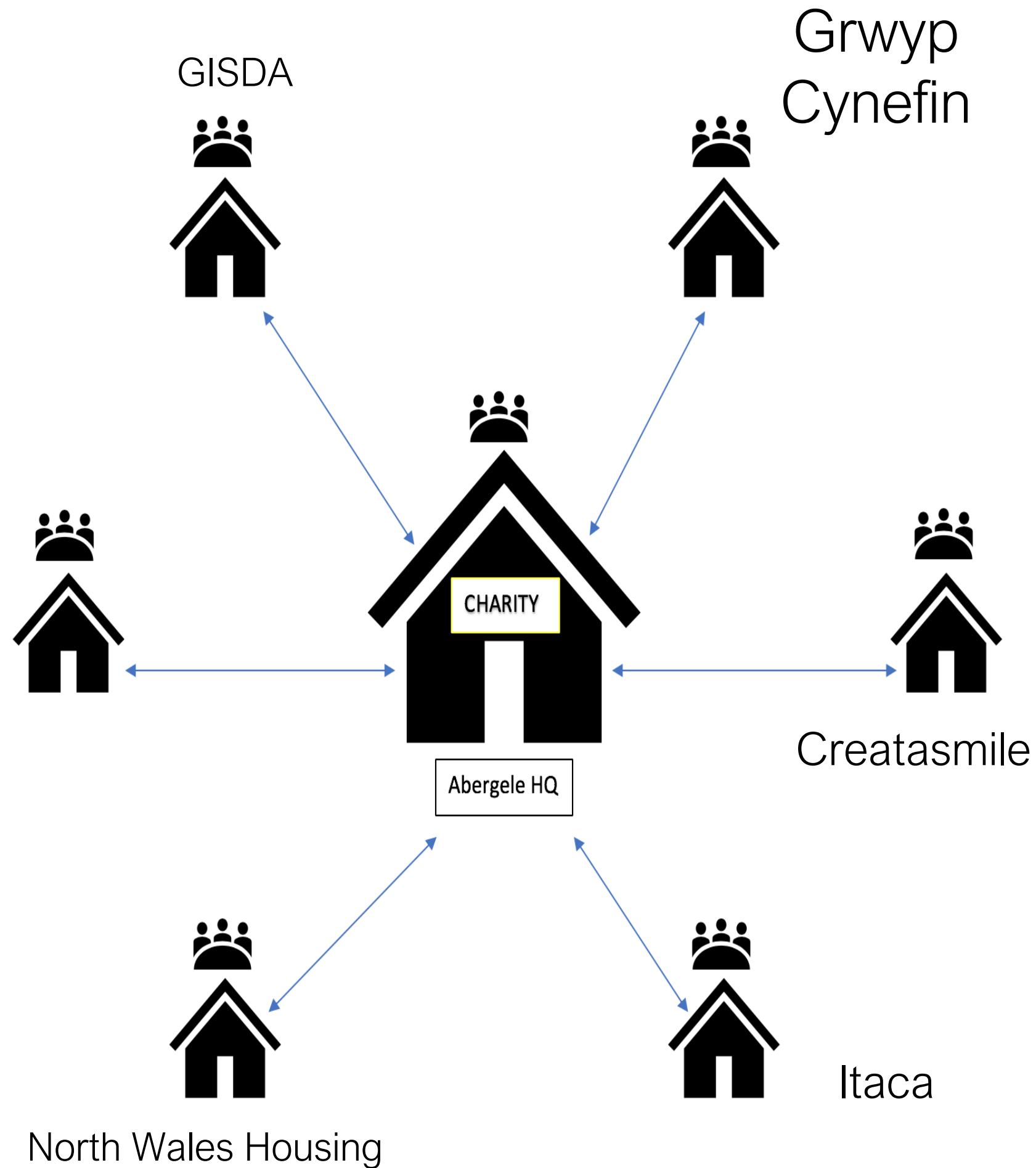
*“the support makes the difference, other youth projects weren't interested in your problems, just one of loads of others. Everyone is listened to and heard”*

*“it's all about the young people - seeing people change is exciting. Watching the community grow . . .”*

*“You're a part of something, working with others, bond and see each other for real not on a screen”*

*“It's not a newsfeed on your phone, it's real life!”*

# YouthShedz the Charity





# Thank you!

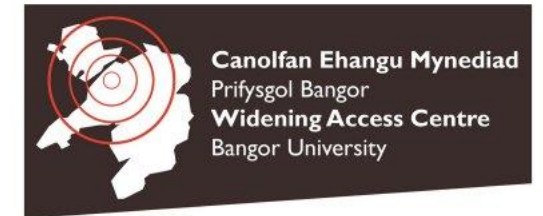


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