

## **Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at y Cyfarfod Llawn Information Further to Plenary**

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### **Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at y Datganiad am Wneud Wahaniaeth a gyhoeddwyd gan Huw Lewis, y Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth, ar 20 Chwefror 2013 Information further to the Statement on Making a Difference issued by Huw Lewis, the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage, on 20 February 2013**

#### **At/To Jenny Rathbone:**

Thank you very much for your questions regarding Changing Cultures, which you raised during the Oral Statement on 'Making a Difference: The Role of Museums, Archives and Libraries in Tackling Child Poverty' in the Plenary session of 5 February 2013. In response I am pleased to provide an overview of the activities being planned below.

The £150,000 Changing Cultures funding across the heritage portfolio will be used to deliver a rich programme of cultural and heritage activities. The initiative is aimed at encouraging children and young people in Wales to enjoy, learn and be inspired by our history, heritage and culture.

Cadw is co-ordinating a range of exciting activities that will bring our history to life. Activities include a Heritage Graffiti Project with youth offenders to encourage disengaged young people to discover their heritage. In addition, visits to a hillfort, roman fort and shipwreck sites with school children are being planned. There will be free entry to all Cadw sites open during the winter season to encourage broader audiences. Additional site activities are also being developed.

CyMAL: Museums, Archives and Libraries Wales division is also co-ordinating a varied activities programme in our national and local libraries, museums and archives.

Our public libraries and the National Library of Wales are working closely with the Welsh Books Council to arrange activities around World Book Day on 7 March aimed at encourage more children across Wales to enjoy reading. The activities will involve our libraries working with a theatre company, storytellers, authors and an illustrator.

Activities in our museums will help children and young people gain a greater understanding of their heritage. Kids in Museums will work with two museums to produce a bilingual DVD outlining their personal views on making museums more relevant to them. Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales will conduct research and organise a UK seminar on participation in cultural activities by children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Glamorgan Archives will be conducting workshops with school children to explore the impact of poverty on children through artistic interpretation. A key strand of the archives activities, and all Changing Cultures activities, will be to provide financial support to assist schools with transportation costs to enable more children to engage with our culture and heritage.

For further information, please see the Changing Cultures website <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/cultureandsport/changingcultures/programmeofevents/?lang=en> or contact CyMAL on 0300 062 2112 ([cymal@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:cymal@wales.gsi.gov.uk)).