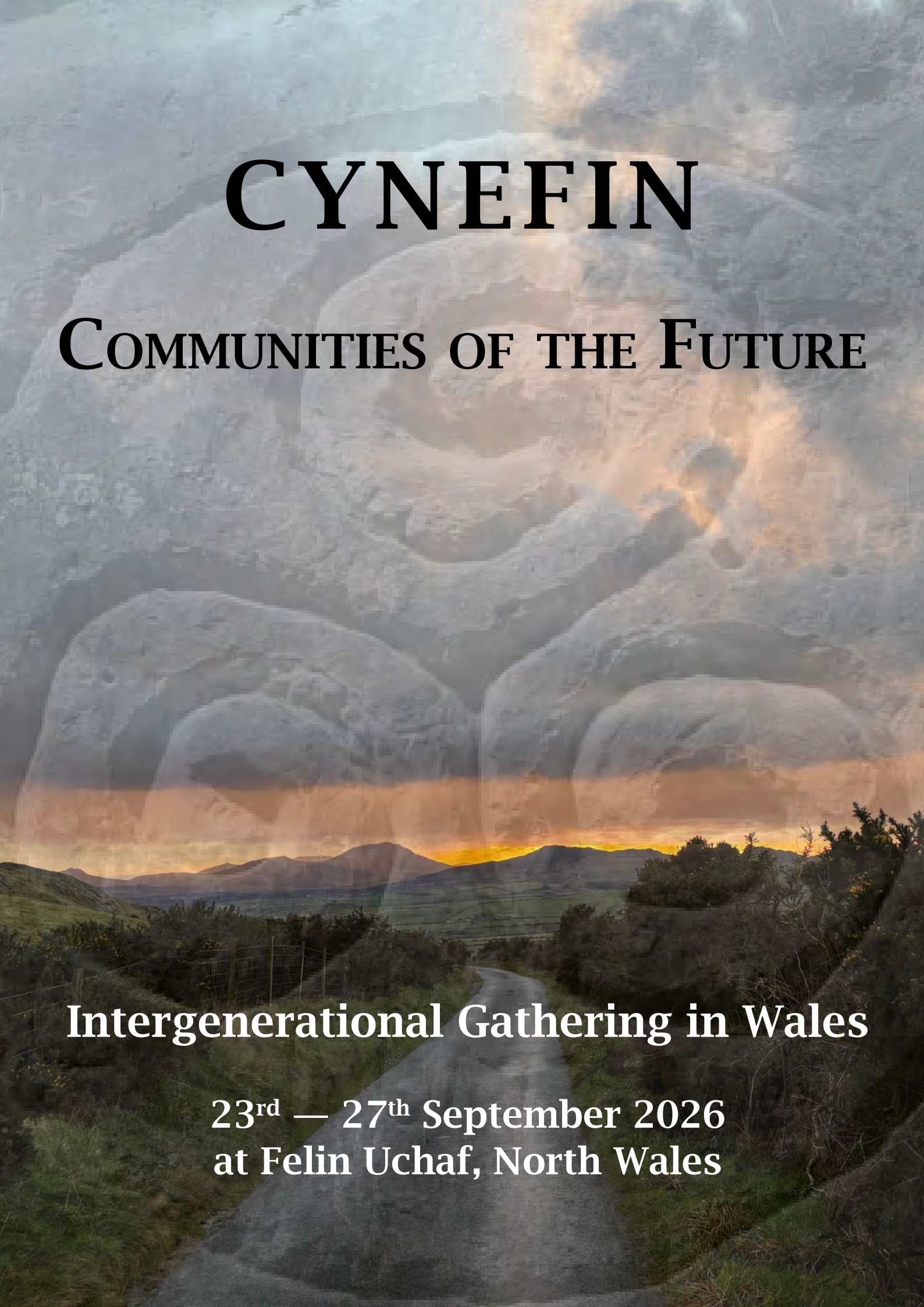




CYNEFIN

COMMUNITIES OF THE FUTURE

Intergenerational Gathering in Wales

**23rd — 27th September 2026
at Felin Uchaf, North Wales**

Cynefin — Communities of the Future

Cynefin: Communities of the Future is an intergenerational gathering being held on the Llyn Peninsula in North Wales. We hope to create an open and welcoming space for *all those who feel certain questions on the nature of man and the universe as an elemental need of life, just as one feels hunger and thirst*, and by coming together in this way we may help each other to remember who we are and why we are here, and return enlivened and strengthened to our daily lives.

The word **Cynefin** translates to a sensing for the interconnectedness of landscape, humans, and other-than-human beings. Through conversation, collaboration, and communion with the landscape and each other, we will build a temporary community and create new constellations of connection for the good future.

