

CYFOETH NATURIOL CYMRU / NATURAL RESOURCES WALES
LOCAL ACCESS FORUMS – WORK PLANS 2013/ 2014

The following are matters that Natural Resources Wales & Welsh Government anticipate that they will refer to LAFs during the year. This is for guidance only and may change to reflect work priorities. **It should not be taken as definitive.** In addition Local Authorities and National Park authorities will refer matters to LAFs. LAF members themselves should also be encouraged to put forward agenda items.

	Referred by	Approx Timing	Nature of Referral	Which LAFs?
ROWIP Monitoring Implementation	NRW	Ongoing	Work with local authorities to support and monitor the implementation of the provisions of ROWIPs. The 2km coastal zone continues to be eligible for ROWIP funding in 2013/14.	All
ROWIP Evaluation	NRW	Summer 2013	Research is being undertaken by a contractor this year to evaluate ROWIP implementation, the ROWIP Funding Programme and make recommendations to Welsh Government on future support for the management of rights of way and related access. As part of the research we expect the contractor to seek views of LAFs.	All LAF Chairs
Review of LAF Working Practices	NRW	Summer 2013 for 3 months	NRW would like to collate information on how LAFs are operating in order to identify how administration, guidance and support can be improved to help LAFs become more effective. There will be a questionnaire for LAF secretaries and questions for LAFs to discuss at a meeting.	All
Wales Coast Path	WG/NRW	Ongoing	Work with coastal local authorities and the 2 national parks (SNP and PCNP) to further develop, enhance and promote the WCP and associated community links.	Those with coastal areas
Review of Open Access Draft Map	NRW	August – November 2013	Take an active interest in the provisional map stage of the review of open access land, disseminating information about the process to relevant local groups/individuals that members may be involved with. At the provisional map stage only those with a legal interest in the land	All

			can appeal to the Planning Inspectorate if they feel land is shown incorrectly.	
Glastir Advance	WG	Ongoing	Review and update proposals to proposed permissive access maps on an annual basis which should include access to woodlands.	All
Wales Legislative Programme	WG	Ongoing	To engage in consultation and discussion over the development new legislation impacting on opportunities for access and outdoor recreation. To assist Welsh Government, local authorities and other partners in the implementation of new legislative provisions on access and outdoor recreation.	All
Outdoor Wales online (OWoL)	NRW	Ongoing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the use and promotion of CCW's Outdoor Wales onLine (OWoL) interactive map which local authorities can use to promote access, recreational sites and associated facilities in their area. 2. Work with local authorities to contribute routes and sites in their areas to OWoL, including the development of smart phone technology 3. Consider opportunities to promote OWoL in their local areas. 	All
Access to water	WG/NRW	Ongoing	<p>Take an active interest in promoting access to water agreements.</p> <p>It would be helpful if LAF considered potential areas for new or improved access to water (lakes rivers and the coast) and identified any obvious barriers that could be resolved</p> <p>Provide support for adding any new access to inland water opportunities to the interactive maps on OWoL.</p>	All

Improving Local Environment	WG/NRW	2014-2015 (if confirmed)	LAFs to identify and draw to the attention of local authorities urban green space sites which might be considered for bids for funds from the Tranquil, Greener and Cleaner programme of the Welsh Government, to improve the local environment should that programme be confirmed for the 2014/2015 financial year. http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/epq/cleanneighbour/greenerplaces/?lang=en	All
Countryside Code Campaign	NRW	Ongoing	Many thanks to the LAFs for inputting into the refresh of the Countryside Code and the creation of the 1 st three activity codes (canoeing, angling and wild swimming). A further three activity codes will be created in 2013/14. At present the subjects being considered are dog walking, sea angling and sea kayaking. LAF involvement in the consultation on these codes would be gratefully received.	All
Suggested other areas of work for LAFs to get involved with which aren't directly managed by WG & NRW				
Green Flag/Green Flag Community Award	WG/NRW	Ongoing	Suggest public green spaces managed by local authorities, corporate organisations and community groups that could be eligible for this award which recognises and publicises the best parks and recreational areas in the country. http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/GreenFlag/	All