

Community Leadership Academy Student 2016/17:

Steffan Rees was one of the students in the first year of the Community Leadership Academy during 2016 - 2017. Steffan applied for a place on the course in the hope of introducing and promoting Welsh music in Aberystwyth. As part of his course, he organized and held a Sunday afternoon concert at the Bandstand on the Prom in Aberystwyth. This event was a success with a good audience and talented performers.



Steffan Rees

As we approach the end of 2018, this is what Steffan had to say about his time as a student with the Community Leadership Academy:



"I'm glad to say that Gigs Cantre'r Gwaelod is still going and goes from strength to strength. A Sunday afternoon concert at the Bandstand was organized in May 2017 and was very successful and this was really the pilot test for starting a series of three gigs this summer. A grant application was made to Aberystwyth Town Council and had I been unable to pilot the idea through the Academi, Gigs Cantre'r Gwaelod probably would not have received their support. Almost all tickets were sold for our Summer events this year and there is now a call for us to run another summer series. In addition to this we have several further gigs organized before the end of the year and our successes mean that local organizations are contacting us to work together to stage gigs or musical entertainment for them. The future is looking bright for Gigs Cantre'r Gwaelod!"



I still have a close relationship with Owain Schiavone, my mentor on the project and he continues to be a trustee of the organization. Had it not been for the Academi, the funding and the support of people like Owain, Gigs Cantre'r Gwaelod would not have been as successful. Thanks to Academi!"