The gathering is being held in collaboration with **Lisa Romero**. Lisa is an author of inner development books and courses, a complementary health practitioner and an adult educator who has been offering healthcare and education enriched with anthroposophy. The primary focus of her work has been on teaching inner development and anthroposophical meditation.
(more about Lisa: <https://www.innerworkpath.com/>)

Communities of the Future

Many people are seeking new and deeper ways of relating and experiencing community. Humanity is seeking Communities of the Future, which go beyond revived old social forms, or alternative organisational structures. But instead a different kind of experience altogether is being sought, an encounter where the layers of self dissolve, and the innermost core of the human being meets the 'I' of another. In this meeting, of I to I, the activity of spiritual beings becomes discernible. Most of us have had some experience of this. Perhaps in a group meeting where it suddenly felt like 'there was something present', in which the whole became more than the sum of its parts. We will be working with the Reverse Ritual as a central practice to engage consciously with this activity of deepened encounter.

The Reverse Ritual

The Reverse Ritual, also referred to as Cognitive Ritual, Cosmic Ritual or Cosmic Communion, is a future oriented and emergent practice in which we turn and raise our consciousness towards the spiritual, rather than drawing the spiritual down into the physical. In doing so we can come to recognise and to experience the Spiritual in each other and to create a vessel in which the progressive spiritual beings can become active.

As Rudolf Steiner puts it:

"If I were to speak pictorially, I would put it thus: The community of the cultus seeks to draw the angels of heaven down to the place where the cultus is being celebrated so that they may be present in the congregation. In contrast, the anthroposophical community seeks to lift human souls into supersensible realms so that they may enter the company of angels. In both cases, that is what creates community."

The Reverse Ritual starts where the traditional ritual ends, communion, and works in the opposite direction, though never in opposition; an individual can hold a developed practice of both. All that we already know comes from the past; only what we don't know yet comes from the future. The Reverse Ritual allows us to participate together, in freedom, toward our shared future. This practice consciously cultivates the next steps for the evolution of humanity by creating and receiving new revelation and insight, an emergent methodology for gatherings to become operative rather than speculative.

Pilgrimage — Community with Nature

The Llyn Peninsula was a significant site of pilgrimage, and the holy island, or Island of 20,000 saints, Ynys Enlli (Bardsey) is only a few miles away. The landscape is constellated with holy wells, churches, and well-trodden paths that connect them. North Wales was a place of interest to Rudolf Steiner, who understood it to be alive with the ancient Celtic mystery stream.

Later in the morning we will carry the qualities cultivated through the practice of the Reverse ritual, through conversation, into our relationship with the land. This time we will engage the tradition of pilgrimage, and the Reverse Ritual idea of lifting our physical experience up to the spiritual world in conversation with nature. We will embark on silent walks in the landscape to visit different features and sites.

Working Groups — Community in Practical Life and Social Life

We envisage working together to create a structure on the landscape which is harmonious to the place, and utilises traditional building practices. Our site, Felin Uchaf, has been stewarded by a family for decades who, along with volunteers from all over the world, have been engaged in collaborative work with the spirit of the place through the building of traditional dwellings and structures. The building workshop will be led by the Felin Uchaf community members, more on the Felin Uchaf history and impulse below.

Other workshops are likely to include basket weaving and songwriting. Additionally, we'll be sharing co-responsibility for the environment we create for the gathering such as: washing up after meals, keeping communal spaces tidy, and preparing firewood.

Accommodation and Food

Participants will be camping in their own tents. There are some beautiful camping spots around the site. We'll also have some tents available, or alternatively you might want to book one of the many bed and breakfasts in the vicinity of the site at your own expense.

All food will be provided by the Caffi'r Felin team and will be organic and locally-sourced as much as possible. This will include all coffee and tea breaks.

