

Conwy Culture Centre Update

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The building



Since our last newsletter in September we have progressed further on the building project. The basement collections store has now been completed and capped and the waterproof cement walls and floor are currently drying out. Work will begin shortly on constructing the first floor of the single-story building and the centre remains on track to open by autumn 2019.

Volunteers, events and training

Staff and volunteers are busy packaging and recording our museum and archive collections for the big move. With over 200,000 items this is no small task, but we are making good progress! A number of accredited training courses are underway around topics like Oral History and researching your family tree. If you are interested in finding out more about training opportunities please contact us using the details on this newsletter.

Conwy's Young Heritage Volunteers are hard at work on completing their Record of Achievement in Culture and Heritage; with the support and

Conwy Culture Centre will open in autumn 2019 and will feature a new Area Library for Conwy, Deganwy and Llandudno Junction together with the county Archive and Museum Collections, interactive displays and a dedicated community and arts space.

The Centre will be based on the junction of Town Ditch and Bangor Road, Conwy,

Get involved!

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guidance of Conwy Youth Service. Some of our young people have also completed an accredited photography course looking at historic images of Conwy town. Led by Paul Sampson, curator of Oriol Colwyn, the young people launched an exhibition about their work in the new office buildings, Coed Pella, just before Christmas.



Carwyn Jones joined the team in December as a work placement under the Heritage Lottery-Funded Cultural Ambition project. Working with The Culture Centre and its various partners, Carwyn is undertaking an NVQ in Cultural Heritage Management with us.



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The exhibitions at the new centre are currently under development. We are working on a 'People of Conwy' exhibition that will share stories and audio recordings from some of the characters living in communities across the

county. To contribute to the exhibition please get in touch! Digital Artist, Lisa Heledd-Jones, will be running a story shop for us in Llanrwst Library between the 21st and 26th January, so if you are in the area please pop in for a cuppa and share your story!

We are also working in partnership with the Centre of Sign, Sight, Sound and local community website History Points to develop some British Sign Language video clips to accompany the interpretation at the new Centre and at key sites around Conwy town. We are grateful to LEADER funding for support this exciting project to create a Trilingual Culture Centre.

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Ysgol Bodlondeb

Speaking of stories, our resident artist Lisa Heledd-Jones also ran a story shop and exhibition in the foyer of Conwy library during November. Lisa collected more than 120 comments cards and conducted 20 interviews with some of the 300 people who came through the door to talk about and remember Ysgol Bodlondeb. The sensory garden we are looking to develop on site will use interpretation to tell some of these stories as well as re-using elements of the old school.



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