



PRESS RELEASE

**JOHAN CRUYFF FOUNDATION UNVEILS FIRST
COMMUNITY CRUYFF COURT IN WALES**





June 16 - Local school children came together to celebrate the opening of Cruyff Court Penyfan, a pioneering facility built in partnership with Llanelli Town Council and local community groups.

Llanelli school children from Bigyn and Stebonheath Primary Schools took their places alongside Civic Dignitaries, invited guests and project partners at a special ceremony held on the 16th June to mark the official opening of Cruyff Court Penyfan.

This project has seen Llanelli Town Council and the Johan Cruyff Foundation work in conjunction with Carmarthenshire County Council, Llanelli Rotary and local community groups such as PLTRA and Llanelli Community Partnership to deliver the first Community Cruyff Court in Wales.

The opening celebrations, which were organised by Llanelli Town Council and the Cruyff Foundation were attended by

- Town Mayor Cllr Philip Warlow
- Town Council Leader Cllr David Darkin
- County Council Chairman Cllr Rob Evans
- Representatives of
 - Cruyff Foundation
 - Dyfed Powys Police
 - Carmarthenshire County Council
 - PLTRA
 - Swansea City Foundation Premier League Kicks
 - Llanelli Town AFC Community Foundation
 - FAW Trust
 - South Wales Sports Grounds (works contractor)

The Town Mayor Cllr Philip Warlow officially opened Cruyff Court Penyfan and noted his great pleasure at the quality of the facility and the partnership working that had enabled the funding to be achieved and the project to be completed. Cllr Warlow also noted the excellent work of the facility partners in providing activities for residents on the Cruyff Court.

Council Leader, Cllr David Darkin said 'The completion of this fantastic new facility is a triumph of partnership working that shows the great things that can be achieved when a community comes together'

For his part, Niels Meijer, director of the Cruyff Foundation, commented: *"We're delighted to be opening the Cruyff Court Penyfan together with support of the players of the People's Postcode Lottery and Llanelli Town Council. The first Community Cruyff Court in Wales represents a fantastic asset for the local community and provides children and young people with a safe space to have fun together and grow through sports. This will greatly benefit the community of Tullos for the next decade at least."*

There are over 270 Cruyff Courts across more than 20 countries throughout the world that offer young people a safe place in which to play and are designed to encourage participation in a range of sports, as well as providing a space where young people are able to learn about respect, responsibility and integration.



ABOUT THE CRUYFF FOUNDATION

The Johan Cruyff Foundation supports and develops impactful sports and play projects all around the world. They focus on children and youngsters for whom sport isn't a guaranteed part of their lives. This is put into practice by sports projects for children with special needs, by setting up outdoor sports facilities in deprived areas and social sports programs. Through these actions they create space. Space to grow. Space to make friends. Space to improve both their physical and mental health. Space to become who they are. Please find further information at the following link: [Cruyff Foundation \(cruyff-foundation.org\)](https://cruyff-foundation.org)