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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND
ACTIVITIES INSIDE!**

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ABOUT THE COVER/ AM Y CLAWR

Performing Arts at NPTC Newtown College, this season students explore how winter's atmosphere and symbolism can be expressed through contemporary movement. Students develop technique, experiment with choreography, and create a performance piece inspired by the season's stillness, tension, and renewal. Designed by Esme Perry, 2nd year student in UAL Extended Diploma in Art & Design L3 at NPTC Newtown College.

Visit www.nptcgroup.ac.uk for more details.



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Newtown College**

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PART OF NPTC GROUP OF COLLEGES

A NEW FREE NEWSPAPER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Using National Lottery funding, Open Energy are teaming up with other local organisations to bring you this free local newspaper created to bring the community closer together.

The paper will focus on upcoming community events, making it easier for Newtown residents to stay informed about what's happening right on their doorstep. From regular charity and community events to performances, and club meetings, it's designed to highlight the people and activities that make our Newtown community special.

The newspaper is completely free and can be picked up from a range of local outlets, including Hafan Yr Afon, Town Council Offices, NPTC College, the Waste Not shop, Platform 1, and Pont Hafren. Whether you're popping out for a coffee or running errands, it's easy to grab a copy. This new publication aims to support local organisations, promote community spirit, and give residents a simple way to discover events they might otherwise miss.

This first edition is designed as an example and includes details of some upcoming events and previous events and activities from Open Energy and NPTC college.

Joanna Houseman

Climate Action Officer, Open Energy



If you're interested in including your event in the next or forthcoming issues please contact us by email

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ENERGY AUDITS

In partnership with Lightfoot enterprises and thanks to the support of the National Lottery Community Fund, Open Energy is offering free home energy audits to residents in Newtown, Llanidloes and Welshpool.

A home energy audit is an essential first step for identifying areas of improvement in your home. It can help to: Reduce your carbon footprint, save you money, and keep your space warm and comfortable.

After receiving an energy survey of your property, we will send you a bespoke and detailed report to show where you can make improvements, if you wish to do so.

Sign up using the QR code or contact us via phone or email.



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"The energy audit was a good thing to do for me. No one's trying to sell you anything, it's an independent thing"



Be Energy Aware! Find out how you could save energy and money in your home!

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CLOTHES SWAP AT THE COLLEGE

On the 5th of November, Open Energy hosted a Clothes Swap at NPTC Newtown College. Over 170 staff and students attended throughout the day!

A clothes swap is the opportunity to trade in used items (in good condition) and swap them for something new-to-you! It is a great way of reducing waste and of supporting the circular economy—meaning less waste goes to landfill and there is less demand for the production of new garments. In total, the 8kg clothes that were donated during the clothes swap equate to around 235.2 kg of carbon dioxide (or equivalent) saved*. Thus saving money and the planet!



“Very successful, found amazing clothes”

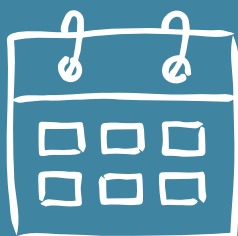
This clothes swap took place in the college library and was run in partnership with students from the Gateway project, who provided marketing materials for the swap as well as helping out on the day. A particular highlight of the day was the opportunity for students to create custom outfits to display on mannequins provided by the Sustainable Fashion Course. Some of these fabulous and fashionable outfits are pictured below.

The day was an overall success, with many students returning home with numerous new items of clothing. The cold weather rail also had a refresh and was topped up with lots of new coats and jackets. The Swap Shop also received a large amount of positive feedback from staff and students alike! Some standout quotes included that it was a “Fab event!” and a great way of “Stopping clothes from going to landfill and being sent abroad to the ‘textile mountains’!”.



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“Thanks is owed to all the teachers and staff that helped in the organisation and delivery of the event!”



Next Clothes Swap: 4th March 2026

Open Energy will be running another Clothes Swap at the college for staff and students. Clothes can be donated on the morning of the swap. We hope to see many new and familiar faces there!



COLTRANE DEDICATION

HAFAN JAZZ PRESENTS COLTRANE DEDICATION
JAN 10TH 2026
DOORS 7PM
TICKETS: £15/£18/£20 (PAY AS YOU FEEL)
WWW.HAFANYRAFON.COM

 Book tickets

CLOTHES SWAP

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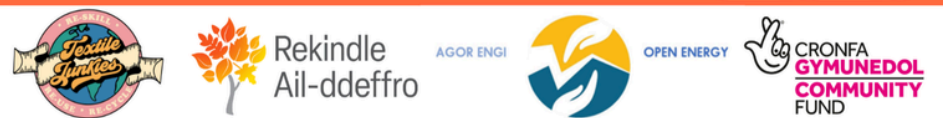




Date: 22nd of January, 1 - 4 pm
Location: Rekindle, 2-3 Ladywell Centre, Newtown, SY16 1AF

Swapshop
Upcycling-Workshops
Crafts
Refreshments

All welcome!



COLOUR RUN AT DOLERW PARK



Earlier this year, Open Newtown supported NPTC Business Studies students in delivering a new Colour Run event on Dolerw Park, as part of their coursework.

The event took place on the 1st of June 2025 and saw an enthusiastic turnout of around 200 fun runners, walkers, and supporters- most of whom were covered in large amounts of vibrant coloured powder by the time they had finished the 5 kilometre course!

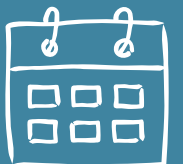
With support from Open Newtown, Newtown & Llanllwchaiarn Town Council, Hafan yr Afon and the 200 attendees, the students raised £1,201.50 for Cancer Research UK- a huge achievement!



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Newtown Community Café at the Bowling Club	Every Wednesday & Thursday 11:30am
Rekindle Meeting at the Ladywell Centre	Every Thursday 1-4pm
NPTC Winter Dance Showcase	8 th January
Hafan Jazz	10 th January 7pm
Swapshop & Craft at Rekindle	22 nd January 1-4pm
NPTC Clothes Swap	4 th March

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