

# 2016: THE DIFFERENCE YOU MADE

In March 2015, Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm announced a £570,000 donation from its community fund to support the lifesaving work of the RNLI.

This incredibly generous donation has funded a flood rescue support vehicle based at St Asaph and will also cover the cost of training our volunteer crews at Conwy, Flint, Llandudno and Rhyl Lifeboat Stations until 2019.

## THE RNLI IN NORTH WALES

2016 was another busy year for our brave lifeboat crews in North Wales. Volunteers from Conwy, Flint, Llandudno and Rhyl were on call 24/7, all year round, ready to protect this stretch of coastline – thanks to your support.

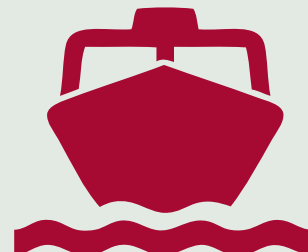
Above: Llandudno RNLI's Mersey class all-weather lifeboat, *Andy Pearce*, at Rhyl Flats Offshore Wind Farm

## WHAT YOUR GENEROUS DONATION FUNDED IN 2016:

**126**  
PEOPLE  
RESCUED



**15** LIVES SAVED



**145**  
LAUNCHES

**752**  
CREW  
HOURS  
AT SEA ON  
SERVICE



**1,880**  
CREW HOURS  
AT SEA ON  
TRAINING  
EXERCISES

The above statistics are the combined totals of Conwy, Flint, Llandudno and Rhyl Lifeboat Stations.







Above: Members of Rhyl lifeboat crew outside the boathouse  
Photo: RNLI/Nathan Williams

## CREW TRAINING – FACTS AND FIGURES

In 2016, weekly on-station training at sea and in the classroom formed the bulk of the training that our crew members undertook. This training was supported by visits from our mobile training instructors and specialist training courses at RNLI College in Poole, Dorset.

Station	Number of crew trained	Crew hours at sea on training exercises
Conwy	14	215
Flint	2	537
Llandudno	12	682
Rhyl	5	446
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,880</b>

Twelve crew members attended the following specialist training courses at RNLI College:

- Lifeboat press officer training
- Search and Rescue Command course (all-weather lifeboat)
- Search and Rescue Command course (inshore lifeboat)
- Trainee Crew course (inshore lifeboat).

‘Training is the essential ingredient that turns our volunteers into lifesavers, but this kind of training is expensive. As a charity, the RNLI relies on voluntary contributions and legacies. Gwynt y Môr’s most generous donation will ensure our lifeboat crews on the North Wales coast receive the essential training they need to save lives at sea and come home safely.’

Matt Crofts  
RNLI Community Lifesaving Delivery Manager

### THANK YOU

On behalf of all of our crew members at Conwy, Flint, Llandudno and Rhyl, and the Welsh Flood Rescue Team, thank you so much for your support. You are helping to save lives.