



## Community Language

Plaid Cymru will provide support for the Welsh language to thrive as a community language and support the use of Welsh in business, education and in the media.

We will ensure that the sustainability of Welsh language communities will be a key part of planning decisions in Wales.

We will use international best practice to set the 2016 Welsh language budget at a level where it can be effective in promoting Welsh as a community language, and protect the budget until the following elections.

We will ensure that Welsh language coverage of the

Foundation Phase is improved so that, in time, all pupils will have the opportunity to follow a Welsh language education from the age of 7 onwards.

We will promote the Siarter Iaith which helps schools encourage children to be proud of their Welsh language skills and to use them outside the classroom.

Using the model of the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol in Higher Education, Plaid Cymru will increase the provision of Welsh language courses and tutors in Further Education across Wales, ensuring that vocational subjects are equally available to Welsh speakers in the 14-19 Learning Pathways.

We support establishing a new Welsh language multimedia

service to operate online, on radio and other platforms, in order to reflect the needs of Welsh language audiences and improve current affairs coverage in Wales.

We will legislate to protect traditional Welsh names from being changed and so prevent changes to the linguistic landscape, particularly in traditional Welsh language town centres.

