
Aberystwyth University Stand Programme

National Eisteddfod - Wrexham 2025



Monday, August 4

13:00 – 14:00

Mentera Panel Session: Benefits of Studying Leadership Modules

This session will be chaired by Llŷr Roberts (Chief Executive, Mentera) and will be an opportunity to hear the experiences of individuals who have studied postgraduate modules (Level 7) which are delivered in collaboration between Mentera and Aberystwyth Business School. Since being established in 2015, well over 100 people have benefitted from the partnership to date, learning professional skills in areas such as 'Facilitation for Organisation Leadership', 'Coaching and Mentoring for Leaders' and 'Leading Change'.

15:00 – 16:45

Innovating for the Future in Rural Wales

Come and hear about how Innovation Labs are addressing challenges in Rural Wales and help us build a shared 'Vision of the Future'.

These 45-minute workshops will explain what an innovation lab is and how we've been bringing people together across Wales as part of the Cymru Wledig LPIP Rural Wales.

You will then have the opportunity to see some of our work and help build on a shared 'vision of the future.' After a short presentation, the workshop will be informal, with chance to mingle, chat, get creative and enjoy some refreshments.

Hosted by: Centre for Alternative Technology and Cymru Wledig LPIP Rural Wales.

Come for a warm welcome, short presentation, creative activities and local Welsh refreshments.

**Do you have memories, stories, or photos of
eisteddfodic weather past and present?**

Come to the stand and learn how you can contribute to the 'Eisteddfodic Weather' project!

Tuesday, August 5

15:00 – 16:30

Community power in action – learning from community research

"Community power is the belief that people should have a say over the places they live and the services they use."

Join us at the Eisteddfod for a conversation about community power and knowledge - and how communities themselves are leading research and action to shape fairer, greener futures.

As part of the Local Policy and Innovation Partnership (LPIP) in Rural Wales, communities across the country are exploring what matters most to them, asking questions, gathering evidence, and pushing for change.

This informal gathering is open to all. It brings together people involved in community action research - and those curious about it - to share stories, insights and possibilities.

What can we learn when communities are leading the way? What shifts when local knowledge is taken seriously?

This event is a hosted by Together for Change and partners in Cymru Wledig LPIP Rural Wales.

'Pop Aber' Exhibition

The 'Pop Aber' exhibition aims to celebrate the valuable contribution to Welsh culture made by some of the Welsh artists and bands who were students at the University. It includes photographs as well as a collection of posters from UMCA gigs over the years.

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Wednesday, August 6

10:15-10:45

Volunteering opportunities for Alumni at the University: Ways you can continue to make a difference

Discussion with the Right Honorable Elfyn Llwyd LLB

A conversation with Elfyn Llwyd to discuss how Alumni can volunteer their time to the university through the new **Alumni Volunteering Programme (AVP) - www.aber.ac.uk/en/development/support/aon/**.

Whether you're interested in supporting students through mentoring, by providing a presentation/workshop or promoting the University through providing profiles for us to use as marketing materials, there are ample opportunities to get involved.

11:00 - 11:30

***Dros Dro*: Music and the Mind**

Join the band *Dros Dro* at an event in partnership with myf.cymru to enjoy singing and conversation. As well as sharing their experiences of winning the *Cân i Gymru 2025* competition and going to the Pan Celtic Festival, the band will be chatting about how music has supported their mental health along the way and will be playing some of their songs, old and new, throughout the session.

12:00 - 13:00

'Atgof' Prosser Rhys (*Memory*): a conversation between Iestyn Tyne and Mererid Hopwood

More than a century after Prosser Rhys won the Crown for his pryddest (extended poem) at the National Eisteddfod in Pontypool in 1924, this is an opportunity to hear Mererid Hopwood, Professor in the Department of Welsh and Celtic Studies at Aberystwyth University, ask one of the Department's alumni, the versatile writer, Iestyn Tyne, about his new book *Y Cyfan a Fu Rhyngom Ni: Ar Lwybrau 'Atgof' Prosser Rhys*.

Join us at the Aberystwyth University stand as the University's Department of Welsh and Celtic Studies celebrates its 150th anniversary.

14:00-15:00

Alumni Reception

Join us in the afternoon for a chance to catch up with other alumni from Aber for a chat over a cake and a cuppa.

Thursday, August 7

11:00 – 12:00

Panel discussion: Devolving Broadcasting to Wales

Professor Jamie Medhurst (Aberystwyth University/Chair)

Dr Aled Eirug (Chair of Wales Advisory Committee, Ofcom)

Llyr Morus (Teledwyr Annibynnol Cymru)

Owain Meirion (Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg)

Professor Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones (University of Wales Trinity St Davids)

Aberystwyth University has been awarded a research grant for a project on broadcasting policy within the devolved countries of the UK. In Wales, the subject has been a matter of discussion for a number of years and a expert panel recommended the establishment of a Shadow Broadcasting and Communications Authority for Wales. Now, the Government has said that an Authority will not be created. What, then, are the next steps and why is the debate over the devolution of powers over broadcasting a topic of discussion in the first place?

13:00 – 14:00

'Taclor Termaw' Competition to Get to Grips with the Terms

Professional Translation Studies.

14:00 – 15:00

Launch of 'Ffynnonloyw' by Moelona

Professor Katie Gramich will discuss the life and work of Moelona, concentrating on her most significant novel, Ffynnonloyw, the story of a poor, rural family from west Wales across three generations. It is a striking portrait of the development of the nation and the lives of Welsh women in the period between the 1870s and the 1920s.

15:30 – 16:30

'Geiriau' show by Cwmni Theatr Mewn Cymeriad

Written by: Manon Steffan Ros

Commissioned by the Welsh Language Commissioner

In this show, Alffi uses both Welsh and English at home with his parents. He starts to realise how much he enjoys Welsh language music, and how he can use the language in everyday life. It's a fun, lively show that's perfect for young people aged 12 to 18.

Friday, August 8

11:00 – 12:00

What's the meaning of Y Wladfa today?

This event brings together two influential books on Y Wladfa published by UWP this year in a dialogue about the meaning of this iconic Welsh settlement. Lucy Taylor's book 'Global Politics of Welsh Patagonia' challenges conventional narratives about Y Wladfa's history, while Lucy Trotter's book 'The Sound of Welsh Patagonia' examines Welsh identity in Y Wladfa through music, tourism, sight and sound. Together, they will discuss the significance of Y Wladfa today to question the romantic visions and explore the more complex reality.

15:00 – 16:00

A Cuppa, a Cake, and a Song UMCA

Visit the Aberystwyth University tent for a free cuppa and cake hosted by the Aberystwyth Welsh Students' Union. This is an open invitation for students past, present, and future to gather and share memories with entertainment by Aelwyd Pantycelyn.

Activities during the week

- > Sport & Exercise Science
 - > Nursing Team
 - > Department of Geography and Earth Sciences
 - > Department of Mathematics
 - > Department of Law & Criminology
 - > School of Education
 - > Department of Psychology
 - > Department of Physics
- And much more...

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