

Dear Shedders,

Joint letter from Stori Cymru, Men's Sheds Cymru and UK Men's Sheds Association

As you may be aware, Men's Sheds Cymru is a project of Stori (formerly known as Hafan Cymru) and has enjoyed security and funding to support the growth of the Shed movement in Wales. We are immensely proud of this journey and the inroads that the Shed movement has made.

For a number of reasons and following numerous discussions, the Men's Sheds Cymru project is coming to an end at the end of May 2023. Whilst this is regrettable in many ways, it is also a new opportunity to expand support in Wales and opens up new possibilities in support for Sheds.

Both Simon Poole and Robert Visintainer have been working on how to support Sheds following the end of this project and we are delighted that UK Men's Sheds Association will provide more focus in Wales going forward. With this in mind and whilst the project supported by Stori is ending, the Men's Sheds Cymru brand is being acquired by UKMSA who will continue the focus on Wales with bespoke interventions.

When this project began, there was always a recognition that at some point it would leave, and a democratic structure would be put in place to empower sheds across Wales. Having considered all the options, Stori and we feel UKMSA's acquisition of the brand, together with their values and experience, provides an effective and democratic structure that will further enhance the shed experience in Wales.

UKMSA intend to include a trustee based in Wales on their board. All MSC member sheds that are not already members of UKMSA will be offered one year's complimentary membership. This membership gives access to their discount and partner offers, including Ronseal who have already provided over £50,000 of product to sheds in the last twelve months.

A number of sheds in Wales are already members of UKMSA and can corroborate to the support. In the coming months, focussed initiatives will increase the voice of sheds in Wales and it will also provide specific capacity.

The Men's Sheds Cymru brand will continue. Stori will always be around to offer support and are very proud of the achievements of the Men's Sheds Cymru project and believe that the project will flourish into the future.

Best wishes,

Sian Morgan
Stori

Robert Visintainer
Men's Sheds Cymru

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The logo for Stori, featuring the word "stori" in a bold, lowercase, red sans-serif font.