Welsh branches of 20’s Plenty for Us are attending the #GetWalesWalking1 launch2 on 4th November organised by Living Streets at the National Assembly for Wales – the Senedd. Campaigners are calling for a 20mph default speed for built up areas of Wales.

20’s Plenty for Us are delighted that Living Streets and local 20mph campaigners are lobbying for a 20mph default for Welsh roads - Mae Hugain yn Ddigon in order to #GetWalesWalking. Safer speeds would help raise active travel (walking, cycling, scooting etc.). This stems the future costs to health of Welsh ‘inactivity time bomb’ and gives many other quality of life benefits to Welsh communities including cleaner air and less noise.

Volunteers are already running Welsh branches of 20’s Plenty for Us in Anglesey, Bettws (Newport), Caerffili, Caerwent, Cardiff, Crickiceth, Llanblethian, Llandybie, Machen, Maesteg, Meliden, Newport, North Gwent, Penarth, Usk, Y Fan. More people offering to volunteer are welcome. 20’s Plenty for Us is free to join and offers a range of professional campaigning services such as free emails, websites and template documents. There are over 280 campaigns UK wide and over 14.5m people already living in 20mph areas.

Cardiff introduced a 20mph area in Cathays3 and Plasneywdd in 2014 after a consultation found strong support for 20mph limits.

Anthony Slaughter, of 20’s Plenty for Penarth tweeted as @as_penarth Oct 23
“launch of @livingstreets #GetWalesWalking manifesto, 4 November at Senedd. A good time to push #20'sPlenty campaign across Wales”

Daniel Williams of 20’s Plenty for Maesteg said: “Finally we are seeing some action in Wales in regards to 20mph speed limits.”

Anna Semlyen (MSc Health Econ) 20’s Plenty for Us Campaign Manager and a Living Streets member highly commended in the Living Streets Campaigning Awards in 2014 said: “20’s Plenty for Wales! People must feel safer on their local streets and pavements it we are to entice them back to walking for more everyday journeys. 20mph is a key public policy to raise people’s health outdoors that is affordable, reasonably easy and will make a lasting difference to the many. Once explained to them, Welsh politicians will see that 20mph limits are a proven effective, popular ‘can do’ policy. We’re asking for 20mph to go in every party’s manifesto for a better quality of life for everyone in built up areas.”

Rod King MBE, Founder and Campaign Director for 20’s Plenty for Us said:-
“English towns, cities and counties have been leading a real change in the way that urban and village roads are shared by implementing authority-wide 20mph limits. Already most of the 40 largest authorities have adopted this for most streets. Now Wales has the opportunity to use the national speed limit setting powers in the forthcoming Wales Bill to set 20mph as the default for all restricted roads with local authorities able to make exceptions where required. This complements the objectives of the Welsh Active Travel Bill and would provide a major benefit for Welsh communities and the country’s public health. We are delighted that Living Streets are focussing on 20mph limits as a key initiative to #GetWalesWalking.”

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1  https://twitter.com/hashtag/getwaleswalking
2  http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-wales-walking-living-streets-manifesto-2016-launch?dm_t=0,0,0,0
3  http://www.keepingcardiffmoving.co.uk/20mph

20’s Plenty For Us campaigns for a 20mph default speed limit in built up areas without physical calming.  

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