Programme

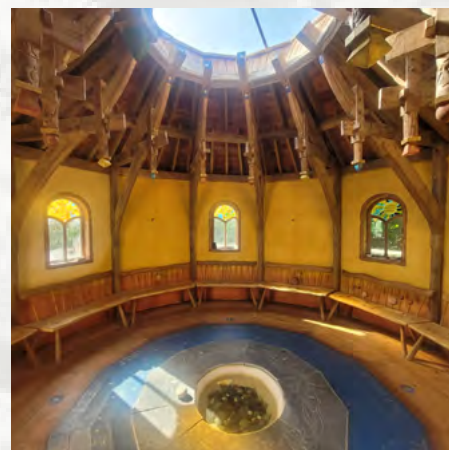
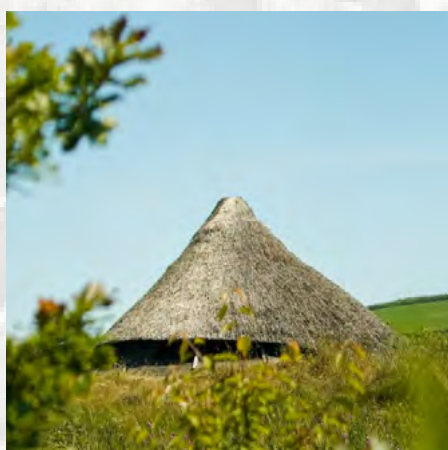
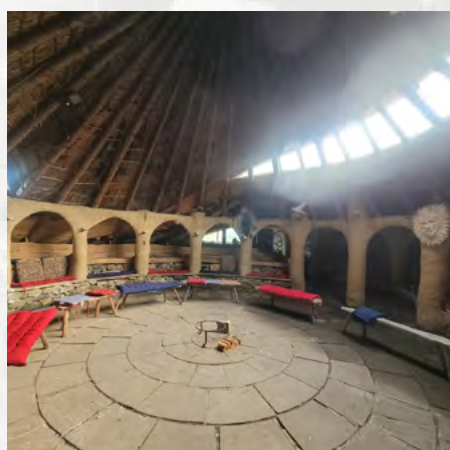
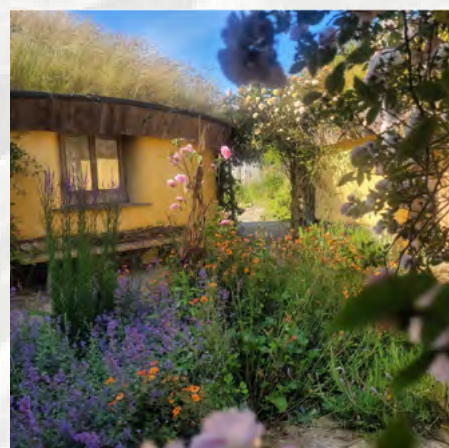
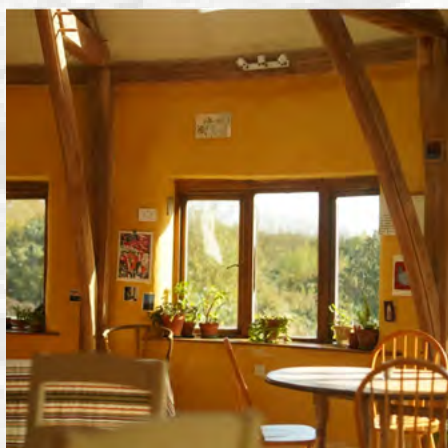
	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8:00 — 9:00			Breakfast		
9:00 — 10:30			Reverse Ritual		
10:30 — 11:00	Arrivals		Break		
11:00 — 12:00			Pilgrimage		Closing Ceremony
12:00 — 14:00			Lunch		
14:00 — 17:00	Welcome Tea and Tour of Felin Uchaf		Working Groups		Departures
17:00 — 19:00			Dinner		
19:00 —			Storytelling, Music, Twmtath		

Place — Felin Uchaf

Felin Uchaf is an eco-centre on the Llyn Peninsula in North Wales, established in 2004 when a group of friends purchased an old farm and, with help from volunteers, transformed it into a community skills hub and cultural centre. What was once a single windswept field is now a biodiverse patchwork of gardens, pastures, and young trees, hosting craft apprenticeships, accredited courses, business enterprise workshops, and a rich year-round cultural programme. They have also initiated a state-of-the-art community kitchen to help seed new local produce enterprises and support former apprentices in setting up their own craft businesses. Over 600 people have volunteered there, and it has grown to become one of the most celebrated grass-roots environmental and cultural initiatives in Wales, with an international support base of former interns and volunteers extending to over 30 countries.

Being in a hands-on, cooperative work environment, using beautiful natural materials, enhances well-being and gives a sense of community with others and with our surroundings. Felin's holistic approach to craft learning is widely recognised by practitioners in the heritage industry and in national programmes such as the Prince's Foundation, and participants there have gone on to work as engineers, architects, designers, ecologists, and within conservation and heritage organisations. It is a place that has fostered deep friendships and a close alumni fellowship extending to over 30 countries around the world.

Full details about Felin Uchaf and more photos: felinwales.org/gallery



photos courtesy Felin Uchaf

Registration

<https://forms.gle/gvMXK9zqTQeNs1Ue6>

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