

Dafydd Watcyn Williams



Tell us a bit about your book

This is a reference book full of interesting facts. We can read it at home or at school, and perhaps do a variety of activities based on sections of it. The book begins by looking at aspects of our 'cynefin' – the place that we feel we belong. The book then goes on to look at Wales' landscape and environment, and at the lives of the people who live and work here. This is done alongside other countries. Most importantly, the book considers these subjects with the future in mind. How will our 'cynefin' and country today affect the Earth for future generations?

How was the experience of writing the book?

I was a Geography teacher at one time. As part of the process, Gwasg Carreg Gwalch, the publisher, contacted several university specialists, teachers and educational practitioners. I led a panel of consultants and discussed and developed the contents of each chapter with the publisher. It was a very interesting experience, because there was something in the news every week, which we HAD to include in the book! This is the first book of its kind, and it was a pleasure to collate the variety of materials. I had to create diagrams and graphs, and collect illustrations and photographs of countries from around the world and then discuss each page with the designer. Input from teachers and learners was also important, and we were in regular contact with schools from across the country.

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Llanidloes and then lived in Mold for a time.

Where did you go to school?

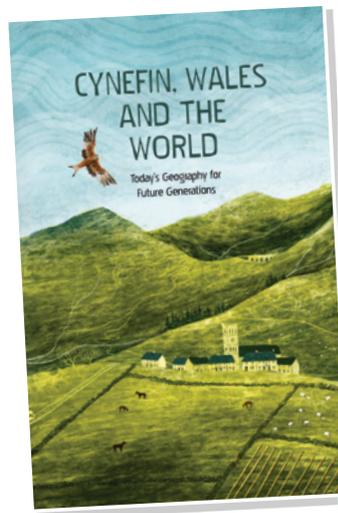
Ysgol Glanyrafon and Ysgol Maes Garmon in Mold.

What was your favourite childhood book?

Anything by T. Llew Jones.

What are your hobbies?

Football. I've been following Wrexham for nearly 60 years, and Wales. I enjoy mountain climbing and gardening.



Quick fire Questions

Favourite childhood book?

Y Ffordd Beryglus by T. Llew Jones.

Favourite character from a book?

Twm Siôn Cati from the above book.

Favourite place?

Y Cae Ras (home of Wrexham FC).

From where do you get your ideas?

From teachers.

Are there any themes or subjects which appeal to you?

Enriching pupils' knowledge of the geography of Wales.

Favourite food?

Curry.

What's your favourite film or show?

Match of the Day.

Favourite word?

Llonydd (peace and quiet).

What makes you angry?

There are too many to list!

What makes you smile?

A win for Wrexham FC.