

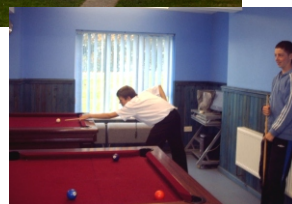
10th Anniversary CELEBRATION Edition

The Clinic was the first to be renovated and then over the years other buildings in the area.

Forsythia Youth Drop-in Centre

Galon Uchaf

Community Centre



3Gs Information Centre



The 3Gs Development Trust is a community owned and community led Development Trust. Our Board of Directors are made up of representatives of the local Tenants and Residents Boards, Individual members of the community along with professionals from our partners Organisations. We are working across the communities of Gurnos, Galon Uchaf and Penydarren to improve the quality of life for all. We are the lead Organisation for the delivery of the Communities First Programme for the area.

Contact the 3Gs on: 01685 350888 for more information

10th Anniversary CELEBRATION Party

Sept 24th 2009 - Sept 24th 2009 - Sept 24th 2009 - Sept 24th 2009 - Sept 24th 2009

10th ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Yes! the 3Gs Development Trust has been running for 10 years.

During that time the areas of Gurnos, Galon Uchaf & Penydarren have seen a number of changes and additional facilities brought into use.

New Features Include:

- *Youth Centres,
- *Community Centres,
- *Improved Sports Facilities,
- *Redevelopment of Gurnos Shops & Flats.

None of this could have been achieved without the support of the Tenants & Residents Boards, our numerous Volunteers, our funders and the many partnership organisations we work with.

The 3Gs Trust would like to thank everyone who has worked with us over the past 10 years and look forward to continuing our partnership work for many years to come.

'Thank you for all your hard work and enjoy your night'

3Gs Development Trust

Gurnos Shops Redevelopment 2009 which will be completed by March 2010. A community use building.

1980s



Below; Gurnos Shops the way it used to be in the 1980s, with residents in each of the flats. Sadly it went into decline and disrepair over the years and it became an eyesore.

1998 - 2008



2009



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Official Opening of the 3Gs Health & Resource Centre (The Clinic) on 25th Oct 1999 by Huw Lewis - AM and Old Gurnos Tenants & Residents Association Chairman - Ken Allen. It was a great achievement for the 3Gs Trust with the help of the Residents Boards. When you consider what the building was like before the renovation, you can see a huge difference. The old Clinic was very dark and dismal with very few windows



The Old Gurnos Residents Board worked out of the Community House which was renovated in 1995. 3Gs Trust needed more office space to be able to call in outreach agencies for the community like Citizens Advice, Credit Union and others.

Some members of the Residents Board and agencies that moved to the clinic at that time.



The Old Clinic before 1999 inside and out.



History of Funding in the 3Gs area

The 3G's Development Trust is the offspring of the Gurnos and Galon Uchaf Regeneration Strategy, which grew out of community led regeneration successes, begun over 24 years ago which include: -

- 1985 Priority Estates Projects are initiated
- 1992 Groundwork Merthyr & RCT environmental improvements to the estates
- 1993 Children's Society Research highlighting community issues.
- 1994 Old Gurnos Tenants & Residents establish an office base.
- 1995 (Safer Cities) Safer Merthyr Tydfil, crime prevention project is successful in the 3G's area.
- 1995 Old Gurnos Tenants & Residents establish a community house.
- 1996 Red Bus consultation takes place identifying community issues and priorities.
- 1996 Secure considerable Henry Smith funding to formalise community group.
- 1998 Welsh Office (People in Communities) programme rolled out.
- 1999 Secure substantial ERDF funding to establish a community resource centre.
- 1999 3G's Development Trust established a Company Ltd by Guarantee.
- 2001 3G's Ownership of Community Resource Centre.
- 2002 3G's Secured the delivery of Community First Programme commencing April 2003.
- 2002 Sports Lottery Funding secured for the 3G's area by the Sports Lot Association.
- 2002 Children's Cinema Club established by 3G's and Triangle Project.
- 2003 Forsythia Youth Drop In Centre project started.
- 2003 Redevelopment of existing play areas and new locations.
- 2003 Youth Annoyance Initiative with Pen-y-dre High School.
- 2003 3Gs Development Trust Charitable Status achieved.
- 2003 Cinema Club Project funded for 3 years from Big Lottery Fund.
- 2004 Opening of the 3Gs Information Centre.
- 2004 Opening of the Forsythia Youth Drop-in Centre.
- 2005 3Gs secured funding for the Equal Project.
- 2006 Greenie fields completed and open with funding from the Sports Lottery Fund.
- 2006 Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council secured funding for the redevelopment of the Gurnos Shops.
- 2007 3Gs and Equal team secure funding for Merit Computer Centre with classes above the Busy Bee Centre.
- 2008 Coalfields Trust agree funding for Life Support Project
- 2009 3Gs Development Trust secured funding for 3 years from Communities First Programme at the Welsh Assembly.
- 2009 January, Work Starts on the Redevelopment of the Gurnos Shops area.

Vision and Mission Statement

*To enable the 3G's area to live a better quality of life.
To make the 3G's area a happy, safe environment where people work together and are proud to belong to their community.*