

GEOMÔN - ANGLESEY UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK

WELSH LANGUAGE POLICY STATEMENT

GeoMôn respects the principle of equality in the Welsh Language 1993 Act and accordingly:

- Offers their members, volunteers and the public the right to express their views and needs in their preferred language when dealing with GeoMôn.
- Recognising that their members, volunteers and members of the public can express their views and needs better in their preferred language
- Recognising that enabling the public to use their preferred language is a matter of good practice, not a concession
- Recognises that denying them the right to use their preferred language could place them at a disadvantage

GeoMôn has adopted the principle of operating the Welsh and the English Languages on the basis that they are treated equally and will endeavour to safeguard and promote the Welsh language and its general use. In line with our Welsh Language Scheme and Welsh Language Standards which came into effect 1 April 2016, all published content for which we are directly responsible is published bilingually. It is the responsibility of the external websites to which we link to conform with their own Welsh Language Scheme, if such a scheme exists, or with the Welsh Language Standards.

Public Meetings

When GeoMôn arranges large public meetings, anyone may address the meeting in either Welsh or English, as is preferred, we will arrange to establish standard practices for bi-lingual provision. All notices will be publicised bi-lingually, starting with the Welsh language version at all times.

Signage

All GeoMôn internal and external notices/signage will be bi-lingual with equality.

Publications

Any public material published will be bi-lingual, and can include pamphlets, booklets, corporate publications, and general published material distributed to customers in Wales.

Advertising and Publicity

All advertising and publicity ventures by GeoMôn will be bi-lingual eg. statements, leaflets, logo, slogans, posters. Both languages will be equal in terms of size, font, clarity and prominence. All marketing campaigns, press releases and public statements conducted by GeoMôn, will be bi-lingual.

Advertisements of posts

Public advertisements of vacant posts will be bi-lingual.

Electronic network

English text placed on the website by an external party will only be translated with prior agreement.



Organisation

Policy and technical research documents produced by GeoMôn for worldwide or UK use will rarely be translated as this material has prohibitive costs and has limited use in Wales.

Improving the Service

GeoMôn will be very pleased to receive any comments and suggestions from the public on how to improve this bi-lingual offering, and welcomes any assistance from Welsh speakers to implement this policy.

This Welsh Language Policy was adopted by the Board of Directors on 1st April 2016, operational from 1st April 2016. It was updated on 29th March 2019 and is to be reviewed annually.

