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Urdd  
Dear Clerk

To: All City, Town and Community Councils in Wales

### **Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Urdd National Eisteddfod 2021**

As you may be aware, Urdd Gobaith Cymru has decided to postpone the Denbighshire Urdd Eisteddfod for another year, until 2022, with the Urdd Eisteddfod in Carmarthenshire now moving to 2023 and the Urdd Eisteddfod Maldwyn (Montgomeryshire) to 2024. Due to the current situation in Wales and beyond regarding Covid-19, the Urdd has decided to postpone the Urdd Eisteddfod for the health and wellbeing of its members, volunteers and staff, as well as the public.

Following the success of this year's first-ever digital Eisteddfod, the Urdd hopes to stage a pioneering 'Eisteddfod T' during Whitsun half-term 2021 for children, young people, and their families. The Urdd hopes to announce these plans by the end of January 2021.

You may have received a letter recently from the Urdd in your local area asking for a donation towards the numerous and varied activities held by the organisation in your local vicinity. But the purpose of this letter is to draw your attention to the Urdd National Eisteddfod's plans for the coming years. In 2020, over 6,000 children and young people across Wales competed in Eisteddfod T, the Urdd's first digital arts festival, and this year we hope to provide more cultural and performance opportunities to thousands of children and young people across the country during these trying times.

When we return to normal, we will welcome over 90,000 visitors and 15,000 competitors annually for the event, which is regarded as the largest youth festival of its kind in Europe. In order to ensure a successful festival, support from individuals, organisations and institutions within the local area and through-out Wales is essential. Without these partnerships the Urdd Eisteddfod would not be possible. External assistance is paramount to its success, both practical and financial. Staging the event costs in the region of £1.8million.

But despite the cost of staging the Eisteddfod, there are cultural and artistic benefits along with unique opportunities for children and young people from all over Wales. Due to the nature of the Urdd Eisteddfod, Urdd members from your area will win their way to compete at the National and experience the thrill of representing your area each May. We kindly ask you to consider making a financial contribution to assist in the success of the Urdd National Eisteddfod in 2020.

I would like to thank you for your time and hope that you will draw the councillors' attention to the festival and hopefully you will be supportive of the Eisteddfod and the Urdd. If you have any further enquiries, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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