

## Explaining the TWO SSiW Slack Workspaces

Slack is an online platform allowing people to easily communicate with each other. They have lots of different 'workspaces' and SSiW uses TWO of them – the **SSiW Community Chat** workspace, and the **Welsh Speaking Practice** workspace.

### SSiW Community Chat

This workspace is specifically for people learning with SSiW and paying a subscription. You may be registered in one of the structured courses – the 6 Minutes a Day course or the 6 Months course (based on Levels 1 and 2) or the Deep End course (based on Level 3) – or you may be using the Challenges independently or using AutoMagic.

During the registration process for these courses, the learner is sent an invitation to participate in the SSiW 6/6 Support Slack workspace. All that is needed is to accept the invitation and enter the workspace. There is a channel called #1-start-here which contains information about using the site, plus the timetable for the tutor-lead online sessions which are included in these courses.

If you haven't received an invitation, contact [admin@saysomethingin.com](mailto:admin@saysomethingin.com) and request one.

### Welsh Speaking Practice

This workspace is open to anyone who wants to chat with others in Welsh. They don't need to be registered in any SSiW course; they don't even need to be still learning Welsh. First language Welsh speakers and experienced 'new Welsh speakers' are very welcome to participate and support those who are still on their learning journey.

There are some organised online events, but the main purpose of this workspace is to give everyone who wants to use their Welsh in a friendly, social atmosphere the opportunity to do so.

To become member of this workspace, all that is needed is to contact Deborah from SSiW and request an invitation, or to send an email to [admin@saysomethingin.com](mailto:admin@saysomethingin.com) with WSP as the subject.

### Using the Two Workspaces Together

If someone is a member of the SSiW Community Chat workspace and also decides to increase their Welsh practice opportunities by joining the Welsh Speaking Practice workspace, it's possible to have them both together within one Slack application.

- First ask for your WSP invitation and make sure you have access to it. You can check that you're registered in both workspaces by entering your email address at <https://slack.com/signin/find>
- Go into one of the Slack workspaces, and look for the main menu. On a laptop/computer this will look like 3 little horizontal lines up in the top left. In a mobile Slack app, it may look different, so it depends on your device.
- What you need to find is the "Sign into Another Workspace" option – on a laptop/computer it can be found in "File" – "Workspace"
- Click on that then follow the steps to add the other workspace to your current one. You will then have access to both workspaces in the same Slack application and you'll be able to swap back and forth between them.

- If you're asked to enter the address of the 'other' workspace, then it's either [ssiw66.slack.com](https://ssiw66.slack.com) or [welshspeakingpractice.slack.com](https://welshspeakingpractice.slack.com)

## **Different Events in the Different Workspaces**

### ***SSiW Community Chat***

This is where SSiW course participants can ask questions, get to know other participants and set up one-to-one practice sessions with them, and to take part in the Q&A, Partner, and Group Chat sessions.

The Q&A starts with time for any course participant to ask questions about the course or what they're learning, then gives a chance for those early in their learning to start using a little Welsh. It's not actual Welsh conversation as such, but an opportunity to create sentences and start speaking to others.

The Partner and Group Chat sessions are for Welsh conversation and course participants of any level can join in. Tuesday evenings (Mawrth Mwy) are specifically for more advanced/confident learners, but the other sessions are open to anyone.

### ***Welsh Speaking Practice***

In here there are various fun, social online events, plus opportunities to drop in and chat. Some examples are:

- A craft and chat group
- Sesiwn Canu - a singing group
- A photography group
- A gardening group
- Monthly 'Noson Lawen' – an evening of entertainment
- And special channels for people living in the Americas or Australia/New Zealand

A good place to find out what's on is the #announcements channel.

The regular group sessions are run by experienced WSP members, but anyone with an interest they would like to share with others through the medium of Welsh is able to start up a group session and invite others.