



## Communications Working Group

### Note of Meeting – Monday 13 April 2015 2:00-3:30pm

#### *Video Conference:*

Aberystwyth, Welsh Government Building, Meeting Room 20  
Cardiff, Cathays Park, Ty Ddewi  
S4C Offices - Caernarfon

Present:

#### **Aberystwyth**

[PCW Official 1] – People's Collection  
Wales  
[WG Official 1] - CyMAL

#### **Cardiff**

[WG Official 2] - Welsh Government –  
**Chair**  
[WG Official 3] – Welsh Government  
[WG Official 4] – Welsh Government  
[HLF Official 1] – HLF Cymru  
[WG Official 5] – Welsh Government  
[RBL Official 1] – Royal British Legion  
[Amgueddfa Cymru Official 1] - Amgueddfa  
Cymru  
[WG Official 6] – Cadw  
[WG Official 7] – Welsh Government  
[WG Official 8] – CyMAL  
[WG Official 9] – Welsh Government

#### **Caernarfon:**

[S4C Official 1] – S4C  
[Snowdonia National Park Authority Official  
1] – Yr Ysgwrn

#### **Apologies:**

[National Eisteddfod Official 1]  
[Wales Council for Voluntary Action Official  
1]  
[Welsh National Opera Official 1]  
[Wrexham County Borough Council Official  
1]  
[Wrexham County Borough Council Official  
2]  
[WG Official 10]  
[WG Official 11]  
[HLF Official 2]  
[WG Official 12]  
[British Army Official 1]

#### **1. Welcome, Introductions, Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be an accurate record.

#### **2. Programme Update and Roadmap**

[WG Official 8] highlighted a few items on the Roadmap and requested colleagues sent through any items they wished to be included:

- WNO's launch of a digital platform dedicated to In Parenthesis
- Imminent poppy sowing event at National Museum Wales

She thanked CyMAL colleagues for all their hard work on the recently published Programme 2015.



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### 3. Gallipoli Events 2015

[WG Official 2] updated the group on events taking place for the Gallipoli anniversary commemorations. 25-26 April is the main focus UK-wide, the FM will be in London for the event at the cenotaph with other UK leaders.

Later in the year (August) the Welsh legacy of Gallipoli will be explored with an exhibition looking at the Quarry Boys of Penmaenmawr, with a launch event on 10 August in Penmaenmawr then the exhibition will tour around Wales.

[RBL Official 1] from the Royal British Legion updated the group on the unveiling of a 7m high statue situated outside the Royal British Legion shop on High Street, Cardiff. The unveiling event is due to take place on Friday 24 April 5:30pm. She also mentioned the Gallipoli exhibition on display in the Royal British Legion pop in Centre on the High Street, put together by the Firing Line Museum, telling the story of the South Wales Borderers at Gallipoli.

### 4. Round Table Updates

#### *Yr Ysgrwn*

[Snowdonia National Park Authority Official 1] explained that work is about to start on the site following on from the HLF funding award. There are now educational resources available and a calendar of events (attached).

#### *S4C*

[S4C Official 1] said there were some First World War documentaries to be screened later in 2015, 2 being presented by a veteran from the Afghanistan conflict looking at soldiers who were awarded the Victoria Cross.

#### *CyMAL*

[WG Official 1] reported that the Programme for 2015 had been sent to all museums and schools across Wales and that the digital version will be online this week.

#### *Welsh Government Ministerial Comms*

[WG Official 9] said the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism was due to visit the War Memorial in Llantwit Major on 28 April to promote the Cadw Grant Scheme for War memorial restoration.

#### *National Museum*

[Amgueddfa Cymru Official 1] updated the group on a number of events taking place at the Museums, the Christmas truce exhibition is coming to National Museum Cardiff on 21 April and the poppy sewing event had recently taken place at National Museum Cardiff.

#### *Cadw*



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[WG Official 6] said the Cadw contract with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers Museum has recently been renewed. She also reminded colleagues to consider Cadw sites when organising touring exhibitions around Wales.

### *Welsh Government Education*

[WG Official 3] reported that the Wales@War app is very nearly completed and should be launched at the end of June. The uptake for the school grants is still quite slow.

### *HLF Cymru*

[HLF Official 1] also said the HLF grant application numbers had slowed down in recent months.

## **5. VE Day**

[WG Official 2] apologised for slightly hijacking the meeting to discuss arrangements for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day on 8 May. She shared with the group plans as they currently stood:

- 8<sup>th</sup> May – beacons to be lit across Wales
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – bells to be rung and buildings to be lit up including the Senedd, Conwy, Denbigh, and Cardiff Castles
- 10<sup>th</sup> May – Church Services including Llandaff Cathedral

[WG Official 2] requested members of the group contact her with any other events they are organising. Further update to be sent in email with minutes.

***Next Meeting: Monday 29 June 2:00-3:30pm***