



## News Release

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### **I'm a Councillor....get me out of here**

Powys Youth Forum put eight County Councillors through their paces on Monday 15 February at the Elan Valley Lodge, near Rhayader.

Councillors and youth forum members worked together to earn points by completing tasks - mental, physical and definitely gruelling. Tasks included the Leap of Faith high-wire drop, a Mountain Bike Slalem course and the orienteering challenge.

Chair of Council, Cllr David Price comments: "The aim of this event was to build on work started last year to engage young people in local democracy issues and to raise awareness of the work of councillors amongst younger residents. The day has definitely broken down barriers between the councillors and forum members - and it was also great fun."

Powys Youth Forum member, Tom Turner from Builth High School said: "I've seen that Councillors are real people, human like us all and up for a challenge. After today I'm encouraged to go and vote, now that I know what my local councillor is really like."

James Oakley aged 15 from Llandrindod commented: "The Councillors were not as serious as you'd think, we've had a great laugh with them today."

Over £500 was raised and will be donated to Chairman Price's chosen charity, Cancer Research.

Powys Youth Forum, coordinated by Powys Children and Young People's Partnership (CYPP) represent 11-25 year olds from across the county. Members represent young people from schools, colleges, voluntary organisations such as Young Farmers and Young Carers and also youth clubs.

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Powys County Council is a unitary authority serving a population of about 129,600, covering an area of 519,700 hectares, almost a quarter of Wales.

It employs over 8,000 staff and has its headquarters in Llandrindod Wells and Shire Offices in Welshpool and Brecon.