**Join our Citizen Panel, 50+ Network, Voices of our Valleys or Youth Forum…**

If you are interested in having your say on the issues that affect you and your community then you may want to join our Citizen Panel, Voices of our Valleys, Youth Forum or 50+ Network.

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| **Blaenau Gwent Citizen Panel…**As a member of our **Citizen Panel** you will be consulted on a wide range of issues affecting Blaenau Gwent. You will be contacted from time to time to give your opinion on a range of matters by email and in person if you wish. By being a member you really can make a difference to your area and improve the services that you and your community rely on.  |
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| **50+ Network…**The **50+ Network** is free to attend, non-political, and open to all. It acts as a collective voice for people aged 50 and over who live, work or frequently visit Blaenau Gwent. It promotes the interests of people aged 50 and above and provides an opportunity for people to get together, socialise, and discuss things that matter most to you. We aim to raise awareness of the contribution older people make to our society and work in partnership with organisations who provide services for people aged 50+. The forum meets three to four times a year and includes guest speakers, activities, and debates.  |
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| **Voices of our Valleys…**The **Voices of our Valleys** is an equality forum which meets a few times a year. The forum seeks to raise the profile of the equalities agenda and provide support for people who are protected by the Equality Act (2010). The forum has a varied membership including local groups and agencies as well as members of the public. The forum provides opportunities to get involved in consultation activities, as well as work together with public and third sector organisations to support key projects such as the re-design of services.  |
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| **Youth Forum…**The Youth Forum is attended by young people aged 11-25 and meets once per month. The forum is led by the young people who look at issues and priorities that affect children and young people living in the Borough. The forum work closely with the Local Authority and senior decision makers to influence change on matters that affect them.  |
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| **Please select which group you would like to join:** you can choose as many as you want |
| 🞏 Citizen Panel | 🞏 50+ Network | 🞏 Voices of our Valleys | 🞏 Youth Forum |
| **Name:** |  | **Telephone:** |  |
| **Email:** |  | **Postcode:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
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| **How would you prefer to receive information from us?** |
| 🞏 Email | 🞏 Post |
| **Which of these age bands do you fall into?** |
| 🞏 11 - 16 | 🞏 16 - 24 | 🞏 25 - 34 | 🞏 35 - 44 | 🞏 45 - 54 | 🞏 55 - 64 | 🞏 65 to 74 | 🞏 75+ |
| **Are you:** |
| 🞏 Male | 🞏 Female | 🞏 Transgender | 🞏 Prefer not to say |
| **Which area of Blaenau Gwent do you live in or closest to?** |
| 🞏 Abertillery | 🞏 Brynmawr | 🞏 Ebbw Vale | 🞏 Nantyglo | 🞏 Tredegar | 🞏 Outside BG |
| **The Equality Act 2010 defines a person as having a disability if he or she ‘has a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities’. Do you have such a disability?** |
| 🞏 Yes | 🞏 No | 🞏 Prefer not to say |
| **Which of the following best describes your Welsh ability?** |
| 🞏 I’m fluent in Welsh | 🞏 I can speak a fair amount of Welsh |
| 🞏 I can only speak a little Welsh | 🞏 I can only say just a few words |
| 🞏 I cannot speak Welsh |  |
| **What is your first language of choice?** |
| 🞏 English | 🞏 Welsh |
| **What language would you prefer to receive future correspondence in?** |
| 🞏 English | 🞏 Welsh |
| **Which of the following categories are you most interested in?** |
| 🞏 Everything | 🞏 Children & Young People | 🞏 Community issues i.e. planning, transport | 🞏 Community safety |
| 🞏 Education | 🞏 Employment & regeneration | 🞏 Environment & waste | 🞏 Health and social care |
| 🞏 Housing | 🞏 Leisure & arts | 🞏 Older people | 🞏 People with disabilities |

Please email your completed form to: PPS@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Thank you for joining!

We’ll be in touch soon with details of forthcoming events and consultations.