

## **WeCare Wales: childcare apprenticeships with Mudiad Meithrin nurseries.**

Mudiad Meithrin has nurseries across Wales including Llangefni, Aberystwyth and Pontypridd which provides full day care services to 400 children who range between eight weeks to 12 years old.

Speaking with WeCare Wales, Delyth Evans who is responsible for the three nurseries spoke about challenges within the sector with recruitment, particularly with being able to recruit qualified Welsh speakers.

As a result, in 2019 Muriad Meithrin introduced their apprenticeship scheme which is open to anyone interested in starting a career in childcare. Delyth said they hope “this opportunity will attract people into the sector, as well as keeping Welsh speaking students within the Welsh medium sector.”

### **Delyth, tell us about your apprentices...**

“We currently have four students aged between 18-45 years old that are working with us in our Welsh medium day nurseries. They are all undertaking their Level 3 in Children’s Care, Play, Learning and Development. We have already offered three of our apprentice’s full-time employment once they qualify.”

### **Amazing! Let’s hear from some of your apprentices...**

**Gwenno Lewis, Apprentice at Meithrinfa Camau Bach in Aberystwyth, Ceredigion**



“I have received a positive and supportive experience with my tutors, co-workers and location. It’s been an excellent way of gaining work experience as well as achieving a qualification at the same time.”

**Jess Williams, Apprentice at Meithrinfa Medra in Llangefni, Anglesey**



“I have enjoyed the apprenticeship scheme up to now. I went into it not knowing if I’d enjoy it, but I enjoy every minute. It has given me the opportunity to meet and work alongside wonderful people.

The apprenticeship has given me hands on experience working with children and has reassured me of my career path.”

To read more about apprenticeships within social care and childcare visit the WeCare Wales website: <https://wecare.wales/apprenticeships/>.