Expression of Interest:

## Ynyslas Visitor Centre, Borth, Ceredigion

Would you be interested in the use of internal space at Ynyslas Visitor Centre? We are exploring this via an Expression of Interest exercise which will gauge Community-based Organisation interest and would like to hear from you.

### This Document

This document contains information on how to submit your Expression of Interest (EOI). This is an engagement exercise to identify potential community interest in opportunities for the use of space of the Ynyslas Visitor Centre. Please read and use it when preparing information to return to NRW.

### About Us

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is the largest Welsh Government Sponsored Body and were formed in April 2013, largely taking over the functions of Forestry Commission Wales, Countryside Council for Wales and the Environment Agency in Wales, as well as certain Welsh Government functions. In addition to a number of other responsibilities, NRW manages 7% of Wales’ land area and acts as an Enabler collaborating with the public, private and voluntary sectors to deliver a wide range of environmental, social, economic and cultural benefits. For further information please visit: [Natural Resources Wales / What we do](https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/what-we-do/?lang=en)

### Site Background and The Opportunity

Ynyslas is Green Flag Award site, part of the Dyfi National Nature Reserve situated midway between Aberystwyth and Machynlleth (SY24 5JZ / grid reference SN 610 941).

The downstairs space of the Visitor Centre building currently has an exhibition about what to see at the reserve, and a small retail space. There is access from the Blue Badge holder’s car park via a hard surfaced track and wooden ramp suitable for wheelchairs to the Ynyslas Visitor Centre.

There are toilets located in an adjacent visitor centre building which will continue to be available (managed by NRW).

The upstairs area of the building would not form part of the opportunity and would continue to be used as office space by NRW’s Land Management Team who will continue to manage and take care of the National Nature Reserve..

The opportunity will be available from the 1st April 2025.

We are not expecting any community group to take on the running of the visitor centre or take on any of the current duties undertaken by the Visitor Centre Staff. We will welcome proposals with this element, but this exercise is about offering the space for use to the community and is not about replacing current staff with volunteers.

### Next Steps: How and when to apply

Please complete *this EOI in as much detail as you can and return this and any supporting documentation to* *Ymgysylltu.masnachol@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk* *by the 10th January 2025.*

In January 2025 NRW will respond to those who have expressed an EoI. We will likely need further information from you during this process and will then outline next steps once the EOI phase is over. Our hope is that we can enter into a partnership by Community Management Agreement by the end of March 2025.

We will hold several drop-in sessions between now and the 10th January 2025 so that groups who would like further guidance can speak to officers in person, but we can also arrange online calls if more convenient. Dates of the drop in sessions will be uploaded to the Community Hub, if you would like to ask questions about this process or to arrange a call you can email the address outlined above.

**How the information submitted will be used**

*By making a submission, you are not committing yourself to any further action. This exercise will help inform decision-making around the future use of Ynyslas Visitor Centre.*

*Any personal data you submit to us as part of your EoI, will be held and used by Natural Resources Wales in accordance with all application data protection and privacy legislation in force from time to time. For further information on the processing of your personal details please see our Privacy Notice page at:* [*https://naturalresources.wales/footer-links/privacy-notice/?lang=en*](https://naturalresources.wales/footer-links/privacy-notice/?lang=en)*.*

*If you have any further queries or concerns about data protection, please contact* *dataprotection@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk**.*

### Appendix 1. EoI Return - About You

Please provide the information in this section for the submitting party or all members if acting in collaboration.**If you are an individual submitting an application just outline this in the text boxes.**

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| 2.1.1 | Organisation Name | ***[Name]***  |
| 2.1.2 | Registered office (where applicable) | ***[Address]*** |
| 2.1.3 | Please provide key personnel structure and duties. | ***[Name]*** |
| 2.1.4 | Contact Telephone Number(s) | ***[Telephone]*** |
| 2.1.5 | Contact Email Address(s) | ***[Email]*** |
| 2.1.6 | Your proposal | ***[Please add here or as an additional page, your proposal and general terms you would be looking to secure. Please outline the benefits to the community and how you would ensure your proposal is sustainable]*** |

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