

What's Rosie up to now?

Rosina Jones, known as Rosie, won the Learner's Medal at the 2020 Urdd Eisteddfod T. At the time, she was a year 13 pupil at Cardiff High School studying Welsh, History and French.

A year later, she has taken a year out of education because of the coronavirus and works part-time at a climbing centre in Cardiff. She still hopes to go to Bristol University to study French and German in September 2021.

But the past year hasn't been a quiet one for Rosie. As well as working at the 'Boulders' climbing centre when it was able to open, she attended a course with an organisation called 'Uprising UK' that teaches young people how to use their voice.

Following the course, she and four friends set up a page on Instagram called 'Swap Plastic'. It's a page that encourages people to swap plastic for the planet and to be aware of plastic in their lives.

Rosie has also been busy teaching her friend, Lucy, to speak Welsh. Lucy didn't get a chance at school to learn the language, but Rosie has been creating PowerPoint presentations and giving her lessons. They are now able to have a basic conversation in Welsh.

This experience has made Rosie more determined than ever to return to Wales after university to work as a teacher.

During lockdown, Rosie was able to speak Welsh with a neighbour over Skype. She has also made a few friends through the climbing centre who speak Welsh and is surprised by their Welsh 'text talk'.

Rosie said, "When you're learning a language, you don't think of things like 'text talk' because it's all quite formal. So, I find it funny when I get a message from my friend Ffion who uses 'T' instead of 'ti' (you) or 'V' instead of 'fi' (me). It's something new for me!"

Rosie has watched a lot of Welsh television on S4C during lockdown, to keep her vocabulary fresh, and is looking forward to seeing who will win the Learner's Medal at this year's virtual Urdd Eisteddfod, Eisteddfod T.

[Click here](#) to read the summer 2020 edition of the Centre's magazine, *Hwyl yr Haf*, which includes an interview with Rosie after she won the medal at the virtual Urdd Eisteddfod in 2020.