Derw started as a project between songwriter Dafydd Dabson and his mum Anna Georgina, a lyricist, after they got to the final of S4C songwriting competition *Can i Gymru* in 2018. The band is fronted by Welsh/Iranian singer Elin Fouladi and features musicians from Welsh acts *Zervas and Pepper*, *Afrocluster* and *Codewalkers*.

Combining Fouladi’s soulful voice with chamber pop influences like *The National* as well as pop acts like *London Grammar*, the band has a strong connection with the past and their family history, being named after Anna's father - Derwas. Their family is full of interesting stories and the band’s intention is to make sure these stories are recorded and remembered.

Derw’s first single, ‘*Dau Gam*’, came out in May 2020 on *CEG Records*. It was made ‘Track of the Week’ on BBC Radio Cymru as well as getting airplay on BBC Radio Wales. The band’s second single, ‘*Ble Cei Di Ddod i Lawr*’ came out in Augustof the same year and spent nine weeks on the BBC Radio Cymru playlist. This was followed by their first EP ‘*Yr Unig Rai Sy’n Cofio*’ in February 2021.

The band were busy during lockdown, filming a series of live performances at *Acapela Studios*, Pentyrch as well as performing live for the first time at *Tafwyl* and *Sesiwn Fawr Dolgellau*.

The band’s next single, ‘*Ci*’ is out on September 24th 2021 on *CEG Records.*

## ***Golwg*** - 'Anthemic'

## ***Mob York City Blog*** - 'A bridge from the past to the present...Stunningly beautiful'

***Sian Eleri, BBC Radio 1 + BBC Radio Cymru*** - ‘They are brilliant’

## ***Indie Pulse Music*** - 'This song allowed me to truly be connected and in the moment'

## ***Too Much Love Magazine*** - 'Tender and fills the mind with bright emotions. Fouladi's vocals are intoxicating'